



An Roinn Gnóthaí Eachtracha agus Trádála  
Baile Átha Cliath 2

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade  
Dublin 2

Our Ref: FoI/Req/16/181

Hugh O'Connell,  
Sunday Business Post

Dear Mr O'Connell,

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 detailed breakdown of all costs associated with the hosting of the All Island Civic Dialogue at the Royal Hospital Kilmainham on 2 November 2016 including, but not limited to, the renting of the venue, the setting up of the rooms, sound system, streaming facilities, production of literature, facilitation of media, security, catering, and any other costs associated with the holding of the event.”

I refer also to the acknowledgement of your request which was sent to you on 7 November 2016.

As part of the Government's consultative work on Brexit, the initial meeting of an All-Island Civic Dialogue took place in the Royal Hospital Kilmainham on Wednesday 2 November, hosted by the Taoiseach and the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade. The table below provides a breakdown of the costs incurred in hosting the All-island Civic Dialogue on 2 November 2016. The total cost of the event was €64,778.25, and this amount was paid evenly between the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and the Department of the Taoiseach.

Item	Cost (€)
Set up and management of the operational aspects of the event by the Office of Public Works (OPW), including the setting up of rooms, sound system, and live-streaming the Dialogue for the public	43,374.23
Catering	16,093.59
Video and photography work on the Dialogue	3,166.20
Accommodation	1,368.00
Travel	414.94
Graphic design of programme for the Dialogue <sup>1</sup>	210.00
Lanyards for badges for participants and officials <sup>2</sup>	151.29
<b>Total</b>	<b>64,778.25</b>

<sup>1</sup> Printing of the programme was done in-house to reduce cost

<sup>2</sup> Retained for re-use wherever appropriate

### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "K. Oliver", is written above a horizontal line.

Kate Oliver