



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

19/12/2019

Our Ref: FOI/Req/2019/337

Dear Mr Fox,

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

I refer also to the acknowledgement of your request which was sent to you on 25 November 2019.

The answer to your request is as follows:

- ***copies of the actual mileage claim forms submitted by each minister, minister of state at your department for the calendar year 2019.***

Travel claims are now processed by the National Shared Services Office (NSSO) and not this Department. Hence it is not possible to provide copies of these forms.

- ***a spreadsheet/table indicating how much was paid in mileage to each minister and minister of state at your department for the calendar year 2019.***

Please find below the table as requested of mileage paid up to 21 November (the date of your request). The Tánaiste, in his capacity as Tánaiste, is provided with a car from the An Garda Síochána fleet so mileage expenses are not incurred by the Department.

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| Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs Trade Simon Coveney TD | NIL |
| Minister of State for European Affairs Helen McEntee TD | €14,501.10 |
| Minister of State for the Diaspora and International Cooperation Ciarán Cannon TD | €16,302.06 |

The Department complies with the Government decision (S.22770) of 16 September 1983 and the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform guidelines on Motor Travel Rates for Ministers and Ministers of State (DPE126/006/2015) of 6 March 2017.

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.



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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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