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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday 22 August 2024 11:58
To: foi
Subject: FW: Accepted: GC meeting

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday 22 August 2024 11:57
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Accepted: GC meeting

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-----Original Appointment-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday 26 June 2024 09:51
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Accepted: GC meeting
When: Wednesday 26 June 2024 11:30-12:00 (UTC+00:00) Dublin, Edinburgh, Lisbon, London.
Where: 2nd floor atrium ?

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday 1 July 2024 12:06
To: [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: FOI-2024-001531

Categories: GDPR / Fol / Records

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Hi [REDACTED]
Thanks for that. So yes [REDACTED] I can pull these travel requests and associated confirmations. Let me know if you need me to do this
Kind regards
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday 1 July 2024 11:24
To: [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: FOI-2024-001531

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Hi [REDACTED],
[REDACTED]

Regards,
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday 1 July 2024 11:03
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: FOI-2024-001531

Central Bank of Ireland - UNRESTRICTED

Hi
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Kind regards
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday 1 July 2024 10:55
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: FOI-2024-001531

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Hi [REDACTED],

Please see below, can you let me know if it's possible to get the information? If so, can you please complete the table below and return it to me as soon as possible.

Many thanks,
[REDACTED]

From: foi <foi@centralbank.ie>

Sent: Friday 28 June 2024 14:28

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: FOI-2024-001531

Central Bank of Ireland - UNRESTRICTED

Hi Team

New FOI request

Please note the Bank received a new FOI request on 25 June 2024 from [REDACTED] which I believe is relevant to your area. The request seeks the following:

- a spreadsheet/record/database of all costs incurred by the Central Bank in the hosting of the ECB retreat event in May.
- a copy of all invoices and receipts associated with the hosting of the above event by the Central Bank. "

Please note that I am also engaging with the Governor's office regarding this request. They will provide the invoices and receipts they hold in relation to part 2 of this request. [REDACTED]

As an initial step, please complete the table below and return to the FOI Unit by lunchtime Tuesday, 2 July 2024.

I am happy to have a call or Webex to chat about this request and discuss any queries or concerns that you may have.

	FOI Questions	Yes/No	Details / Comments
1.	Does the request relate to your area?		Name/s of business area/s:
2.	Are you are aware of any other business areas that this request may relate to?		Name/s of other business area/s:
3.	(i) Can you identify the records the requester is seeking?		If the answer is No , please explain why:
	(ii) If the answer is YES to part (i), what are the estimated Search & Retrieval (S&R) hours for the records?	Hours:	How many staff members are needed for S&R?
	(iii) Is it necessary for the FOI Unit to contact the requester to clarify or refine the request?		If the answer is Yes , please provide suggested wording for refinement:

<p>For example: ~Wording is too broad or vague ~ S&R estimated at over 35 hours ~ S&R would cause substantial and unreasonable interference with, or disruption of work</p>		
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[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

Once the table has been reviewed by the FOI Unit, we will contact you in order to outline next steps for the relevant business area/s.

Please contact me on [Redacted] or the FOI unit on 6096 if you have any queries in relation to the above.

Kind Regards

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted] | Internal Governance Division

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T [Redacted]

E [Redacted]

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday 2 July 2024 11:46
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: FOI-2024-001531

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Hi [REDACTED],

I hope you're keeping well.

I just wanted to check if you have anything to add to the table below before I send it to FoI (apologies if you've already discussed with [REDACTED]).

Many thanks,
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday 1 July 2024 15:28
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: FOI-2024-001531

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Hi
Please see updated table below

Regards,
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday 28 June 2024 14:37
To: [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Subject: FW: FOI-2024-001531

Hi Team,

In [REDACTED] absence, would you be able to respond to FOI on the request below?

Kind regards,
[REDACTED]

From: foi <foi@centralbank.ie>
Sent: Friday 28 June 2024 14:28
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: FOI-2024-001531

Central Bank of Ireland - UNRESTRICTED

Hi Team

New FOI request

Please note the Bank received a new FOI request on 25 June 2024 from [REDACTED] which I believe is relevant to your area. The request seeks the following:

“ - a spreadsheet/record/database of all costs incurred by the Central Bank in the hosting of the ECB retreat event in May.

- a copy of all invoices and receipts associated with the hosting of the above event by the Central Bank.”

Please note that I am also engaging with the Governor’s office regarding this request. They will provide the invoices and receipts they hold in relation to part 2 of this request. [REDACTED]

As an initial step, please complete the table below and return to the FOI Unit by lunchtime Tuesday, 2 July 2024.

I am happy to have a call or Webex to chat about this request and discuss any queries or concerns that you may have.

