



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

31 August 2020

Our Ref: Fol/Req /2020/161

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:

*A record detailing the inventory of wine held by the Department of Foreign Affairs at its headquarters to include:*

*Wine name  
Year of bottling  
No. of bottles  
Cost per bottle*

I refer also the acknowledgement sent to you on 14 August 2020.

The Department holds a stock of wine for use in relation to State and Official hospitality. The stock facilitates provision of wines suitable for official events at a significant discount from the cost of purchasing them from caterers at the time they are required. In line with expenditure practices overall in the Department, the purchase of new stock is assessed carefully and kept under continuing review to ensure value for money. The average cost per bottle of wine purchased since 2016 is €12.35.

I have identified 1 record that falls within the scope of your request. The record is listed in the schedule attached.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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,

Niamh Marshall  
Protocol Division