

**REQUEST FOR ACCESS TO RECORDS UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT, 1997.**

**TO:** Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources

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Dear Sir / Madam,

In accordance with Section 7 of the Freedom of Information Act, I request access to the following information and records:

1. A list of individual Ministers trips abroad for Saint Patrick's Day 2007 within your Department.
2. A detailed breakdown of the individual ministers itineraries - from their day of departure, to their day of return to Ireland at the end of their trip.
3. A break down of the individual ministers: (a.) flights; (b.) the class at which the minister travelled; (c.) the flight numbers of the flights; (d.) the overall cost of flights for each individual minister; (e.) and - where one or more flight was taken - a breakdown of the costs of those flights.
4. A break down of the individual ministers': (a.) expenses for the trip; (b.) subsistence claims for the trip; (c.) or any other additional costs or receipts incurred.
5. Details, names, and titles of departmental officials, personal assistants, special advisers, press officers, spouses or other relations who accompanied the individual ministers and the cost of their individual flights.
6. A break down of the following for the aforementioned individuals accompanying the ministers: (1.) (a.) flights; (b.) the class at which the person travelled; (c.) the flight numbers of the flights; (d.) the overall cost of flights for each individual; (e.) and - where one or more flight was taken - a breakdown of the costs of the flights. (2.) A detailed breakdown of the individuals itineraries - from their day of departure to their day of return to Ireland at the end of their trip. (3.) A break down of the individuals: (a.) expenses for the trip; (b.) subsistence claims for the trip or any other additional costs or receipts incurred.
7. An outline to why the trip abroad took place.
8. An outline of whether the trip abroad for St Patrick's Day was part of a trade mission.
9. An outline of what was achieved from the individual ministers trip abroad for St Patrick's Day.
10. Details of any foreign inward investment to Ireland arising from the trip abroad.
11. Copies of credit card claims, receipts and expenses relating to the trip abroad for St Patrick's Day by the individual Ministers and the people accompanying him / her.

Yours Sincerely,

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Date: 26.01.08

