



Reference: FOI/2010/14

16th July 2010

Mr. Mark Hillard
Sunday Tribune
Independent House
Talbot Street
Dublin 1.

Dear Mr. Hillard

I refer to the request you have made under the Freedom of Information Acts, 1997 and 2003 for access to records held by this Department regarding foreign payments made by this Department in 2008.

Your request has been *granted* and I attach all relevant information with this letter. The information is being provided in the two tables attached. The first is a summary table and the second lists:

- the name of the individual, company or organisation who received the payment ,
- the relevant currency as per the invoice received,
- the total amount paid in euro (including foreign exchange fees).

I wish to advise you that, if for any reason you are not satisfied with the outcome of your request, you are entitled to seek a review of the case by appealing the decision to this Department's FOI Internal Review Board. To appeal, you need to write to Mr. Frank O'Brien, FOI Unit, Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources, Elm House, Earlsvale Road, Cavan. You must make your appeal within 4 weeks of the date of this letter, but 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.

Please note that an application fee for an appeal is currently €75.

Payment should be made by way of bank draft, money postal order, or personal cheque made payable to "The Department of Communications, Energy & Natural Resources".

On receipt of the fee, an acknowledgement letter will be sent to you outlining details of when you can expect a decision on your appeal, and the contact details of the person handling the appeal.

Yours sincerely,



Brian Walsh
Corporate Finance and Planning Division

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Payments made to Foreign Companies in 2008

Currency	No. of Payments	Total €
Canadian Dollar	4	1,166
Swiss Franc	3	412,797
Euro	147	3,722,962
Sterling	88	2,994,547
Norwegian Krone	1	814
US Dollar	18	75,373
Total	261	7,207,659

Payee	Currency	Foreign Value	Total Cost
			Euro
John R. Sullivan	CAD	1200	804.66
THE FRASER INSTITUTE	CAD	91	57.8
THE NORTHERN MINER	CAD	294	187.07
THE NORTHERN MINER	CAD	170	115.98
UNION POSTALE UNIVERSELLE	CHF	1519.25	968.89
INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS UNION	CHF	651912	411472.42
INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS UNION	CHF	534	356.1
Mercatum	EUR	31185.86	31186.61
Blom Aerofilms	EUR	1740	1740.75
Poseidon Aquatic Resource Management Ltd	EUR	11880	11880.75
OECD (IEA)	EUR	3750	3750.75
Werner Janoschek	EUR	10000	10000.75
Softel Hotel Brussels	EUR	1935	1935.75
Ecoports Foundation	EUR	500	500.75
ENERGY CHARTER SECRETARIAT	EUR	35109	35109.75
Harwell Restoration Services	EUR	295	295.75
EUROPEAN AUDIOVISUAL OBSERVATORY	EUR	238	238.75
ORMSTON TECHNOLOGY LTD	EUR	1076.37	1077.12
EUROGEOSURVEYS	EUR	10000	10000.75
PELANGI INTERNATIONAL LTD	EUR	273	273.75
Clip Display Services	EUR	3807	3829.84
HARVARD BUSINESS REVIEW	EUR	438	442.38
International Centre for Local & Regional Dev	EUR	140	143.8
Anchor (Europe) Ltd	EUR	311.2	315
Analysys Consulting Ltd	EUR	8708	8733.4
TOTAL TELECOM	EUR	425	429.25
Haskoning UK Ltd.	EUR	19177.38	19178.13
Haskoning UK Ltd.	EUR	24719.75	24720.5
Mercatum	EUR	8095.5	8096.25
European Institute of Public Administration	EUR	1150	1150.75
ETSI	EUR	56260	56270
DANDO DRILLING INTERNATIONAL LTD	EUR	5330.72	5331.47
C.P. Mitchell	EUR	3600	3600.75
Institut National Des Sciences De I Univers	EUR	100000	100010

