

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

Marie-Louise Farrell

From: Colm Ó Conaill
Sent: 01 December 2009 17:21
To: Marie-Louise Farrell
Cc: Brendan O'Reilly
Subject: RE: FOI Request

Will do,

Again can I have a look at tge original request?

Colm.

From: Marie-Louise Farrell
Sent: 01 December 2009 17:11
To: Colm Ó Conaill
Subject: FOI Request

Hi Colm,

I have another request for you.

Another FOI requests the following information.

Details of Minister Noel Dempsey's delegation who travelled with him on Foreign Travel from 1st Jan 07 until 31st May 07. Can you also please advise me if there was any other expenditure other than flight and what was claimed via Transfare.

Many thanks for all your help.

Kind Regards
Marie Louise
Ext 2133

Marie-Louise Farrell

From: Marie-Louise Farrell
Sent: 01 December 2009 17:05
To: Ciara Byrne
Subject: FOI Request

Hi Ciara,

I hope you are keeping well.

I am following up on 2 FOI requests that have been received in this office recently.

1. The 1st request regards Minister of State John Browns foreign travel.

Can you please provide information on international trips taken by Minister Brown from 1st January 2007 until 31 May 2007.

I would also appreciate if you could please advise me of the delegation who travelled with the Minister including those from other divisions. Can you also please advise me if there was any other expenditure other than flight and what was claimed via Transfare.

2. The 2nd request requires the following information.

Details of each delegation who travelled with Minister of States Killeen, Power and Lenihan on domestic travel trips with effect from 1st January 2008 until October 2009.

Many thanks for your assistance on this.

Give me a call on ext 2133 should you require further information.

Kind Regards
Marie Louise
Ext 2133

Marie-Louise Farrell

From: Colm Ó Conaill
Sent: 01 December 2009 16:56
To: Marie-Louise Farrell
Subject: RE: FOI Request

Hi Marie-Louise,

We'll do that.
Can you send me a copy of the original request?
Also we will try to provide you with a full list of those accompanying the Minister but this may not be possible.

Colm.

From: Marie-Louise Farrell
Sent: 01 December 2009 16:32
To: Colm Ó Conaill
Subject: FOI Request

Hi Colm,

I hope you are keeping well.

I am following up on another FOI request that has been issued to us recently regarding Minister Ryan's travel.

Can you please provide information on trips taken by the Minister in September, October and November 09 both domestically and internationally.

I would also appreciate if you could please advise me who travelled with the Minister including those from other divisions. Can you also please advise me if there was any other expenditure other than flight and what was claimed via Transfare.

Many thanks for your assistance on this.

Give me a call on ext 2133 should you require further information.

Kind Regards
Marie Louise
Ext 2133

Carmel Denning

From: Carmel Denning
Sent: 27 November 2009 10:55
To: Ann Kissane
Subject: RE: FOI - Clare Champion ID 443
Attachments: Minister Killeen - Foreign Travel Trips 07 & 08.doc
Tracking: Recipient Read
Ann Kissane Read: 27/11/2009 10:57

Hi Ann

Further to my email of yesterday enclosing records pertaining to Minister Killeen's domestic and international travel please find attached a revised record – I had neglected to include costs for Mrs Killeen's flight to Mexico.

Regards
Carmel

Carmel Denning

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From: Carmel Denning
Sent: 26 November 2009 18:20
To: Ann Kissane
Subject: FOI - Clare Champion ID 443

Hi Ann

I attach the records in relation to the FOI request from Mr Dan Danaher (Clare Champion) – ID 443. These are records in relation to costs incurred and expenses claimed by Minister Killeen in respect of his international and domestic travel in the period June 2007 to May 2008.

Please contact me if you have any queries.

Regards
Carmel

Accounts Unit
Extn 2114

Minister Killeen - Paris - Attended the World eDemocracy Forum

Date	Attendees	Nights	Flights	Hotel	Subs	Expenses	Car Hire	Gifts	TOTAL
2 nd - 4 th Oct 07	Minister Killeen	2	81.54	250	288.90	12.00	1012.40	40.50	1,685.34
	TOTAL								1,685.34

Minister Killeen - Malta - Attendance at EU Meeting

Date	Attendees	Nights	Flights	Hotel	Subs	VIP Suite	TOTAL
10 th - 13 th Feb 08	Minister Killeen	2	824.64	381.41	192.94	208.82	1,607.81
	TOTAL						1,607.81

Minister Killeen - Washington DC - Attendance at WIREC 2008

Date	Attendees	Nights	Flights	Hotel	Subs	Official Entertainment	Transport Hire	TOTAL
03 rd - 6 th Mar 08	Minister Killeen	3	4041.81	824.07	350.25	274.77	1905.09	7,395.99
	TOTAL							7,395.99

Minister Killeen - Mexico - Official Visit for St. Patricks day 2008

Date	Attendees	Flights	Hotel	Subs	Expenses	Official Entertainment	VIP Suite Paris	Transport Hire	TOTAL
12 th - 19 th Mar 08	Minister Killeen	7774.74*	1778.36	399.51	30.00	375.32	861.82	1049.67	12,269.42
	TOTAL								12,269.42

* includes flights for Mrs Killeen

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Minister Killeen Domestic Travel 07 & 08

(Supp ID 5666)

Date	Mileage	Location	Purpose	TOTAL
07 Nov 07	318.00	Limerick - Dublin	Attendance at telecommunications Seminar.	318.00
12 Nov 07	378.23	Clare - Dublin	Visit to Departmental offices in Cavan	378.23
				696.23

Date	Mileage	Location	Purpose	TOTAL
21 Nov 07	358.76	Clare - Thurles - Dublin	Visit to Tipperary Institute	358.76
				358.76

Date	Mileage	Location	Purpose	TOTAL
26 Nov 07	153.33	Kilnaboy - University of Limerick	Visit to University of Limerick	153.33
				153.33