	FOI Questions	Yes/No	Details / Comments
1.	Does the request relate to your area?	Yes	Management accounts FCD
2.	Are you are aware of any other business areas that this request may relate to?	Yes	Travel team, Governor’s office
3.	(i) Can you identify the records the requester is seeking?	Yes	If the answer is No , please explain why: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
	(ii) If the answer is YES to part (i), what are the estimated Search & Retrieval (S&R) hours for the records?	Hours: 2-3	How many staff members are needed for S&R? 2
	(iii) Is it necessary for the FOI Unit to contact the requester to clarify or refine the request? For example: ~Wording is too broad or vague ~ S&R estimated at over 35 hours ~ S&R would cause substantial and unreasonable interference with, or disruption of work	no	If the answer is Yes , please provide suggested wording for refinement:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Once the table has been reviewed by the FOI Unit, we will contact you in order to outline next steps for the relevant business area/s.

Please contact me on [REDACTED] or the FOI unit on 6096 if you have any queries in relation to the above.

Kind Regards

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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T [Redacted]

E [Redacted]

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday 2 July 2024 13:38
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FOI Request

Importance: High

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Hi [REDACTED],

We have received the below request in – I am not aware of any spreadsheet we have , for the second part can you please put together a folder on Compass with all the relevant records, can you name each record what it is e.g. 'leather folders invoice'. Would it be possible to get it completed by lunchtime on Thursday so as I can review before you go on leave? I can look after the MJ one.

Any questions please let me know.

"- a spreadsheet/record/database of all costs incurred by the Central Bank in the hosting of the ECB retreat event in May.

- a copy of all invoices and receipts associated with the hosting of the above event by the Central Bank. "

Thanks,

[REDACTED]



Subject: FOI-2024-001531

Location: [Redacted]
[Redacted]

Start: Fri 05/07/2024 12:30

End: Fri 05/07/2024 13:00

Show Time As: Tentative

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Not yet responded

Organizer: [Redacted]

Required Attendees: [Redacted]

Hi all

I'm rescheduling this meeting due to diary conflicts.

Thanks



Hi all

Putting some time in our diaries to have a quick chat about this request and to discuss what is in scope and who may hold what records.

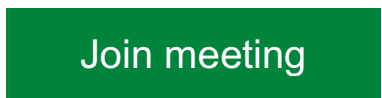
This time looks to suit all.

Thanks



-- Do not delete or change any of the following text. --

When it's time, join your Webex meeting here.



More ways to join:

Join from the meeting link



Join by meeting number

Meeting number (access code): [Redacted]

Meeting password: [REDACTED] when dialing from a phone)

Tap to join from a mobile device (attendees only)

[REDACTED] Ireland toll

Some mobile devices may ask attendees to enter a numeric password.

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[REDACTED] Ireland toll

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Join from a video system or application

Dial [REDACTED]

You can also dial [REDACTED] and enter your meeting number.

If you are a host, [click here](#) and login site to view host information.

Need help? Go to <https://help.webex.com>

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday 4 July 2024 16:59
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: FOI-2024-001531

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Hi [REDACTED]
I just cc'd you in my reply to [REDACTED] there just for ease so we'll see what she says. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Thanks
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday 4 July 2024 16:12
To: [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: FOI-2024-001531

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Hi folks,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] is going to set up a meeting between ourselves, FoI and the Governor's office to see who holds what in terms of invoices and receipts. Just so there is not duplication of work being done retrieving all the records for this.

Thanks for all your help with this.

Regards,
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday 4 July 2024 13:37
To: [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: FOI-2024-001531

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I would be more than happy to take FOI team guidance on this issue! 😊

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday 4 July 2024 13:01
To: [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: FOI-2024-001531

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Hi [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Many thanks

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday 4 July 2024 12:47
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: FOI-2024-001531

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Hi [REDACTED],
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Regards,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday 3 July 2024 17:15
To: [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: FOI-2024-001531

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Thanks

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday 3 July 2024 11:31
To: [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: FOI-2024-001531

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Hi folks,

Please see below from [REDACTED].

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Can you please gather all relevant documents that are available and upload them to the link below. [REDACTED] I've asked [REDACTED] to also grant you access.

If there are any issues just let me know.

Many thanks,
[REDACTED]

From: foi <foi@centralbank.ie>
Sent: Wednesday 3 July 2024 11:00
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: FOI-2024-001531

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Hi [REDACTED]

Many thanks for the below.

As it stands, given the total search and retrieval estimate for this request, there will be no fee charged to the requester.

