

**FOI request****Sent:** 24 July 2014 13:42**To:** #HQ-CSD Freedom of Information

Freedom of Information Unit  
Dept of Foreign Affairs  
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July 24th 2014

Dear sir/madam,

I am seeking the following information under the Freedom of Information Act. I have already sent through the required €15 to process the request. If you could confirm receipt of this email. Thank you.

The Minister for Foreign Affairs recently disclosed in a PQ that the Dept has spent €172,020 on language tuition between June of last year and May 2014.

1/ A breakdown of the €172,020 in terms of how much was spent on providing tuition for each language and can you also name the language in each case.

The figures in terms of the top ten earners from the language tuition?

The range of rates charged by the tutors?

The amount spent by the Department on language tuition over the preceding three years and if the Dept can provide separate figures for 2013/12, 2012/11 and 2011/10.

2/The amount spent by the Dept on Ferrero Rocher and other named chocolates to date this year and for the entire of 2013.

A breakdown of the amount spent by the Dept on named chocolates to date in 2014 and for the entire of 2013.

The number of boxes of chocolate purchased to date in 2014 and in 2013.

3/ An update on efforts by the Dept of Foreign Affairs on selling its wine collection.

Can you provide invoices of any wine sales by the Dept in 2014.

Internal reports on the progress of the wine sales.

4/The amount spent by the Dept at Dublin's Michelin star restaurants in 2013 and to date in 2014- Patrick Guilbaud, Chapter One, Thorntons and Bon Appetit and the amount spend at each restaurant in 2013 and to date in 2014.

Kind Regards

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