Date	Mileage	Location	Purpose	TOTAL
9 Feb 08	688.01	Dublin-Adare-Belfast	Official Duties	688.01
9 Feb 08	688.01	Kilnaboy-Dublin Airport	Official Duties	69.31
				757.32

Date	Mileage	Location	Purpose	TOTAL
3 Mar 08	64.49	Kilnaboy to Shannon Airport	Travel to airport for onward flight to Washington	64.49
12 Mar 08	64.49	Kilnaboy to Shannon Airport	Travel to airport for onward flight to Mexico	64.49
19 Mar 08	64.49	Shannon airport to Kilnaboy	Travel from airport on return from Mexico	64.49
				193.47

Date	Location	Purpose	Subs	TOTAL
20 Apr 08	?	Speaking at DCENR Conference	43.13	43.13
				43.13

Date	Location	Purpose	Mileage	Subs	TOTAL
02 May 08	Clare - Tipperary	Open Wind Energy Conference	426.41		426.41
08 Apr 08	Clare - Dublin	Opening event in Clare	371.86		371.86
21 Apr 08	Clare - Nenagh	Opening of Greenmines Conference	22.26		22.56
					820.83

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9 Feb 08	Dublin-Adare-Belfast	Official Duties	688.01
9 Feb 08	Kilnaboy-Galway Airport	Official Duties	69.31
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12 Mar 08	Kilnaboy to Shannon Airport	Travel to airport for onward flight to Mexico	64.49
19 Mar 08	Shannon airport to Kilnaboy	Travel from airport on return from Mexico	64.49
20 Apr 08	Kilnaboy - Nenagh, Tipperary	Speaking at Green Mines Conference Nenagh	43.13
02 May 08	Clare - Tipperary	Open Wind Energy Conference	426.41
08 Apr 08	Clare - Dublin	Opening event in Clare	371.86
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Minister Killeen - Mexico - Official Visit for St. Patricks day 2008

Marie-Louise Farrell

From: Ciara Byrne
Sent: 23 November 2009 11:13
To: Carmel Denning; Ann Kissane
Cc: Marie-Louise Farrell
Subject: RE: ID No. 443

Attachments: MoS Killeen Nov 2009.xls



MoS Killeen Nov
2009.xls (26 K...

Ann

Re the FOI below, please see attached details of other expenses such as gifts etc during that period.

Regards,

Ciara Byrne

Private Secretary to Minister of State Conor Lenihan T.D.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Carmel Denning
Sent: 16 November 2009 17:50
To: Ciara Byrne; Ann Kissane
Cc: Marie-Louise Farrell
Subject: RE: ID No. 443

Ciara, Ann

Deputy Varadkar did table a question recently on domestic travel costs and we submitted a holding reply - we hope to submit the substantive reply in the next few days so yes we do have the information on travel costs and therefore no retrieval costs will be incurred. Ciara, you might confirm if there were other costs such as official entertainment or gifts etc.

Regards
Carmel

Carmel Denning

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-----Original Message-----

From: Ciara Byrne
Sent: 16 November 2009 17:44
To: Ann Kissane; Carmel Denning
Subject: RE: ID No. 443

Ann

As far as I am aware these records have already been collected under a previous PQ so I don't think this office will require any time to collect information. Carmel you might let me know if I am right in thinking this?

thanks

Ciara Byrne

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-----Original Message-----

From: Ann Kissane
Sent: 16 November 2009 17:24
To: Ciara Byrne; Carmel Denning
Subject: FW: ID No. 443
Importance: High

Ciara, Carmel

Please see attached FOI. While I am seeking further clarification from FOI Unit on this request i.e. does it refer to domestic plus international travel, it would appear that the requestor is seeking all records of expenses. As I need to notify him of search & retrieval fees I would appreciate if you would give me an estimate of time needed for search & retrieval of all records.

Regards & thanks

Ann

-----Original Message-----

From: FOI UNIT
Sent: 13 November 2009 17:14
To: Ann Kissane
Subject: FW: ID No. 443
Importance: High

Hi Ann,

Regarding requesting a deposit, the deadline for this is Tuesday, 17th November, 2009. The original request is attached a the clarified version is in the email beneath.

Regards
Mary

-----Original Message-----

From: FOI UNIT
Sent: 09 November 2009 15:48
To: Patricia Cronin
Subject: FW: ID No. 443
Importance: High

Hi Patricia,

I have attached an FOI request relating to expenses, I asked the requestor to clarify this request and referred him to a previous request (FOI/2009/07) answered relating to the Minister of States Expenses. The requestor replied giving a more detailed explanation of the records he requires. Can you advise if this request is for your area or for Finance.

Kind Regards
Mary

-----Original Message-----

From: Dan Danaher [mailto:ddanaher@clarechampion.ie]
Sent: 03 November 2009 12:59
To: FOI UNIT
Subject: Re: ID No. 443
Importance: High

Hi Mary,

Any related records would mean a breakdown of expenses for a particular trip ie Record No. 4 contains a figure of €21,695 for Mexico, €15,963 for Washington and €2,696 for Malta. What did these figures cover, is there a breakdown for flights, accommodation, meals and subsistence. Do these figures refer to 2007 and if not, can you provide details of all his expenses claims during the period he served the department.

rgds

Dan

At 15:53 27/10/2009, you wrote:

>Dear Mr. Danaher,

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>I refer to your FOI request received in this
>office on 23rd October, 2009 in relation to
>expenses claimed by Deputy Tony Killeen, a
>similar request was answered earlier in the year
>and I have attached a link to this request
>below, you have also asked for 'any related
>records' can you clarify by email the type of
>records which you require and I would appreciate
>if you would advise if you are satisfied with
>the information provided in the previous request.

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>When I receive the clarified version of your
>request I will then be in a position to process your request.

