

Marie-Louise Farrell

From: Carmel Denning
Sent: 27 February 2009 12:48
To: Marie-Louise Farrell
Subject: FW: FOI 7/2009

Marie-Louise

See amendment to FOI request below. No invoices are now required – just a tabular format. Obviously the invoices you have printed off can be used for our files to show where the figures in the table came from.

Thanks
Carmel

Carmel Denning

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From: Ann Kissane
Sent: 27 February 2009 12:42
To: Carmel Denning
Cc: Colm Ó Conaill; Aoife McQuillan
Subject: FW: FOI 7/2009

Folks

For your info

Regards

*Ann Kissane
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Ext 2173*

From: Elaine Edwards [mailto:eedwards@irishtimes.com]
Sent: 27 February 2009 12:36
To: Ann Kissane
Subject: FOI

Hello Ann,
With regard to our conversation earlier:
I confirm I am happy to accept the information sought in my FOI request dated February 11th in table or spreadsheet form, via email.
There is no need to copy every receipt at present, once the information clearly outlines what trips were involved, with a breakdown of flights/subsistence etc.

Thanks for your help,

Regards,
Elaine Edwards

Carmel Denning

From: Carmel Denning
Sent: 26 February 2009 16:51
To: Ann Kissane
Subject: FOI - cost and retrieval

Tracking: Recipient Read

Ann Kissane Read: 26/02/2009 17:08

Ann

Marie-Louise will spend an estimated 3 days working on this FOI request. There will be a small element of photocopying but not quantifiable at the moment – likely to be around 50 pages.

Her fortnightly basic pay is €1459.68 which works out at €104.26 per day (if you divide by 14 days) or at €17.80 per hour (if you divide by 82 to get hourly rate).

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Sent: 26 February 2009 15:57
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Subject: FW: FOI Elaine Edwards Irish Times

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Sent: 26 February 2009 15:48
To: Colm Ó Conaill; Carmel Denning
Cc: Sinéad O'Reilly; Ann Kissane; Aoife McQuillan
Subject: RE: FOI Elaine Edwards Irish Times

I was in luxembourg only once. The October meeting I believe. Not the june one.

Carmel Denning

From: Carmel Denning
Sent: 26 February 2009 15:24
To: Ann Kissane; Mary Rabbitte
Cc: Colm Ó Conaill; Aoife McQuillan
Subject: RE: FOI Request from Irish Times - Elaine Edwards

Tracking:

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Ann Kissane	Read: 26/02/2009 15:25
Mary Rabbitte	Read: 26/02/2009 15:25
Colm Ó Conaill	Read: 26/02/2009 15:34
Aoife McQuillan	

Apologies to all

Carmel Cosgrove contacted me yesterday to say that she had consulted another Department and that they were interpreting it as the cost of the trip and were including cost of flights, accommodation, car hire etc. I understand that no contact has been made to the requester.

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Sent: 26 February 2009 15:21
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Subject: FW: FOI Request from Irish Times - Elaine Edwards

Mary

Any update on this?

Regards

Ann

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Marie-Louise Farrell

From: Carmel Denning
Sent: 26 February 2009 08:07
To: Marie-Louise Farrell
Subject: FW: FOI Elaine Edwards Irish Times
Attachments: Trips 2008.doc

Marie-Louise

This is the list for the Minister – it's a little longer than the MOS but not too bad. Talk to Sinead O Reilly (or me obviously!) if you have any queries.

Thanks
Carmel

Carmel Denning

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From: Colm Ó Conaill
Sent: 25 February 2009 20:00
To: Carmel Denning
Cc: Sinéad O'Reilly; Ann Kissane; Aoife McQuillan; Morgan Bazilian; Suzanne Duke
Subject: FOI Elaine Edwards Irish Times

Hi Carmel,

Sorry for the delay but here is that list you were looking for. Give me a shout if you have any questions. I think all details are correct but Morgan may intervene on his presence at some of the EU Energy Council meetings.

Regards,

Colm.

