



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

Our Ref: FoI/Req/2020/013

3rd February 2020

Mr. Ken Foxe

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:

Under the FOI Act 2014, I am seeking the following:

- a spreadsheet/database of all costs associated with the DFA HOMS2020 conference that took place earlier this month.

This record to include details of all costs incurred including but not limited to flights, hotel accommodation, catering, event hosting, transport, entertainment, event management, and so on.

I also refer to the acknowledgement of your request which was sent to you on 21st January 2020.

The attached table contains the information you requested in relation to the Department's Heads of Mission Conference 2020 which took place in Dublin from 6th to 8th January. All information in the attached table relates to information currently recorded under the code HOMS2020 on the Financial Management System on 31st January 2020.

The Heads of Mission Conference 2020 took place over three days (6th to 8th January 2020) and was of significant importance for the Department as it gathered the Heads of Mission from across Ireland's network of Embassies, Consulates and Representations with key partners in Government Departments, the Irish business community, the diplomatic corps and from the world of arts, culture, politics and the media, to discuss and debate Ireland's place in the world as we enter the next decade and determine how 'Global Ireland 2025' might be best delivered. Close to 500 people attended across the three days of the Conference.

Each year this conference provides a framework for prioritisation and goal setting in light of government foreign policy objectives.

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@dfa.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@dfa.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,

Denise Tully
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