>

>Yours sincerely

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>Mary Rabbitte,

>FOI Unit,

>DCENR,

>Elm House,

>Earlsvale Rd.,

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Minister Killeen - Paris - eDemocracy Conference - 2nd October 2007

<u>Date</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Purpose of expense</u>
27/09/2007	€40.50	Official Gifts

Minister Killeen - Washington DC - Attendance at WIREC 2008

<u>Date</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Purpose of expense</u>
01/03/2008	€77.95	Official Gifts
05/03/2008	€124.09	Official Entertainment - lunch

Minister Killeen - Mexico - Official visit for St Patricks Day 2008

<u>Date</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Purpose of expense</u>
10/03/2008	€278.24	Official Gifts
16/03/2009	€97.08	Official Entertainment - lunch

Carmel Denning

From: Carmel Denning
Sent: 18 November 2009 17:47
To: Marie-Louise Farrell
Subject: FW: FOI
Attachments: mary minihan.pdf; Ronald Quinlan - Minister & Minister of State expenses.pdf; Luke Byrne - Ministers foreign travel.pdf

Tracking: **Recipient** **Read**
Marie-Louise Farrell Read: 19/11/2009 09:43

Hi Marie Louise

FYI
Carmel

Carmel Denning

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From: Ann Kissane
Sent: 18 November 2009 17:31
To: Colm Ó Conaill; Carmel Denning
Subject:

Carmel, Colm

Please see attached FOI regarding records of costs & all related documentation for Minister Ryan's foreign & domestic travel from June 2007 to date. The Requestor is also seeking records for the Minister's travelling parties.

Records for costs of the Minister's international travel from June 2007 to August 2009 issued on 17 Nov and I am awaiting payment of fee deposit for Ronald Quinlan & Luke Byrne (attached) before proceeding with their requests. On the assumption that neither of these requestors may pursue his request I intend to seek a deposit for estimated search & retrieval fees for this latest request. While many of the records for foreign travel have been retrieved for earlier FOIs and PQs it may take considerable time to search and retrieve records for domestic travel. In view of this I would appreciate if you could give me an estimate of the time it would take to retrieve the records for the Mary Minihan request above.

Regards & thanks

Ann

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Deimhnítear leis seo freisin nár aimsíodh vireas sa phost seo tar éis a scanadh.

records are held. You will not normally be given access to personal information of another person unless you have obtained the written consent of that person.

- 1) I request the following records: RECORDS OF ALL TRAVEL, ACCOMMODATION AND RELATED COSTS INCURRED BY THE MINISTER BETWEEN 08.05.08 AND THE PRESENT DAY, AND ALL RELATED DOCUMENTATION, INCLUDING PAYMENTS FROM OF ALLOWANCES AND EXPENSES FOR FOREIGN + DOMESTIC TRAVEL.
- 2) THE SAME RECORDS FOR THE MINISTER IN PLACE 15.06.07 - 07.05.08
- 3) THE SAME RECORDS FOR BOTH PERIODS FOR THE MINISTER'S ACCOMPANYING SPOUSE OR PARTNER, IF RELEVANT, AND STAFF

Please sign here:

Mary Minih

Date: 09.11.09

October 13, 2009

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to you to request the following under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act:

Details of all costs incurred by both the Minister and his/her Minister(s) of State and their respective official parties from January 1, 2008 up to and including today's date on travel, accommodation, subsistence and entertainment both internationally and domestically.

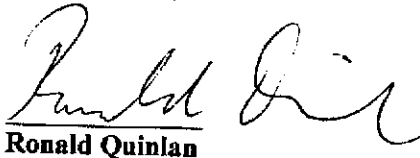
These details will include copies of all invoices and receipts (both electronically documented and paper-based) for all goods and services provided to the Minister and his/her official party in relation to the trips and engagements during this period.

Please also include copies of any correspondence generated during this period either on email or in writing between any official within the Minister's office/department with any third party in relation to the preparation of itineraries, booking of accommodation, transport, restaurants and payment for same.

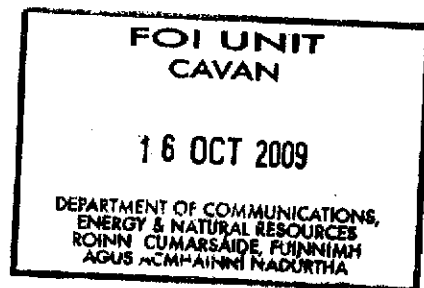
I have enclosed a cheque for €15 in payment for the above request.

Thanking you for your assistance in advance.

Yours sincerely,


Ronald Quinlan

Sunday Independent
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15 OCT 2009

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS,
ENERGY & NATURAL RESOURCES
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AGUS ACMHAINNI NADURTHA

Luke Byrne,
The Irish Mail on Sunday,
Embassy House,
Ballsbridge,
Dublin 4.

07/10/2009

Freedom of Information Unit,

To Whom It May Concern:

I am making this request for records which I believe are held by your department under the Freedom of Information Act.

I request the total cost of all foreign travel undertaken by the minister(s) of the department and their delegations between Jan 1st 2007 – Dec 31st 2008.

Included in the response should be a list of destinations, the dates of the trips, names of all the people who attend the trips, the cost and class of each flight for each person per trip, the itinerary for the trips and the names of hotels used in each trip.

Also included should be a copy of all original vouching documents, receipts and invoices used in claiming expenses.

It would be helpful if the department provided an overall cost of trips in the period, and if the copies of vouching documents were presented so as to provide an individual file for each trip.

You can send me the information by e-mail: luke.byrne@mailonsunday.ie, or by hard copy, whichever is most desirable for your department.

If you have any further questions please contact me on 086-165-9603, Tuesday – Saturday.

Regards,


Luke Byrne

FOI UNIT
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15 OCT 2009

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Carmel Denning

From: Carmel Denning
Sent: 18 November 2009 17:46
To: Marie-Louise Farrell
Subject: FW: FOI

Tracking: Recipient Read

Marie-Louise Farrell Read: 19/11/2009 09:44

Hi Marie – Louise

Just to keep you informed – hopefully these won't be still hanging around when you get back from leave!