Payee	Currency	Foreign Value	Total Cost
			Euro
GARDLINE GEOSCIENCES LTD	EUR	4823.64	4824.39
DHI WATER & ENVIRONMENT	EUR	4791.89	4792.64
ERT (Scotland) Ltd	EUR	57032.92	57042.92
Jacobs UK Limited	EUR	50096	50121.4
OTT Hydrometry Ltd	EUR	1605.24	1605.99
Alain Murphy	EUR	3255.51	3265.51
Haskoning UK Ltd.	EUR	32400.65	32401.4
Dr Appy Suijls	EUR	336.75	340.55
Fugro Seacore Ltd	EUR	180779	180789
Haskoning UK Ltd.	EUR	25263.08	25263.83
CARIS GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS	EUR	10721.88	10722.63
Purvin & Gertz	EUR	35934.4	35935.15
Lee Sanitation Ltd	EUR	5800.01	5800.76
Analysys Consulting Ltd	EUR	3596	3617.57
Walter C Campbell	EUR	1217.1	1224.4
UTV PLC	EUR	15710	15735.4
X Wave	EUR	1878.6	1889.87
X Wave	EUR	5260.08	5285.48
X Wave	EUR	6262	6287.4
Millstream Associates Limited	EUR	395	395.75
Fugro Seacore Ltd	EUR	166512.54	166522.54
DANDO DRILLING INTERNATIONAL LTD	EUR	710	710.75
Graficas Jomagar	EUR	59541	59551
Geo Designs Limited	EUR	378	381.8
X Wave	EUR	13150.2	13175.6
International Assoc of Volcanology & Chemistry	EUR	701.41	702.16
University of Ulster Coleraine	EUR	104102	104127.4
Queens University Belfast	EUR	356701	356726.4
JKS BOYLES	EUR	2631	2631.75
Institute of Internal Auditors UK and Ireland	EUR	251.1	251.85
Purvin & Gertz	EUR	53901.6	53902.35
Gary Torge	EUR	3600	3600.75
COMMISSION DE LA CARTE GEOLOGIQUE DU MONDE	EUR	600	600.75
WESEX INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY	EUR	1200	1200.75

Payee	Currency	Foreign Value	Total Cost
			Euro
Architectural Hardware Ltd	EUR	37.51	41.31
Mercatum	EUR	9398.67	9399.42
Alain Murphy	EUR	1369.06	1379.06
Maxtel Telecommunications Consultancy	EUR	2400	2414.4
Dando Drilling International Ltd	EUR	5269.4	5294.8
Michael R. Nelson	EUR	3772.57	3795.2
Kenneth Carter	EUR	1314	1321.88
Geologischer Dienst NRW	EUR	16	16.75
Dr. Frank Seiji Sanda	EUR	6344.96	6354.96
GEOSOFTEUROPE LTD	EUR	7321.56	7322.31
Tenix LADS Operations Pty Ltd	EUR	150000	150010
Radius Plastics Limited	EUR	72255	72255.75
SWETS INFORMATION SERVICES LTD	EUR	1215.46	1216.21
ITC Travel & Conference	EUR	540	543.8
POINT CARBON	EUR	395	395.75
European Science Foundation	EUR	5000	5000.75
Myrtax Software Pty Ltd	EUR	2563.92	2567.72
Geo Resources Ltd	EUR	9704.75	9705.5
ECOFYS	EUR	27987.84	27988.59
International Energy Agency	EUR	500	500.75
Foye Carlingford & Irish Lights Commission	EUR	1000	1003.8
ECOFYS	EUR	65224.96	65225.71
UNION OF THE ELECTRICITY INDUSTRY - EURELECTRIC	EUR	950	956.35
Tenix LADS Operations Pty Ltd	EUR	500000	500010
Geo Resources Ltd	EUR	3335	3335.75
Analysys Consulting Ltd	EUR	8058.4	8062.2
PricewaterhouseCoopers	EUR	33620	33620.75
AEA	EUR	15600	15603.8
Mercatum	EUR	7739.48	7740.23
Terrasciences Ltd (TT)	EUR	4500	4500.75
Crea-Langues	EUR	2350.65	2351.4
Purvin & Gertz	EUR	53901.6	53902.35
PricewaterhouseCoopers	EUR	2740	2740.75
AUTO TROL TECHNOLOGY GMBH	EUR	27490	27490.75

