



An Roinn Gnóthaí Eachtracha agus Trádála
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Ken Foxe

Our Ref: Fol/Req/16/207

16th January 2017

Dear Mr. Foxe,

I refer to the request which you have made under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 for access to records held by this Department, as follows:

.....Copies of invoices/receipts related to the following transactions along with a description of the item or items purchased in each case and the purpose of them:

1. **A6ART ITEMS OF ARTISTIC VALUE (& ancillary costs - ASU) 19/11/2015 Architectural Services (Accommodation) NATIONAL GALLERY DONATIONS € 25,504.21**

2. **A6ART ITEMS OF ARTISTIC VALUE (& ancillary costs - ASU) 18/12/2015 Architectural Services (Accommodation) € 25,000**

3. **A6ART ITEMS OF ARTISTIC VALUE (& ancillary costs - ASU) 19/11/2015 Architectural Services (Accommodation) NATIONAL GALLERY DONATIONS € 18,974.46**

4. **A6ART ITEMS OF ARTISTIC VALUE (& ancillary costs - ASU) 22/04/2015 Architectural Services (Accommodation) € 18,500**

5. **A6ART ITEMS OF ARTISTIC VALUE (& ancillary costs - ASU) 26/10/2015 Architectural Services (Accommodation) € 17,716.54**

As responding officer, I have decided to grant access to all records.

Ireland's diplomatic and consular missions abroad perform a wide range of functions in support of Ireland's foreign policy interests including representing and advancing government policies internationally, frontline consular and passport services to citizens overseas and economic and cultural promotion. Our missions also work very closely with the state agencies in the promotion of exports, tourism and inward investment. The Department's missions provide a platform for the promotion of Ireland's trade and economic interests and cultural heritage, while also serving as showcases for Irish arts, crafts and products. Irish artists are renowned globally for their artistic excellence. Promotion of Ireland's culture, arts and creative industries through our mission network is a key element of the Department's Statement of Strategy.

The Department has an agreement/memorandum of understanding with the National Gallery and Irish Museum of Modern Art for the loan and care of national art work. As part of that agreement the Department is responsible for the transportation and insurance of these art works using qualified and specialist art transporters to ensure their safety and care.

Item Number	Description	Purpose
1. 19/11/2015 Architectural Services (Accommodation) NATIONAL GALLERY DONATIONS € 25,504.21	Provided on the invoice provided, labelled Invoice 1.	The official accommodation relocated in 2015 and these art pieces had to be moved to the new location by specialists.
2. 18/12/2015 Architectural Services (Accommodation) € 25,000	Invoice 2 - Details of items provided on invoice.	Commissioning of 7 exact replicas of the work ARRIVAL by the Department which depict the famine ships. These items are for displayed in the largest offices which hosted Famine events.
3. 19/11/2015 Architectural Services (Accommodation) NATIONAL GALLERY DONATIONS € 18,974.46	Invoice 1 - Details of items provided on invoice.	Cost of transporting art work from Berne to Dublin.
4. 22/04/2015 Architectural Services (Accommodation) € 18,500	Invoice 3 – Purchase of the painting "Abbeyville" by Hughie O'Donoghue	Purchase of significant and historical piece of Irish art from a private seller which is now on display in Iveagh House.

5. 26/10/2015 Architectural Services (Accommodation) € 17,716.54	Invoice 4 – Details of items provided on invoice.	Return of art pieces which were on loan to the Irish Embassy in The Hague from IMMA.
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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 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



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