Can you please retrieve all relevant records and upload them to this [link](#) on Compass by 10 July 2024? I have given yourself, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] access to the link but if there is anyone else who requires access please let me know.

Kind Regards
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday 3 July 2024 10:06
To: foi <foi@centralbank.ie>
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: FOI-2024-001531

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Hi [REDACTED],

Please see below, if you need anything further just let me know.

	FOI Questions	Yes/No	Details / Comments
1.	Does the request relate to your area?	Yes	Management accounts, Travel team FCD
2.	Are you are aware of any other business areas that this request may relate to?	Yes	Governor's office

3.	(i) Can you identify the records the requester is seeking?	Yes	If the answer is No , please explain why: ██ ██ ██ ██ ████████████
	(ii) If the answer is YES to part (i), what are the estimated Search & Retrieval (S&R) hours for the records?	Hours: 3-4	How many staff members are needed for S&R? 2/3
	(iii) Is it necessary for the FOI Unit to contact the requester to clarify or refine the request? For example: ~Wording is too broad or vague ~ S&R estimated at over 35 hours ~ S&R would cause substantial and unreasonable interference with, or disruption of work	no	If the answer is Yes , please provide suggested wording for refinement:

Regards,

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From: foi <foi@centralbank.ie>
Sent: Wednesday 3 July 2024 09:18
To: ██
Cc: ██
Subject: RE: FOI-2024-001531

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Hi Team

Can you please provide an update on the below?

Thanks

██████████

From: ██████████
Sent: Friday 28 June 2024 14:28
To: ██
Cc: ██
Subject: FOI-2024-001531

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[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Friday 5 July 2024 09:38
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Declined: FOI-2024-001531

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Thanks for this [Redacted].

We can have a chat about this at our meeting. Could you consider what additional search and retrieval hours you think may apply if we include the expense claims/ out of pocket reimbursement for the 10 staff members to worked at this event?

Kind Regards

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday 4 July 2024 17:40
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Declined: FOI-2024-001531

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Hi
[Redacted]
[Redacted]
[Redacted]
[Redacted]
[Redacted]

[Redacted]
[Redacted]
[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday 4 July 2024 17:11
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Declined: FOI-2024-001531

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Thanks for the below [Redacted].

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

No bother on rescheduling and thanks for attending, [Redacted]

Thanks a mil

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday 4 July 2024 16:52
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Declined: FOI-2024-001531

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Hi [Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

Thanks for the rescheduled meeting times, sorry for not being able to attend the original one.
Kind regards

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday 4 July 2024 16:02

To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Declined: FOI-2024-001531

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Hi [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

I appreciate that you want to make sure that everything is covered, and I think a quick chat between the relevant teams will insure that we capture everything in scope of this request and ensure that neither team are spending unnecessary time retrieving records that the other team may hold or that are not in scope.

I will reschedule the meeting to a later time tomorrow.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday 4 July 2024 15:44
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Declined: FOI-2024-001531

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Hi [REDACTED],

[REDACTED] So any other time works for me.
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I just want to be sure the information I am required to provide satisfies the FOI request as I am aware we have a legal obligation here.

Many thanks

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday 4 July 2024 15:28
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Declined: FOI-2024-001531

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No bother [REDACTED]. Does another time suit you tomorrow or is enough that [REDACTED] attends?

Thanks

[REDACTED]

-----Original Appointment-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday 4 July 2024 15:27

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Declined: FOI-2024-001531

When: Friday 5 July 2024 10:00-10:30 (UTC+00:00) Dublin, Edinburgh, Lisbon, London.

Where: [REDACTED]

Hi [REDACTED] so I won't make this I'm afraid

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

foi

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday 8 July 2024 11:32
To: foi; [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: FOI-2024-001531

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Hi [REDACTED],

Thanks for the clarification – I will start on retrieval of the records, I should have the majority of them by COB Wednesday, is that ok for you?

Thanks for your help.

[REDACTED]

From: foi <foi@centralbank.ie>
Sent: Monday 8 July 2024 09:57
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: FOI-2024-001531

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Hi [REDACTED]

The journalist has confirmed that he is happy to exclude any costs relating to staff member expense claims who were working at this event.

As it stands, all other costs relating to this event are in scope for this request.

Happy to discuss further if needed.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

From: foi
Sent: Friday 28 June 2024 14:36
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: FOI-2024-001531

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Hi [REDACTED]

Many thanks for the call earlier, it was very helpful.

Following on from our call, can you please be retrieving the relevant records and upload them to Compass at the following [link](#) by Monday, 8 July 2024?

Happy to catch up again early next week to discuss this request further.

Have a lovely weekend.