Payee	Currency	Foreign Value	Total Cost
			Euro
Professor Peter Crossley	EUR	604.75	605.5
DANDO DRILLING INTERNATIONAL LTD	EUR	9852	9852.75
OTT Hydrometry Ltd	EUR	2343	2343.75
WATERRA UK LTD	EUR	34.25	35
Ocean DTM	EUR	1380	1380.75
BRITISH GEOLOGICAL SURVEY	EUR	1500	1503.8
SWETS BLACKWELL LTD	EUR	32000	32000.75
Stielimprove Ltd	EUR	3168	3168.75
EUROPEAN AUDIOVISUAL OBSERVATORY	EUR	79.1	79.85
Geolimits Consulting Inc	EUR	2562.08	2572.08
PROGEO	EUR	150	150.75
Advantica Ltd	EUR	15120	15120.75
CEPT	EUR	872.53	873.28
AdventNet	EUR	2140	2150
Geo Resources Ltd	EUR	5601.36	5602.11
Microsoft Ireland Operations Ltd	EUR	2604.2	2614.2
AEA	EUR	15600	15610
Dando Drilling International Ltd	EUR	44085	44088.8
MACS Maritime Carrier Shipping (Pty) Ltd	EUR	48000	48000.75
JKS BOYLES	EUR	1020	1030
JKS BOYLES	EUR	2256	2256.75
Tenix LADS Operations Pty Ltd	EUR	350000	350010
QuesterTangent	EUR	4300	4310
ECOFYS	EUR	2688	2688.75
Purvin & Gertz	EUR	35934.4	35944.4
WATERRA UK LTD	EUR	19.58	29.58
Intepid Geophysics	EUR	4800	4810
OECD (IEA)	EUR	1890	1890.75
DANDO DRILLING INTERNATIONAL LTD	EUR	400.34	410.34
IVS 3D Ltd	EUR	5710.2	5720.2
Tenix LADS Operations Pty Ltd	EUR	177000	177010
PROGEO	EUR	185	185.75
Natural Environment Research Council	EUR	4381.96	4391.96
DANDO DRILLING INTERNATIONAL LTD	EUR	1818.62	1828.62

Payee	Currency	Foreign Value	Total Cost
			Euro
International Energy Agency	EUR	70	70.75
International Lead & Zinc Group	EUR	11688	11688.75
European Association of Geoscientists	EUR	1000	1006.35
ERT (Scotland) Ltd	EUR	5608	5618
Mr. Geoff Wright	EUR	8358.92	8362.72
GEOSOFT EUROPE LTD	EUR	7287.67	7297.67
EARTH SCIENCE 2000	EUR	4000	4003.8
MacArthur UK Ltd	EUR	48650	48660
AUTO TROL TECHNOLOGY GMBH	EUR	51228	51228.75
DANDO DRILLING INTERNATIONAL LTD	EUR	183.86	193.86
ECOFYS	EUR	11872	11872.75
ERT (Scotland) Ltd	EUR	171538.8	171548.8
ECOFYS	EUR	23744	23744.75
Natural Environment Research Council	EUR	5000	5010
Ovum	EUR	350	353.8
AEA	EUR	5838	5838.75
Millstream Associates Limited	EUR	395	395.75
AEA	EUR	54	54.75
Bob Bain	GBP	1000	1354.67
DAVID FOX ASSOCIATES	GBP	12418.93	16823.5
LOUGHS AGENCY	GBP	383750	519852.89
PUBLISHING EVENTS LTD	GBP	1325	1796.62
Terrapin Ltd	GBP	480.78	651.91
DAVID FOX ASSOCIATES	GBP	7461.86	10117.81
Professor Jim Skea	GBP	24.25	43
Professor Peter Crossley	GBP	149.7	203.69
Professor Jim Skea	GBP	74.71	111.66
IVS 3D Ltd	GBP	680.63	928.58
CIRIA	GBP	267.5	361.02
AB PHAROS MARINE LTD	GBP	143	192.99
INTELLISCAN	GBP	150	202.44
Ships and Oil Limited	GBP	41.1	65.4
DAVID FOX ASSOCIATES	GBP	9340.11	12590.31
Edina Manufacturing Ltd	GBP	320	431.35

Payee	Currency	Foreign Value	Total Cost
			Euro
Duncan & Associates	GBP	1515	2042.19
AuditWare Systems Ltd	GBP	3300	4441.21
Martec NI Ltd	GBP	139.79	185.69
DVD and Media	GBP	312.9	415.64
OY Finnish China Consulting	GBP	119.02	168.1
Martec NI Ltd	GBP	45.9	60.98
DVD and Media	GBP	102.74	136.49
NATURAL ENVIRONMENT RESEARCH COUNCIL	GBP	4000	5314.01
TONY S MARINE SERVICE	GBP	1950.5	2591.24
Marketforce Communications Ltd	GBP	1590	2112.32
OY Finnish China Consulting	GBP	39.08	61.92
GARDLINE GEOSCIENCES LTD	GBP	3834	5085.47
Digital TV Group Ltd	GBP	10000	13238.05
Miro	GBP	825	1080.28
B C Plant LTD	GBP	346.99	450.27
VALEPORT LTD	GBP	256.4	332.72
DAVID FOX ASSOCIATES	GBP	8051.32	10447.73
DMAP LTD	GBP	600	778.58
AuditWare Systems Ltd	GBP	30	48.93
International Quality and Productivity Centre	GBP	1448	1888.99
International Quality and Productivity Centre	GBP	253.4	334.57
Ark Geophysics Ltd	GBP	1827	2346.61
Seatronics	GBP	2720	3496.63
CHR METALS LTD	GBP	3600	4614.66
Institute of Internal Auditors - UK & IRELAND LTD	GBP	630	795.56
eMAP Radio Ltd	GBP	2964	3752.93
DAVID FOX ASSOCIATES	GBP	7330.63	9257.1
DAVID FOX ASSOCIATES	GBP	2292.6	2895.09
Victor Hewitt	GBP	466.07	587.09
Foyle Carlingford Ir. Lights Commn c/oloughsAgency	GBP	252250	323684.63
Foyle Carlingford Ir. Lights Commn c/oloughsAgency	GBP	200000	256640.04
CANTAB CONSULTING	GBP	2730	3478.28
DAVID FOX ASSOCIATES	GBP	13733.58	17546.54
PETEX LTD	GBP	3877.5	4937.82