I'll forward Anne's email so that you can see the request.

Regards
Carmel

Carmel Denning

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From: Carmel Denning
Sent: 18 November 2009 17:45
To: Ann Kissane
Cc: Colm Ó Conaill
Subject: RE:

Ann

We have records for the Minister (and Minister of States) and officials who accompanied him for foreign up to Aug 09. We have records for domestic travel for Ministers only for the same period.

Therefore our search and retrieval costs will relate to records in respect of

- Foreign Travel for Minister and officials for Sept/Oct and Nov 09
- Domestic Travel costs for officials who travelled with Minister for June 07 to Nov 09

I estimate that this will take 1 person at least 3 days.

For a recent PQ on domestic travel I agreed with the Minister's office that the expenditure was that recorded on a gresso/Transfare and credit cards. The Minister's office advised that the number of engagements domestically is quite large and that the majority of them do not incur costs other than the cost of the Ministerial car which are absorbed by the Dept of Justice.

Colm has already stated that the Minister's office do not routinely keep details of officials who travel with the Minister – in the circumstance we may have to circulate this PQ more widely in the Department to make sure we capture all costs.

Carmel

Carmel Denning

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From: Carmel Denning
Sent: 18 November 2009 17:45
To: Ann Kissane
Cc: Colm Ó Conaill
Subject: RE:

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Ann

We have records for the Minister (and Minister of States) and officials who accompanied him for foreign up to Aug 09. We have records for domestic travel for Ministers only for the same period.

Therefore our search and retrieval costs will relate to records in respect of

- Foreign Travel for Minister and officials for Sept/Oct and Nov 09
- Domestic Travel costs for officials who travelled with Minister for June 07 to Nov 09

I estimate that this will take 1 person at least 3 days.

For a recent PQ on domestic travel I agreed with the Minister's office that the expenditure was that recorded on a/grosso/Transfare and credit cards. The Minister's office advised that the number of engagements domestically is quite large and that the majority of them do not incur costs other than the cost of the Ministerial car which are absorbed by the Dept of Justice.

Colm has already stated that the Minister's office do not routinely keep details of officials who travel with the Minister – in the circumstance we may have to circulate this PQ more widely in the Department to make sure we capture all costs.

Carmel

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Subject:

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From: Carmel Denning
Sent: 18 November 2009 15:41
To: Marie-Louise Farrell
Subject: FW: ID No. 443

Attachments: FOI 2009 07 Request and Reply.pdf; Clare Champion Request.pdf



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Marie - Louise

Could you create a folder for this FOI and save copies of the records here (for international travel). The requestor doesn't want receipts, invoices etc so it will just be the summary sheets that you created.

I have the domestic travel and just want to finalise a check on it but you can save a copy of the domestic record here and I will make any changes to that copy if necessary.

Thanks
Carmel

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-----Original Message-----

From: Ann Kissane
Sent: 17 November 2009 17:26
To: Ciara Byrne; Carmel Denning
Subject: FW: ID No. 443

Ciara, Carmel

Please see further clarification from Requestor below.
As he is happy to receive information in similar format to FOI 7/2009 it will not be necessary for you to send me individual receipts etc.

Carmel, I would appreciate if you would forward details of costs incurred by Minister Killeen on domestic travel from the time of his appointment to DCENR in June 2007 up to his departure in May 2008 and also the costs incurred by him on international travel in 2007.

Regards and thanks

Ann

-----Original Message-----

From: FOI UNIT
Sent: 17 November 2009 16:58
To: Ann Kissane
Subject: FW: ID No. 443

Hi Ann,

Spoke with Dan Danaher on telephone today in relation to his request, he advised that he is satisfied with the records in respect of Minister Killeen's international travel for 2008 released in a previous FOI request (FOI/2009/07), he asked that the records for 2007 be sent in the same format as for 2008, he also clarified the term 'expenses claimed', to include expenses for domestic and international travel from June 2007 to May 2008.

Regards
Mary

-----Original Message-----
From: FOI UNIT
Sent: 16 November 2009 15:59
To: 'Dan Danaher'
Subject: FW: ID No. 443

Hi Dan,

I have attached a copy of the records in relation to the request referred to in my previous email to you.

Yours sincerely
Mary

-----Original Message-----
From: FOI UNIT
Sent: 16 November 2009 14:57
To: 'Dan Danaher'
Subject: RE: ID No. 443

Hi Dan,

In reply to your email, you ask for a breakdown of expenses in relation to record No. 4, record No. 2 shows a breakdown of the trips to Mexico, Washington and Malta and these records are for 2008 only.

If you require further assistance in relation to this matter please feel free to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Mary Rabbitte
FOI Unit

-----Original Message-----
From: Dan Danaher [mailto:ddanaher@clarechampion.ie]
Sent: 03 November 2009 12:59
To: FOI UNIT
Subject: Re: ID No. 443
Importance: High

Hi Mary,

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rgds

Dan

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From: Carmel Denning
Sent: 16 November 2009 17:39
To: Marie-Louise Farrell
Subject: FW: ID No. 443

Importance: High

Attachments: Clare Champion Request.pdf



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Marie Louise

Another FOI - while the request is not very clear Ann Kissane and I have agreed that we will assume that he is looking for both domestic and international travel records. We had estimated 3 days in respect of the R Quinlan FOI request (mainly because of the domestic element) - As we have most of the international records (the period is June 07 to May 08) I estimate that we will spend 1 day on search and retrieval. Does that seem reasonable to you?