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Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources,
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Minister Eamon Ryan – Official Business Abroad 2008

January

22: London, Meeting with UK Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, James Purnell
Minister Ryan
Colm Ó Conaill, Suzanne Duke, Kevin O'Brien, Peter O'Neill, Paul Mulqueen

February

17-19: Denmark, EirGrid/Energinet Visit and Meeting with Connie Hedegaard, Minister for Climate and Energy

Minister Ryan
Colm Ó Conaill, Sara White, Morgan Bazilian, Katherine Licken

24-26: State Visit to Germany with President McAleese

Minister Ryan
Colm Ó Conaill

27-28: Brussels, EU Council of Ministers, Energy Council

Minister Ryan
Colm Ó Conaill; Sara White; Morgan Bazilian

March

16-18: Paris, St. Patrick's Day Visit

Minister Ryan

June

5-6: Luxembourg, EU Council of Ministers, Energy

Minister Ryan
Colm Ó Conaill, Sara White, Morgan Bazilian

15-22: Visit to South Korea and Japan – OECD Future of the Internet Conference; Meeting with Japanese Junior Minister for Economy, Trade and Industry, Minister for Internal Affairs and Communications; Meetings with Fujitsu, JEMA, NEC, Panasonic

Minister Ryan
Colm Ó Conaill; Suzanne Duke; Peter O'Neill; Patricia Cronin; Barry McSweeney.

July

4-5: Paris, EU Informal Council of Ministers, Energy

Minister Eamon Ryan

Colm Ó Conaill; Sara White; Martin Finucane; StJohn O'Connor; Morgan Bazilian

September

25-26: British-Irish Council, Edinburgh Scotland

Minister Ryan

Colm Ó Conaill; Martin Finucane

October

9-10: Luxembourg, EU Council of Ministers, Energy

Minister Eamon Ryan

Colm Ó Conaill; Sara White; Morgan Bazilian?

20: Newcastle, British Irish Inter-Parliamentary Body Meeting

Minister Ryan

Colm Ó Conaill

November

26-27: Brussels, EU Council of Ministers, Telecoms

Minister Ryan

Colm Ó Conaill; Peter O'Neill; Richard O'Reilly, Suzanne Duke

December

7-8: Brussels, EU Council of Ministers, Energy

Minister Eamon Ryan

Colm Ó Conaill; Sara White; Michael Spillane

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From: Aoife McQuillan
Sent: 25 February 2009 09:57
To: Carmel Denning
Cc: Marie-Louise Farrell; Ann Kissane
Subject: RE: FOI Request from Irish Times - Elaine Edwards
Attachments: requestFeb09.doc

Hi Carmel,

Attached is foreign travel information in relation to Minister of State Killeen and Minister of State Power ,
Regards
Aoife

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Minister of State Power		
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November 30 th -December 2nd	Vienna	PS Colette Tuite Gallagher
July 21-22	Paris	PS Kevin O'Brien Paul Mulqueen
Minister of State Killeen		
March 3-5	Washington DC	PS Martin Finucane
March 12-19	Mexico	PS Martin Brennan
February 11-12	Malta	PS

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From: Aoife McQuillan
Sent: 24 February 2009 16:06
To: Ann Kissane; Carmel Denning; Colm Ó Conaill
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Thanks Ann,

I imagine it will be like last weeks request so!

Rgds
Aoife

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	Aoife McQuillan	
	Colm Ó Conaill	Read: 24/02/2009 16:08
	Marie-Louise Farrell	
	Ann Kissane	Read: 24/02/2009 16:03

Hi Aoife

Over to the deciding officer for a decision!

Carmel

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Rgds
A

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Subject: RE: FOI 3/09

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Ann Kissane Read: 18/02/2009 15:02

Yes and I can't wait to see the next one!

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Thanks Carmel, I'll be glad to see the back of it as I sure will you. Now, on to the next one!!!