Payee	Currency	Foreign Value	Total Cost
			Euro
Institute of Physics	GBP	86	108.97
DAVID FOX ASSOCIATES	GBP	8186.42	10504.41
Renews Ltd	GBP	360	470.59
Marketforce Communications Ltd	GBP	278.26	355.97
Marketforce Communications Ltd	GBP	1521.63	1926.08
Redbay Boats Ltd	GBP	12433.88	15738.83
Foye Carlingford Jr. Lights Commn c/oughsAgency	GBP	690000	873413.13
Seazone Solutions Ltd	GBP	4232.32	5367.36
DAVID FOX ASSOCIATES	GBP	6691.19	8523.07
SOCIETY FOR UNDERWATER TECHNOLOGY	GBP	560	719.84
Cirra	GBP	386.58	504.35
PESGB	GBP	998.75	1285.72
Pinnacle Public Relations Ltd	GBP	734.38	948.03
DAVID FOX ASSOCIATES	GBP	12825.12	16381.71
Canlab Consulting	GBP	2509.6	3218.79
Rob Morgan	GBP	1342.77	1716.01
MARKETFORCE COMMUNICATIONS LTD	GBP	934.13	1206.05
Natural Environment Research Council	GBP	1360	1738.08
Seismic Micro-Technology Europe Ltd	GBP	2646.32	3411.44
Infra Corporation Ltd.	GBP	8738.74	11381.16
AuditWare Systems Ltd	GBP	1005	1317.74
Natural Environment Research Council	GBP	2070	2699.01
DAVID FOX ASSOCIATES	GBP	4824	6265.75
ZEH SOFTWARE LTD	GBP	10713.5	13741.74
EForce	GBP	295	383.42
David Fox Associates	GBP	7442.99	9431.51
LOUGHS AGENCY	GBP	514000	650632.91
The Newspaper Licensing Agency Ltd	GBP	1053	1328.06
Kenneth McDermott	GBP	1000	1207.46
David Fox Associates	GBP	8243.82	9956.69
Canlab Consulting	GBP	1102.5	1324.53
Cefas	GBP	1920	2335.58
Virtualis	GBP	57553	68031.51
PUBLISHING EVENTS LTD	GBP	145	171.37

Payee	Currency	Foreign Value	Total Cost
			Euro
Data by Design	GBP	180	218.84
David Fox Associates	GBP	7526.81	8742.81
Presentation Services	GBP	967.26	1122.24
ZEH SOFTWARE LTD	GBP	5350	5740.51
Via Travel	NOK	6250	814.38
INTEROCEAN SYSTEMS INC	USD	31165	21907.47
Landmark Graphics Corporation (TT)	USD	5366.01	3726.23
Inukun Services Ltd	USD	173.3	129.88
V One Multimedia Pte Ltd	USD	475.6	329
Woods Hole Oceanic Institution	USD	1500	986.46
OIL & GAS JOURNAL	USD	250	164.41
INTERNATIONAL PAVILION LLC	USD	7552.55	4976.86
International Union of Geological Sciences	USD	3647	2372.61
Landmark Graphics Corporation (TT)	USD	10732.02	6962.45
PLATTS	USD	1945	1262.87
Landmark Graphics Corporation (TT)	USD	5366.01	3404.24
Inukun Services Ltd	USD	4420	2805.85
H. Brian Thompson	USD	4526.81	2912.79
Landmark Graphics Corporation (TT)	USD	5634.36	3638.68
INTERNATIONAL ENERGY FORUM SECRETARIAT	USD	15000	9587.44
LANDMARK GRAPHICS CORPORATION	USD	5634.36	3971.5
Moxi Media Inc	USD	2200	1790.07
LANDMARK GRAPHICS CORPORATION	USD	5634.36	4444.2
		6828386.38	7207659.39