Thanks
Carmel

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From: Ann Kissane
Sent: 16 November 2009 17:24
To: Ciara Byrne; Carmel Denning
Subject: FW: ID No. 443
Importance: High

Ciara, Carmel

Please see attached FOI. While I am seeking further clarification from FOI Unit on this request i.e. does it refer to domestic plus international travel, it would appear that the requestor is seeking all records of expenses. As I need to notify him of search & retrieval fees I would appreciate if you would give me an estimate of time needed for search & retrieval of all records.

Regards & thanks

Ann

-----Original Message-----

From: FOI UNIT
Sent: 13 November 2009 17:14
To: Ann Kissane

Subject: FW: ID No. 443
Importance: High

Hi Ann,

Regarding requesting a deposit, the deadline for this is Tuesday, 17th November, 2009. The original request is attached a the clarified version is in the email beneath.

Regards

Mary

-----Original Message-----

From: FOI UNIT

Sent: 09 November 2009 15:48

To: Patricia Cronin

Subject: FW: ID No. 443

Importance: High

Hi Patricia,

I have attached an FOI request relating to expenses, I asked the requestor to clarify this request and referred him to a previous request (FOI/2009/07) answered relating to the Minister of States Expenses. The requestor replied giving a more detailed explanation of the records he requires. Can you advise if this request is for your area or for Finance.

Kind Regards

Mary

-----Original Message-----

From: Dan Danaher [mailto:ddanaher@clarechampion.ie]

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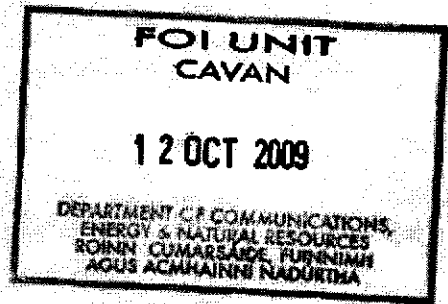
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Thursday, October 8, 2009;

Freedom of Information Officer,
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29 - 31 Adelaide Road,
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To whom it may concern,

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I wish to obtain a copy of all records of the expenses claims made by Deputy Tony Killeen and any related records since he appointed Minister of State at the Department of Communications from June 2007 to May 2008.

I would appreciate if all information can be forwarded to me at Clare Champion, Barrack Street, Ennis, Co. Clare.

I enclose a €15 cheque to cover the cost of this request.

Thanking you in anticipation,


Dan Danaher,
Clare Champion

Carmel Denning

From: Carmel Denning
Sent: 04 November 2009 13:27
To: Ann Kissane
Cc: Marie-Louise Farrell
Subject: RE: FOI requests

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Hi Ann

Yes, the number of days is for one person only. In relation to the photocopying we estimate that it will be 200 pages for each request – sorry my email wasn't very clear on this point. I've made the amendment in the table below.

Regards
 Carmel

Carmel Denning

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From: Ann Kissane
Sent: 04 November 2009 13:18
To: Carmel Denning
Cc: Marie-Louise Farrell
Subject: RE: FOI requests

Thanks Carmel

I understand that your estimate of 5 days is for one person therefore I estimate that the costs to Accounts Unit for search & retrieval is as follows:

FOI	Search & Retrieval	Photocopying
37/2009	€439.95 (20.95 x 21)	€8 (200 x 0.04)
38/2009	€293.30 (20.95 x 14)	€8 (200 x 0.04)

I would appreciate if you would confirm if this estimate is correct.

Regards

Ann

From: Carmel Denning
Sent: 04 November 2009 12:20
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Ann

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From: Carmel Denning
Sent: 03 November 2009 10:26
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Ann

As per Marie Louise's email below we estimate that it would take 20 hours to retrieve the information. As outlined in Marie Louise's email we need to search for the first 6 months of 2007 in relation to domestic and international travel for the Ministers and their delegations. In addition we need to gather information on official's domestic travel.

Regards
Carmel

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From: Marie-Louise Farrell
Sent: 03 November 2009 09:49
To: Carmel Denning
Subject: RE: FOI requests

Carmel,

We need to search and retrieve the following information for answer to these FOI's

1. Domestic Travel – Delegation who travelled with the Minister and Minister of State Jan 08 – Present (Sunday Independent - Ronald Quinlan)
2. Foreign travel for Minister and Minister of State Jan 07 – June 07 (Irish mail on Sunday – Luke Byrne)

Search and Retrieval 20 hours? What do you think?.....I haven't let Ann know yet.

Thanks
Marie Louise

From: Carmel Denning
Sent: 30 October 2009 18:30
To: Marie-Louise Farrell
Subject: FW: FOI requests
Importance: High

Marie Louise

See email below from Ann. Two more FOI requests for our input. You will have records for both of them in respect of the Minister and Minister of State for their international and domestic travel (I have the domestic travel info for the PQ and will deal with that on Tuesday).

Can you examine and see what records we would still need to retrieve – we have the names of the delegations (and I'm assuming all records for these as we'd have needed them for the recent PQs) in respect of International Travel but do we have the same information for domestic travel?

If more search and retrieval is required could you estimate how long it would take and let Ann Kissane know – she is going to charge them for search and retrieval.

Even though we normally confine our search for PQs to June 2007 I think for the purposes of the FOI we will need to release for the whole year – perhaps this has not already been done and therefore should charge for the search and retrieval for the six months to 1 Jan 07 to June 07.

Thanks
Carmel

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From: Ann Kissane
Sent: 28 October 2009 16:43
To: Carmel Denning; Ciara Byrne; Colm Ó Conaill
Subject: FOI requests
Importance: High

Carmel, Ciara, Colm

Please see attached FOI requests regarding expenses for Ministers and Ministers of State for which I am the Deciding Officer.

As these requests overlap somewhat I would appreciate if you would examine carefully and forward records relevant to each request as soon as possible.

As the requestor is seeking copies of individual documents, receipts etc can you advise in due course re number of records involved in consideration of charging a fee for search, retrieval & copying of any records released. Where the estimated cost of search & retrieval is likely to exceed €50.79 a deposit of at least 20% can be charged and the process of search & retrieval of the records should not commence until the deposit is paid.