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Importance: High

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Subject: RE: Salary MOS Private Office staff 2008.xls
Attachments: Material for FOI request-Luke Byrne Feb 09_V3.doc
Tracking: Recipient Read
Ann Kissane Read: 16/02/2009 18:37

Ann

I can confirm that the salary information provided in your email is correct and is their respective salary effective from 1.9.08. I have sent revised information to Aoife Mc Quillan this evening (attached here for your information). You should be in a position to release information tomorrow.

Regards
Carmel

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From: Ann Kissane
Sent: 16 February 2009 18:12
To: Carmel Denning
Subject: Salary MOS Private Office staff 2008.xls

Carmel

This is what I intend to release for FOI 3/09 regarding request for 2008 salary for Minister Power's Private Office Staff.

I would appreciate if you would confirm that details as given are correct and also if you would let me know what the progress is on the compilation of the information requested on expenses.

Regards & thanks

Ann

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Carmel Denning

From: Carmel Denning
Sent: 16 February 2009 18:31
To: Aoife McQuillan
Subject: RE: FOI
Attachments: Material for FOI request-Luke Byrne Feb 09_V3.doc

Aoife

Please see revised information. I have included car/limo hire and VIP services under the miscellaneous heading or in the yearly total. The figures I have provided overall are for T&S expenses claimed by Ministers of State, Club Travel flights, car/Limo hire, VIP services and official gifts. To these you can add your accommodation costs.

Carmel

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From: Aoife McQuillan
Sent: 16 February 2009 11:14
To: Carmel Denning
Subject: RE:

Thanks Carmel,


Can you let me know what MoS these figures for official gifts are for?
Re car hire etc – I only have 2 – Washington and Mexico last year with MoS Killeen. I will be putting them under 'other travel',

Thanks again
A

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Sent: 16 February 2009 11:09
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Aoife

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Subject: RE: FOI request from the Irish Mail on Sunday
Attachments: Material for FOI request-Luke Byrne Feb 09.doc

Tracking: Recipient Read
Ann Kissane Read: 13/02/2009 16:57

Ann

Apologies for the delay. The attached information has been extracted from our Financial Management System (Agresso) in relation to expenses and from our salaries system (corepay) in relation to salaries. The information given to you by Aoife Mc Quillan in respect of flights and T&S expenses (incl hotel costs) should be disregarded as they are incomplete. Her information in respect of miscellaneous and entertainment costs can be included.

Regards
Carmel

Name	Personnel No	Basic Salary	Allowance
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
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Carmel

As discussed

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Sent: 22 January 2009 15:36
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Dave

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Sent: 20 January 2009 15:15
To: Dave Hanley
Cc: Mary Rabbitte
Subject: FOI request from the Irish Mail on Sunday

Hi Dave,
Can you confirm if this FOI is for your area?

Thanks
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From: FOI UNIT
Sent: 16 January 2009 12:30
To: Dave Hanley
Cc: Mary Rabbitte
Subject: FOI request from the Irish Mail on Sunday

Hi Dave,
I have enclosed an FOI request which we received today. It's from Luke Byrne in the Irish Mail on Sunday requesting records regarding Junior Minister expenses since 1998. Is this proper to your area, and if so, could you please nominate a Decision Maker to deal with it.

Thanking you,
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Sent: 10 February 2009 19:24
To: Ann Kissane
Subject: RE: FOI Request 1/09

Tracking: Recipient Read

Ann Kissane Read: 11/02/2009 10:08

Ann

The figures in your spreadsheet are correct except for those of Brid Mc Grath. It has come to light that she did not have any expenses in 2008. I'm not sure where you got the figure for Morgan Bazilian. The salary cost is €117k approx for 2008 – you might want to discuss further with me.

We have not received any requests for reductions in salary for the advisors. With regard to the total expected to be paid in 2009 the only thing we could give is the payscales as published by Dept of Finance – other than that we do not have records.

I am in Adelaide Road on Wednesday 11th – email is probably the best way of getting in touch with me.

