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11 February 2016

Ref: FOI 2016/17

Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to the request which you made under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 for records held by this body:

1. The total amount of money spent by the department on hiring photographers or obtaining photography in each of the years 2013, 2014, 2015 and for the first two weeks of 2016.
2. A detailed list of the events / media engagements at which an external photographer was engaged by the department in each of the years 2013, 2014, 2015 and for the first two weeks of 2016, including the contract price, a description of the event and a record of which, if any, Minister attended.
3. The total amount of money spent by the department on makeup, hair styling, other beauty products and the hiring of any supplier of these services in each of the years 2013, 2014, 2015 and for the first two weeks of 2016.
4. A detailed list of the events /media engagements for which makeup, hair styling or other beauty industry service was engaged by the department in each of the years 2013, 2014, 2015 and for the first two weeks of 2016, including the contract price, a description of the event and a record of which, if any, Minister or department official utilised the service.

I made a final decision to grant your request on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2016. Accordingly, a copy of the records pertaining to photography costs from the Department's administrative budget is now enclosed including a copy of the schedule to these records.

Please note that the Department has not incurred any costs for makeup, hairstyling or beauty products/services.

In the event that you are not happy with this decision you can make an appeal in relation to this matter. You can do so by writing to the Freedom of Information Unit, Department of Education and Skills, Marlborough Street, Dublin 1 or by e-mail to [foi@education.gov.ie](mailto:foi@education.gov.ie). You should make your appeal within 4 weeks (20 working days) from the date of this notification, where a day is defined as a working day excluding the weekend and public holidays, however, the making of a late appeal may be permitted in appropriate circumstances.

The appeal will involve a complete reconsideration of the matter by a more senior member of the staff of this body.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the above, please contact me by telephone on 01 889 2322.

Yours sincerely,

  
Roseann Gilligan  
Press Office