



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

Our Ref: FoI/Req/20/148

7th August 2020

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 all receipts/invoices related to the planned visit by the Taoiseach and any other members of his staff or officials from his Department to Davos in January 2020.

Copies of any correspondence received or sent relating to the arrangement of travel for the Taoiseach and delegation to Davos.'

I refer also to the acknowledgement of your request which was sent to you on 22nd July 2020.

I have identified six records that fall within the scope of your request. The records are listed in the schedule attached. I have made a decision to grant five of the records.

Where access has been refused, the record is exempt from release under section 32(1)(a)(iii), "lawful methods, systems, plans or procedures for ensuring the safety of the public and the safety or security of persons and property." The record pertains to security arrangements for the Taoiseach. I am satisfied that it could reasonably be expected to impair future security arrangements by releasing it. The harm of such impaired security to the safety of the Taoiseach would outweigh the public interest to release this record.

I have redacted bank details as these are usually not advertised by service providers on their websites. The redactions carried out on these invoices have no impact on the substance of the information contained therein.

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

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Paul Shannon
Embassy Berne