



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

Our Ref: FoI/Req/17/103

Craig Farrell

Irish Sun

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, as follows:

A breakdown of all Irish embassies owned by the State, and the individual cost/evaluation - the costs in question can be found on page 490 (€1,564m) and page 508 (€11.1m) of the Appropriations Account 2015.

I refer also to the acknowledgement of your request which was sent to you on 20th June 2017.

I have identified 1 record that falls within the scope of your request. The records are listed in the schedule attached. I have made a decision to grant the record.

While you requested the figures from 2015 we have in fact given you the figures for 2016, these are the most up to date figures available at this time.

The value of land and buildings included in capital assets is based on a valuation conducted in 2005 except for

- land and buildings acquired since 2005 which are valued at cost
- three embassy premises that are included on the basis of a professional valuation conducted in 2011

The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade currently manages and maintains 148 State-owned and leased properties. These properties are utilised by the Department in pursuit of its goals on behalf of the State. They consist of offices, public and promotional areas and official accommodation. They provide platforms for our Missions to promote Ireland's political, trade, economic and cultural interests and values, provide services to our citizens, develop strategic stakeholder relationships and represent Ireland in international organisations. The network of missions abroad now stands at 80 which is smaller than many similar-sized countries such as Netherlands, Denmark, Norway and Finland.

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. 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

Katie Morrisroe
Property Management Unit