1. The total cost figure includes foreign exchange transaction costs.

2. CAD = Canadian Dollar

EUR = Euro

GBP = Sterling

NOK = Norwegian Krone

USD = US Dollar



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13th May 2010

Mr. Mark Hillard
Sunday Tribune
Independent House,
Talbot Street,
Dublin 1.

Dear Mr. Hillard

I refer to the request which you have made under the Freedom of Information Acts 1997 and 2003 for records held by this Department which was received on the 28th April 2010. The scope of the original request was narrowed with your consent to "requesting details of payments made in 2008 to all foreign suppliers for goods and services under the headings – supplier, amount paid and currency".

I am now writing to you to advise as to the costs of your request. After careful consideration and consultations, I estimate that the services of 2 staff members for 3 hours each will be the minimum efficiently required to complete the 'search and retrieval' work on your request. The prescribed amount chargeable for each such hour is €20.95 resulting in an overall fee of €125.70.

Where the 'search and retrieval' fee exceeds €50.79 the Act requires that I send this formal estimate to you. I am also required to seek the payment of a deposit. Therefore, you are required to pay such a deposit in the amount of €25.14 at this stage. Payment should be made by way of Bank Draft, Money Order, Postal Order or personal cheque made payable to the Minister for Communications, Energy and Natural Resources. The payment should be forwarded to the undersigned at your earliest opportunity.

The actual 'search and retrieval' work to be carried out will not commence until the deposit is paid. You should also note that this notice suspends the running of the time limit for our final decision on your request for access to the documents. That time limit will commence running again only if and when the deposit is paid.

A separate course open to you now is to appeal this decision to impose the stated deposit and fee. This appeal can be made in writing to the *Freedom of Information Unit, Elm House, Earlsvale Road, Cavan* or alternatively by sending an e-mail to FOI.Unit@dcenr.gov.ie. In that event, you would normally have 4 weeks from receipt of this notification in which to make the appeal. This Department/Body will, however, allow the appeal to be made late in appropriate circumstances. It would assist if your letter of appeal referred to the present letter and stated the reasons for your appeal.

Should you have any questions or concerns in relation to this matter, please contact me by telephone on number 01 6782000.

Yours Sincerely,

Brian Walsh
Corporate Finance & Planning Division



12/05/2010

Mr Mark Hilliard
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FOI Request Reference: FOI/2010/14

Dear Mr Hilliard,

I refer to your FOI request under Section 7 of the Freedom of Information Acts, 1997 and 2003, received in this office on 28/04/2010 requesting a breakdown of finances spent, sent or donated abroad in 2008 from the Department. The application was received along with the associated fee.

The officer handling your request will be Mr Brian Walsh, Accounts – Corporate Finance and Planning Division, Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources, Elm House, Earlsvale Road, Cavan, Co. Cavan. Brian can be contacted on 01 6782423.

You can expect to receive your decision by the 27/05/2010.

If you have not received a decision by that time, you are automatically entitled to appeal to the Department for a review of the matter. This review proceeds on the legal basis that the initial request is considered to be refused once the specified time for responding to it has expired. A request for a review should be addressed to the undersigned at the address shown.

Please note the Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources has a policy of posting a summary of non-personal requests and decisions on the Departments website for reference purposes.

Yours sincerely,


Carmel Conaty

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28 APR 2010

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS,
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Mark Hilliard,
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March 30, 2010

Mary Rabbitte,
Dept Communications, Energy
And Natural Resources,
Elm House,
Earlsvale Road,
Cavan

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to apply under the Freedom of Information Act for the following:

A breakdown of finances spent, sent or donated abroad in 2008 from the department. The information should include all money from the department that was spent in that year but not in Ireland; a complete breakdown of where this money went, including foreign governments, aid or relief appeals, charities, educational purposes, foreign investment, salaries, infrastructural expenditure, any and every field in which money belonging to the department was spent outside the jurisdiction for that year.

The application does not require a hugely detailed or complex breakdown of every euro spent abroad as this would be unreasonable and time consuming. Rather, a more general detail of foreign spending, including all categories, would be sufficient.

Regards,



Mark Hilliard

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