As the notice of a request for a deposit must be provide in writing to the requestor with 10 working days of receipt of the request I would appreciate your advice on this by Friday, if possible.

I am currently examining records provided by the Minister's Office for the Shane Phelan request (FOI 33/09, also attached) and awaiting records from Accounts Unit.

Carmel, Colm as you know we have assessed costs for search & retrieval for this request which should reduce search & retrieval costs for the 2 new ones

With regard to Luke Byrne request (FOI 38/09) the requester has clarified that his reference to minister(s) includes Ministers of State.

For your information please see links below to similar requests answered by me this year

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To: Ann Kissane
Subject: FW: FOI requests

Ann

As per Marie Louise's email below we estimate that it would take 20 hours to retrieve the information. As outlined in Marie Louise's email we need to search for the first 6 months of 2007 in relation to domestic and international travel for the Ministers and their delegations. In addition we need to gather information on official's domestic travel.

Regards
Carmel

Carmel Denning

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From: Marie-Louise Farrell
Sent: 03 November 2009 09:49
To: Carmel Denning
Subject: RE: FOI requests

Carmel,

We need to search and retrieve the following information for answer to these FOI's

1. Domestic Travel – Delegation who travelled with the Minister and Minister of State Jan 08 – Present (Sunday Independent - Ronald Quinlan)
2. Foreign travel for Minister and Minister of State Jan 07 – June 07 (Irish mail on Sunday – Luke Byrne)

Search and Retrieval 20 hours? What do you think?.....I haven't let Ann know yet.

Thanks
Marie Louise

From: Carmel Denning
Sent: 30 October 2009 18:30
To: Marie-Louise Farrell
Subject: FW: FOI requests
Importance: High

Marie Louise

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From: Ann Kissane
Sent: 28 October 2009 16:43
To: Carmel Denning; Ciara Byrne; Colm Ó Conaill
Subject: FOI requests
Importance: High

Carmel, Ciara, Colm

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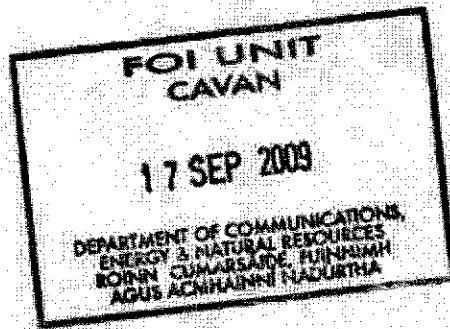
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15/09/2009

FOI Unit,
Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources,
Elm House,
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Cavan

Dear Sir/Madam,

In accordance with Section 7 of the Freedom of Information Act 1997, I wish to request access to the following:

- Copies of records indicating costs incurred during international travel by the Minister for Communications, Energy and Natural Resources from June 1, 2007 to August 31, 2009.

The records sought would include:

- documents and receipts indicating the individual costs incurred for flights, car hire, taxis, boats, trains, accommodation, meals, miscellaneous expenditure and any other costs billed for on each trip
- a copy of the itinerary of the Minister during each journey and documents outlining the purpose of each journey
- records indicating the membership of each travelling party

To be clear, I am not seeking a table simply listing expenses incurred. I am seeking photocopies of individual documents/records/receipts associated with each instance of expenditure.

Please find enclosed a postal order for €15 to cover the cost of this application. If you need to clarify anything I am contactable at 01 7055717 / 086 8071449 or at sphelan@independent.ie.

Yours Sincerely,


Shane Phelan

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS,
ENERGY & NATURAL RESOURCES
ROINN CUMARSAIDE, FUINNIMH
AGUS ACMHAINNI NADURTHA

Luke Byrne,
The Irish Mail on Sunday,
Embassy House,
Ballsbridge,
Dublin 4.

07/10/2009

Freedom of Information Unit,

To Whom It May Concern:

I am making this request for records which I believe are held by your department under the Freedom of Information Act.

I request the total cost of all foreign travel undertaken by the minister(s) of the department and their delegations between Jan 1st 2007 – Dec 31st 2008.

Included in the response should be a list of destinations, the dates of the trips, names of all the people who attend the trips, the cost and class of each flight for each person per trip, the itinerary for the trips and the names of hotels used in each trip.

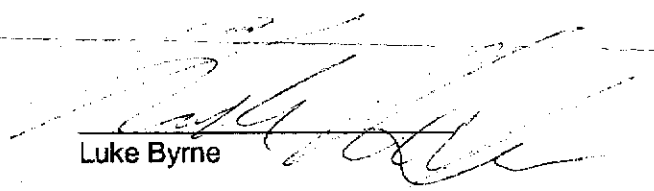
Also included should be a copy of all original vouching documents, receipts and invoices used in claiming expenses.

It would be helpful if the department provided an overall cost of trips in the period, and if the copies of vouching documents were presented so as to provide an individual file for each trip.

You can send me the information by e-mail: luke.byrne@mailonsunday.ie, or by hard copy, whichever is most desirable for your department.

If you have any further questions please contact me on 086-165-9603, Tuesday – Saturday.

Regards,


Luke Byrne

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS,
ENERGY & NATURAL RESOURCES
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AGUS ACMHAINNI NADURTHA

October 13, 2009

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to you to request the following under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act:

Details of all costs incurred by both the Minister and his/her Minister(s) of State and their respective official parties from January 1, 2008 up to and including today's date on travel, accommodation, subsistence and entertainment both internationally and domestically.

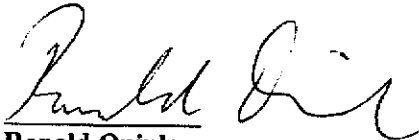
These details will include copies of all invoices and receipts (both electronically documented and paper-based) for all goods and services provided to the Minister and his/her official party in relation to the trips and engagements during this period.

