



An Roinn Gnóthaí Eachtracha agus Trádála  
Baile Átha Cliath 2

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade  
Dublin 2

6 March 2015

Mr Dick Grant

Our Ref:                   Fol/Req/2015/021

Dear Mr Grant

I refer to your request dated 7 February 2015 made under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2014 in which you requested information as follows:

- 1. Regarding Irish citizen Ibrahim Halawa currently in prison in Egypt and charged with breach of Egyptian law, supply details of all expenditure by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade in relation to this person.**
- 2. Regarding Irish citizen Kenneth Coalter currently in prison in Spain for about 17 months and not charged with breach of any law, supply details of all expenditure by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade in relation to this person.**

I refer also to the acknowledgement of your request which was sent to you on 20 February 2015. I am the deciding officer in this case.

Our work in the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade focuses on serving the Irish public, both at home and abroad. The Department provides a range of services to Irish citizens, and works to ensure the promotion and protection of Ireland's interests in the world, contributing to international priorities such as peace, security and the eradication of poverty and hunger.

In that light, and especially in our embassies and consulates, administrative costs, including salary costs are attributed to the pursuit of more than one goal. The Department does not operate a system which records the breakdown of the amount of time devoted to specific cases worked on, or the approximate expenditures incurred through working on these cases.

In this light I have identified no records that fall within the scope of your request and therefore refuse your request on administrative grounds under Section 15.1(a) of the Act- *(a) the record concerned does not exist or cannot be found after all reasonable steps.*

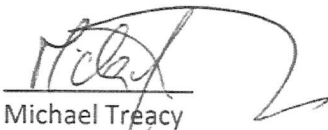
#### **Rights of appeal**

You may appeal this decision by writing to the Freedom of Information Manager at [foi@dfat.ie](mailto:foi@dfat.ie) or at the following address:

Freedom of Information Unit  
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade  
76-78 Harcourt Street  
Dublin 2

Please refer to this decision in your letter. You must make your appeal within 4 weeks (20 working days) of receiving this letter, but the making of a late appeal may be permitted in appropriate circumstances. The appeal will involve a complete reconsideration of the matter by a more senior member of the staff of this body and the decision will be communicated to you within 3 weeks.

Yours sincerely,

  
Michael Treacy  
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Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade