



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

Our Ref: Fol/Req/2020/118

24 July 2020

Dear Requester,

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:

*Details relating to expenditure on Ireland's bid for a non-permanent seat on the United Nations Security Council, specifically, the amount spent on travel, promotions, gifts or other expenditure relating to the bid since it was launched in 2018, with an itemised breakdown of each source of expenditure.*

I refer also to the acknowledgement of your request which was sent to you on 24 June 2020.

I have made a decision to grant your request in full.

The information requested is listed in the schedule attached. All costs paid up to 16 June 2020 have been included.

Costs contained in the schedule include costs for materials produced to coincide with the launch event in New York on 2 July 2018 and materials used throughout Ireland's Security Council campaign. Travel related to the promotion of Ireland's candidature is also included in this schedule. Bilateral and multilateral meetings, and other international fora engagements have been availed of by officials to promote Ireland's candidature, our commitment to the UN and multilateralism, and to outline the values we seek to bring to the work of the Security Council during those engagements.

Item 3 includes items ranging in value from €17 to €68 that were gifted during the course of the campaign.

The costs incurred by Ireland, at approximately €860,000, compares favourably with those of our competitors, Norway (estimated €2.8 million) and Canada (estimated €1.5 million).

## 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



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Dara Coyne