



11 October 2021

Our Ref: FOI/Req/21/207

Dear Mr Farrell,

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

Records held by Finance Unit of payments made to guest speakers/motivational speakers who made presentations at HQ-based offices of the Department of Foreign Affairs in Ireland in 2019, 2020 and the first 6 months of 2021.

The Department of Foreign Affairs is responsible for two Votes, Vote 27 (International Cooperation) and Vote 28 (Foreign Affairs). This response collates data from both Votes. I have collated all of the information you have requested into a spreadsheet using data held in our financial management system. The records are listed in the attached schedule. I have made the decision to release all of these records in full.

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 (€10 for medical card holders). A copy of the medical card should be provided to avail of the reduced fee. 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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