Regards
 Carmel

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From: Ann Kissane
Sent: 04 February 2009 16:16
To: Carmel Denning
Subject: FOI Request 1/09

Carmel

Please see attached FOI request for which I am Deciding Officer. Attached also is record of payment made to each Special Adviser in 2008, which I intend to release. I compiled this record from information supplied by Accounts in relation to recent PQs. These figures consist of salary plus expenses minus Employer's PRSI (In Morgan Bazilian's case VAT is excluded). I would appreciate if you would confirm that these amounts are correct.

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Regards & thanks

Ann

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Sent: 10 February 2009 19:24
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Subject: FW: FOI Request 1/09
Attachments: Aiden Corkery Irish Daily Mail[1].pdf; Salary costs FOI 1-09 (2).xls
Tracking: **Recipient Read**
Ann Kissane Read: 11/02/2009 10:06

The correct figure for Brid Mc Grath.

Carmel

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From: Carmel Denning
Sent: 05 February 2009 17:10
To: Marie-Louise Farrell
Subject: FW: FoI for junior ministers expenses FOI 2008 3

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From: FOI UNIT
Sent: 05 February 2009 13:55
To: Carmel Denning
Subject: RE: FoI for junior ministers expenses FOI 2008 3

Hi Carmel,

The deadline for reply to this request is the 13th February, 2009.

If you have any queries in relation to this don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards
Mary

From: Carmel Denning
Sent: 05 February 2009 13:39
To: FOI UNIT
Subject: RE: FoI for junior ministers expenses FOI 2008 3

Mary

Can you tell me what date this FOI needs to be answered by?

Thanks
Carmel

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From: FOI UNIT
Sent: 30 January 2009 12:54
To: Ann Kissane
Cc: Brian Walsh; Carmel Denning; Aoife McQuillan
Subject: FW: FoI for junior ministers expenses FOI 2008 3

Hi Ann,

I refer to the email below, showing revised dates for which records are requested.

Kind Regards
Mary

From: luke.byrne@mailonsunday.ie [mailto:luke.byrne@mailonsunday.ie]
Sent: 30 January 2009 12:41
To: Mary Rabbitte
Cc: FOI UNIT
Subject: FoI for junior ministers expenses

Dear Mary

Following up on our conversation I can confirm that I amend the dates of my request for junior ministers expenses to Nov 2004 - 2008.

Regards

Luke Byrne,
Reporter,
The Irish Mail on Sunday
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From: Carmel Denning
Sent: 03 February 2009 11:00
To: Marie-Louise Farrell
Subject: FW: FOI
Attachments: Luke Byrne request Jan09.doc

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From: Aoife McQuillan
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Subject:


Carmel,

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September 2007			87.54						
October 2007					288.90		235.00	12.00 40.50	
November 2007		696.23							
November 2007		358.76							
November 2007		153.33							
December 2007						338.60			
February 2008			2496.15 1545.66	19.30				24.23+5.40	
February 2008					192.24		379.11		
February 2008		757.32	166.65 114.91 543.08						
March 2008			3887.37		350.25	221.17		356.19+72.73	
March 2008	399.51			30.00					
March 2008		193.47							
April 2008					43.13				
April 2008		820.83							

Minister of State Sean Power:

Date	Travel (€)	Mileage (€)	Flights (€)	Other Travel (€)	Subsistence (€)	Entertainment (€)	Accommodation (€)	Miscellaneous (€)	Total (€)
July 2008			210.99 696.67		389.33	206.00		12.00 54.00	
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October 2008		6388.31							
December 2008		5797.40							
September 2008						1,497.15		36.00	

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April 2007			213.32 66.23			253.00 124.00 119.10	110.00 420.00		
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March 2007			2362.57			464.81		1358.92	

Minister of State Pat the Cope Gallagher

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January 2006						430.00			
February 2006			378.36						
March 2006						151.85		240.00	
December 2005			201.73				1327.12		
November 2005			164.00				410.00	98.00	
			300.54						
October 2005			1149.77					96.80	
			256.10						
September 2005			213.28			205.90	177.38		
			75.98				410.00		
			394.03						
			200.48						
July 2005			122.44			186.83		266.20	
			209.41			89.69			
			76.99			64.00			
			122.44?						
			95.50						
			234.75						
			133.98						
June 2005			992.70			87.80	168.10	100.00	