Please also include copies of any correspondence generated during this period either on email or in writing between any official within the Minister's office/department with any third party in relation to the preparation of itineraries, booking of accommodation, transport, restaurants and payment for same.

I have enclosed a cheque for €15 in payment for the above request.

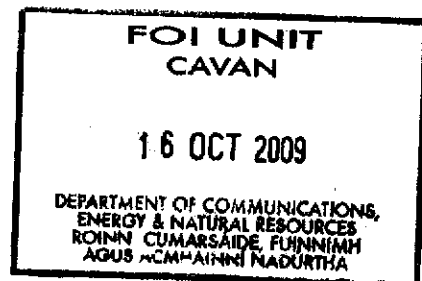
Thanking you for your assistance in advance.

Yours sincerely,



Ronald Quinlan

Sunday Independent
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Carmel Denning

From: Carmel Denning
Sent: 20 October 2009 10:27
To: Ann Kissane
Subject: FOIs

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Ann

According to the Dept's website there were 6 FOIs between 2008 and 2009 dealing with expenses either for the Department or Ministers.

Two FOIs this year on travel expenses relating to Junior Ministers, Minister Dempsey and then the one on credit card expenditure. 3/2009, 27/2009 and 30/2009.

3 in 2008 – 14/2009 (Patrick's day 2007), 29/2008 (Patricks Day 2008) and 56/2008 (expenses for Dept).

Carmel

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Marie-Louise Farrell

From: Ann Kissane
Sent: 06 October 2009 12:17
To: Carmel Denning
Cc: Marie-Louise Farrell
Subject: RE: FOI - amended record

Thanks a mil Carmel & Marie-Louise. Hope that's the end of that one!

Regards

Ann

From: Carmel Denning
Sent: 06 October 2009 12:13
To: Ann Kissane
Subject: FOI - amended record

Ann

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Minister Dempsey - Houston, San Antonio, San Francisco 13th March 2007 - St Patrick's Day celebrations

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Minister Dempsey	8139.81	1810.20	770.29	424.00	180.91
Mrs Bernadette Dempsey	8139.81				
Olive Stephens	6711.74	1043.31	482.93	610.85	
Donna Comer	6771.63	963.77	482.93	610.85	
Richard Browne	6771.63	999.36	482.93	610.85	
Eamonn Confrey				843.14	
TOTAL	36534.62	4816.64	2219.08	3099.69	180.91

Attendees	Metropolitan Limo	Carey Limo Hire	Publications, Printing & Binding	Luggage Carts	Subs	Expenses	TOTAL
Minister Dempsey	8627.05	10939.92	372.74	13.51	864.04		32142.47
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Donna Comer					941.67	32.00	9802.85
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From: Carmel Denning
Sent: 29 September 2009 16:11
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Subject: RE: FOI 33-2009

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Ann

Yes, 2.5 days for 1 staff member!

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Thanks Carmel, can you just confirm 2.5 days is for 1 staff member only. i.e. 17.5 hrs x 1

Regards

Ann

From: Carmel Denning
Sent: 29 September 2009 15:58
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Sent: 23 September 2009 18:54
To: Marie-Louise Farrell
Subject: FW: FOI from Elaine Edwards
Importance: High
Attachments: Minister Killeen - Foreign Travel Trips 2008.doc; Minister Power - Foreign Travel Trips 2008.doc; Minister Ryan - Foreign Travel Trips 2008.doc; Min & MOS Total Foreign 2008.xls

Marie Louise

My earlier email re FOI 33/09 refers. This is a starting point at least. I think the Minister's office will have to provide all the receipts etc. We will have to provide copies of air travel invoices, car hire etc.

Carmel

Carmel Denning

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From: Ann Kissane
Sent: 11 March 2009 16:10
To: Colm Ó Conaill; Aoife McQuillan
Cc: Carmel Denning
Subject: FOI from Elaine Edwards
Importance: High

Colm, Aoife

Please see attached details received from Accounts for FOI request on details of expenses incurred by Minister & Minister of State in 2008. I will be amending Accounts records by inserting Civil Servant/ Special Adviser as appropriate in place of names of staff as these were not requested by Ms Edwards.

Regards

Ann

*Ann Kissane
Human Resources Division
Ext 2173*

From: Marie-Louise Farrell
Sent: 11 March 2009 12:52
To: Ann Kissane
Cc: Carmel Denning

Subject:

Ann,

Please find attached details of expenses incurred by the Minister and Ministers of State, in the course of overseas trips made in an official capacity in 2008.

I have background notes and invoices for all expenses shown.

Regards
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Carmel Denning

From: Carmel Denning
Sent: 23 September 2009 18:53
To: Marie-Louise Farrell
Cc: Brian Walsh
Subject: FW: FOI 33-2009
Attachments: Shane Phelan request.pdf

Tracking: **Recipient** **Read**
 Marie-Louise Farrell Read: 24/09/2009 09:20
 Brian Walsh

Marie-Louise

Another FOI request to which we have been asked for material for response. We provided material to Ann Kissane earlier this year for another FOI request on the Minister's travel – it may not have required as much detail but it will help with dates etc. Some of the material for the FOI request Pat Smyth was working on may also be relevant to this request.

I'll send you on the info you sent to Ann in March. Can you begin to collate the information requested and liaise with Colm or Brendan in the Minister's office.

We can discuss further on Monday.

Thanks
 Carmel

Carmel Denning

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From: Ann Kissane
Sent: 23 September 2009 18:26
To: Carmel Denning; Colm Ó Conaill
Subject: FOI 33-2009

Carmel, Colm

Please see attached request for which I am Deciding Officer. I would appreciate if you would forward all relevant documents as soon as possible.

As the requestor is seeking copies of individual documents, receipts etc can you advise in due course re number of records involved in consideration of charging a fee for search, retrieval & copying of any records released. Where the estimated cost of search & retrieval is likely to exceed €50.79 a deposit of at least 20% can be charged and the process of search & retrieval of the records should not commence until the deposit is paid.

