



An tAonán Gníomhaíochtaí Eachtracha agus Trádála
bailé Átha Cliath 2

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
Dublin 2

Our ref: FOI/REQ/16/071

Mr. Aodh Máirtín Ó Fearraigh
RTÉ Raidió na Gaeltachta
Doiri Beaga
Dún naGall

24 June 2016

Dear Mr. Ó Fearraigh

I refer to your recently submitted request for information, made under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2014 in which you requested:

Access to all correspondence, written and electronic, to/from officials of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade with the following bodies with regard to the visit of HRH the Prince of Wales and the Duchess of Cornwall to Donegal.

1. Donegal County Council
2. Glenveagh National Park
3. Ballyraine National School, Letterkenny
4. Health Services Executive

I would also like to receive in tabular form the costs, paid to date, related to the visit charged to the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

The recent visit to Ireland by the Prince of Wales and the Duchess of Cornwall served to increase the international profile of Donegal and the North-West as a whole in terms of trade and tourism, while showcasing 21st century cross-border and British-Irish co-operation in the fields of education, science, business and environmental conservation. Particularly welcome was the emphasis on partnerships between counties Donegal and Derry, with representatives of the Derry and Strabane Council present at the civic reception.

The records which fall under the scope of your request are listed in the schedule attached. I have identified 7 records relating to the bodies requested.

Details of costs charged to the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade in relation to this visit are being finalised. These costs will cover items such as transport, official photography and the expenses associated with the presence in Donegal of officials of the Department (accommodation, overtime and subsistence). Information is set out below covering payments made or invoices cleared for payment as of today's date.

Business is allocated on the basis of the most economically advantageous proposal for each assignment and costs savings continue to be sought where possible.

Additional charges may arise and further details will be released to you at a later date once all costs have been finalised. Should you wish to receive follow up information please contact the Department FOI Unit again after 1 September. There is no fee for a follow up query.

Right of Appeal

Should you wish to appeal this decision, you may do so in writing to the Freedom of Information Unit, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, 76-78 Harcourt Street, Dublin 2. A fee applies for an appeal, with the exception of an appeal against the imposition of a fee, the level of this fee has been set at €75. Payment should be made by way of bank draft, money order, postal order or personal cheque made payable to the Secretary General, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

Should you wish to appeal this decision, you may do so in writing to the Freedom of Information Unit, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, 76-78 Harcourt Street, Dublin 2 or by email to foi@dfat.ie. A fee applies for an appeal for access to non-personal information; the level of this fee has been set at €30. For methods of payment, please contact FOI Unit at foi@dfat.ie, or 01-4082857.

You should make your appeal within 4 weeks (20 working days) from the date of this notification. However, 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 Department.

Yours sincerely,



Catherine Campbell
Protocol Division

D/Foreign Affairs & Trade payments made to in relation to the visit to Ireland by HRH The Prince of Wales and HRH The Duchess of Cornwall, 25 May 2016	
Accommodation	Not finalised
Transport	€11,214
Official Photography	Not finalised
Overtime	Not finalised
Subsistence	Not finalised
Printing	€424
Total	€11,638