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Sent: 30 January 2009 12:51
To: Aoife McQuillan
Subject: RE: FOI request from the Irish Mail on Sunday

Aoife

I have had sight of this FOI request – we knew it would eventually make its way to us to provide the info! Brian Walsh has suggested to Mary Rabbitte that the requester should be charged retrieval costs for getting records pertaining to the last 10 years. Apparently another Department with the same request did this and they succeeded in getting him to reduce the timeframe. Agresso came live in November 2004 so the suggestion is that we give him information from 1 Jan 05 to date to avoid him having to pay the retrieval costs! Mary is to revert on that part.

In the meantime we will get details from Agresso for the other Ministers of State – Gallagher, Browne.

Carmel

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As you can see the Minister of State is subject to the attached FOI request.

Through Transfare I have been able to see all of the T&S claims made by Minister of State Killeen during his few months with us.

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Subject: FOI request from the Irish Mail on Sunday

Hi Dave,
I have enclosed an FOI request which we received today. It's from Luke Byrne in the Irish Mail on Sunday requesting records regarding Junior Minister expenses since 1998. Is this proper to your area, and if so, could you please nominate a Decision Maker to deal with it.

Thanking you,
Carmel Cosgrove

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Brian Walsh

From: Brian Carroll .T- Corporate Finance
Sent: 17 December 2009 10:40
To: Brian Walsh
Subject: FW: FoI former minister Noel Dempsey's foreign expenses amendment.
Importance: High
Attachments: Luke Byrne - Noel Dempsey.pdf

From: Brian Carroll .T- Corporate Finance
Sent: 18 August 2009 15:42
To: Colm Ó Conaill; Marie Gibney; Sinéad O'Reilly
Cc: Pat Smyth; Carmel Cosgrove
Subject: FW: FoI former minister Noel Dempsey's foreign expenses amendment.
Importance: High

Colleagues

As discussed, please see FOI request from Luke Byrne as amended by his e-mail of 13 August to the FOI Unit. Responsibility for gathering all material related to this request rests with the Minister's Office, including requesting material from CSD, Accounts, Finance Unit, Department of Defence etc. as appropriate. Once all the material is gathered, it should be forwarded to Pat Smyth, Finance Unit who will then act as decision maker. Please liaise directly with Pat on this matter. Material will need to be made available ASAP to allow sufficient time for it to be considered and a response drafted by the FOI deadline.

Carmel

Please designate Pat Smyth the decision maker on this FOI request.


Thanks
Brian

From: FOI UNIT
Sent: 18 August 2009 15:30
To: Brian Carroll .T- Corporate Finance
Cc: Pat Smyth; Brendan O'Reilly
Subject: FoI former minister Noel Dempsey's foreign expenses amendment.
Importance: High

Hi Brian,
Email below from Luke Byrne clarifying the attached request we discussed.

Regards,

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Sent: 13 August 2009 12:33
To: FOI UNIT
Subject: FoI former minister Noel Dempsey's foreign expenses amendment.
Importance: High

Dear Mary,

As per our conversation today.

I confirm that I amend my request for minister Noel Dempsey's foreign expenses and that the date period is now Jan 2007 - June 2007.

Kind Regards

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From: Brian Carroll .T- Corporate Finance
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To: Brian Walsh
Subject: FW: FOI: ID Number 444

From: Brian Carroll .T- Corporate Finance
Sent: 16 November 2009 17:47
To: FOI UNIT
Cc: Patricia Cronin; Brian Walsh; Eamonn Molloy; Denis Maher
Subject: FOI: ID Number 444

Luke Byrne: Irish Mail on Sunday Dublin

Brian Walsh will act as decision-maker on this.

Brian