As the notice of a request for a deposit must be provide in writing to the requestor with 10 working days of receipt of the request I would appreciate your advice on this within the next few days.

Regards & thanks

Ann

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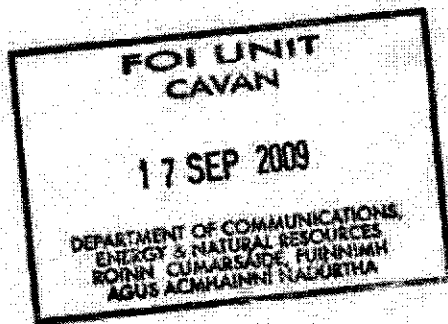
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15/09/2009

FOI Unit,
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Cavan

Dear Sir/Madam,

In accordance with Section 7 of the Freedom of Information Act 1997, I wish to request access to the following:

- Copies of records indicating costs incurred during international travel by the Minister for Communications, Energy and Natural Resources from June 1, 2007 to August 31, 2009.

The records sought would include:

- documents and receipts indicating the individual costs incurred for flights, car hire, taxis, boats, trains, accommodation, meals, miscellaneous expenditure and any other costs billed for on each trip
- a copy of the itinerary of the Minister during each journey and documents outlining the purpose of each journey
- records indicating the membership of each travelling party

To be clear, I am not seeking a table simply listing expenses incurred. I am seeking photocopies of individual documents/records/receipts associated with each instance of expenditure.

Please find enclosed a postal order for €15 to cover the cost of this application. If you need to clarify anything I am contactable at 01 7055717 / 086 8071449 or at sphelan@independent.ie.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Shane Phelan".

Shane Phelan

Carmel Denning

From: Carmel Denning
Sent: 14 September 2009 15:19
To: Marie-Louise Farrell
Subject: FW: FOI 31/2009
Attachments: Ken Foxe Noels Dempseys March 2007 trip[1].pdf

Tracking: **Recipient** **Read**
Marie-Louise Farrell Read: 14/09/2009 15:20

Marie Louise

Can you begin to collate material for this FOI request, please?

Please ascertain from Colm O Conail or Sinead O Reilly in Minister's office as to who went on this trip with the Minister. I'm not sure if Ann has circulated this FOI to the Minister's office so you might check and see if they are doing any work on it -- no point in duplication of work!

There may be PQs answered on this -- which may or may not help.

Ann Kissane is on leave this week -- as I understand it the reply isn't due back for another 2 weeks.

Thanks
Carmel

Carmel Denning

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From: Ann Kissane
Sent: 11 September 2009 15:00
To: Carmel Denning
Subject: FOI 31/2009

Carmel

As discussed earlier, I would appreciate if you would provide me with all relevant records for attached FOI as soon as possible.

Regards & thanks

Ann

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Ken Foxe

The Sunday Tribune

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I am seeking details of all costs associated with a trip in March 2007 by the Minister Noel Dempsey to Texas.

I am seeking a detailed itinerary, a list of passengers and a list of all costs.

In each case, I am seeking actual copies of all bills: hotels, flights, restaurant expenses, subsistence claims, gifts, transport costs and any other expense incurred on the trip.

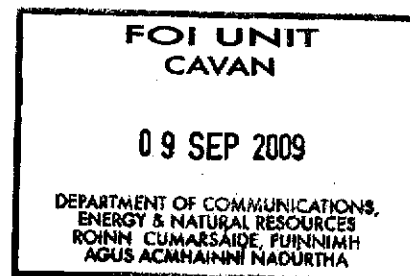
I enclose a cheque for €15 and should you have any queries I can be contacted at kfoxe@tribune.ie or on my mobile at 086-8339259.

Yours sincerely,



Ken Foxe

Public Affairs Correspondent, the Sunday Tribune



Marie-Louise Farrell

From: Marie-Louise Farrell
Sent: 11 March 2009 12:52
To: Ann Kissane
Cc: Carmel Denning
Subject: Minister & MOS Foreign Travel Trips 2008
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Minister Killeen - Mexico - Official Visit for St. Patricks day 2008

Date	Attendees	Nights	Flights	Hotel	Subs	Expenses	VIP Suite Paris	Transport Hire	TOTAL
12 - Mar	Minister Killeen	7	7774.74*	1778.36	399.51	405.32	861.82	1049.67	12269.42
12 - Mar	Aoife McQuillan	7	3772.22	1264.27	399.51	26.80	143.63		5606.43
12 - Mar	Martin Brennan	7	2418.94	961.51	295.29		143.63		3819.37
	TOTAL								21,695.22

* NB Includes Mrs. Killeens Flight

Minister Power - Paris - Attendance at Paris Audiovisual Council

Date	Attendees	Nights	Flights	Hotel	Subs	Expenses	TOTAL
21 - Jul	Minister Power	1	919.66	* NB	389.33	206.00	1514.99
21 - Jul	Aoife McQuillan	1	919.66	* NB	389.33	40.00	1348.99
21 - Jul	Kevin O'Brien	1	281.92	246.50	194.67	34.70	757.79
21 - Jul	Paul Mulqueen	1	281.92	246.50	194.67	50.90	773.99
	TOTAL						4395.76

*NB Hotel is included in Subs.

Minister Power - Vienna - Attendance at E-Inclusion Ministerial Conference

Date	Attendees	Nights	Flights	Hotel	Subs	Expenses	TOTAL
29 - Nov	Minister Power	4	333.94	826.15	422.33		1619.52
29 - Nov	Aoife McQuillan	4	465.44	826.15	422.33		1713.92
29 - Nov	Colette Tuite Gallagher	4	354.46	* NB	663.65	121.40	1139.51
	TOTAL						4472.95

*NB Hotel is included in Subs.