Thanks

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday 27 June 2024 19:48
To: foi <foi@centralbank.ie>
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: FOI-2024-001531

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Hi [REDACTED],

Please see below – I might give you a call tomorrow to discuss – let me know if you have time and we can discuss.

Many thanks,

From: foi <foi@centralbank.ie>
Sent: Tuesday 25 June 2024 16:26
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: FOI-2024-001531

Central Bank of Ireland - UNRESTRICTED

Hi [REDACTED]

New FOI request

Please note the Bank received a new FOI request today, 25 June 2024 from [REDACTED] which I believe is relevant to your area. The request seeks the following:

“ - a spreadsheet/record/database of all costs incurred by the Central Bank in the hosting of the ECB retreat event in May.

- a copy of all invoices and receipts associated with the hosting of the above event by the Central Bank. ”

As an initial step, please complete the table below and return to the FOI Unit by cob Thursday, 27 June 2024.

I am happy to have a call or Webex to chat about this request and discuss any queries or concerns that you may have.

	FOI Questions	Yes/No	Details / Comments
1.	Does the request relate to your area?	Yes	Name/s of business area/s:
2.	Are you are aware of any other business areas that this request may relate to?	Yes but we have the full record of expenditure etc. so probably best if we	Name/s of other business area/s:

		provide the details.	
3.	(i) Can you identify the records the requester is seeking?	We have the invoices/receipts but not a database etc.	If the answer is No , please explain why:
	(ii) If the answer is YES to part (i), what are the estimated Search & Retrieval (S&R) hours for the records?	Hours: 2	How many staff members are needed for S&R?1
	(iii) Is it necessary for the FOI Unit to contact the requester to clarify or refine the request? For example: ~Wording is too broad or vague ~ S&R estimated at over 35 hours ~ S&R would cause substantial and unreasonable interference with, or disruption of work		If the answer is Yes , please provide suggested wording for refinement:

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

Once the table has been reviewed by the FOI Unit, we will contact you in order to outline next steps for the relevant business area/s.

Please contact me on [Redacted] or the FOI unit on 6096 if you have any queries in relation to the above.

Kind Regards

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted] | Internal Governance Division

Central Bank of Ireland

T [Redacted]

E [Redacted]

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday 12 July 2024 11:47
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Books Receipts for GC Retreat
Attachments: Books Receipt.pdf

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Hi,

I hope you are keeping well – we have received an FOI request for all costs for the Governing Council Retreat.

Attached receipt covers the Irish encyclopaedia book and the Yeats one – [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Do you also have the receipt for the purchase of the Solar Bones books?

Any questions – please let me know.

Many thanks for your help.

[REDACTED]

foi

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday 12 July 2024 13:19
To: foi
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: FOI-2024-001531

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Hi [REDACTED],

Let me take a look for the lunch receipt and I will get back to you.

Thanks,
[REDACTED]

From: foi <foi@centralbank.ie>
Sent: Friday 12 July 2024 13:07
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: FOI-2024-001531

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Hi [REDACTED]

Thanks a mil for uploading the documents. I'll begin reviewing what you have sent so far this afternoon.

I have responded to your queries and comments below in red.

Hope you have a great weekend.

Kind Regards
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday 12 July 2024 12:50
To: foi <foi@centralbank.ie>
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: FOI-2024-001531

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Hi [REDACTED],

I have added the records to Compass.

A few things to note:

Queries :

- Did FCD provide the receipt for the lunch in Pichet on Thursday (was paid on [REDACTED] CC). [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] **Is this something that you can provide?**

- I did not include the receipt or the details of the missing receipts from my expenses – I understand that you have these details! **Yes, I have all the information regarding this and don't need anything further from you.**

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

- [Redacted]
- [Redacted]
- [Redacted]

Any questions – just let me know

Have a great weekend.

From: foi <foi@centralbank.ie>

Sent: Monday 8 July 2024 09:57

To: [Redacted]

Cc: [Redacted]

Subject: RE: FOI-2024-001531

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[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday 15 July 2024 15:01
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: FOI-2024-001531
Attachments: [REDACTED]

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Hi [REDACTED],

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Any questions please give me a call.

Thanks,
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday 4 July 2024 17:41
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: FOI-2024-001531

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Thanks [REDACTED] – still in the retrieval phase – nothing getting released for another 2-3 weeks so will send it all on before its released.

Thanks,
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday 4 July 2024 17:22
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: FOI-2024-001531

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[REDACTED],

I called in during the week for an update. Where is this request in the process now? [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Thanks

Regards

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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T [Redacted]

M [Redacted]

E [Redacted]



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From: [Redacted]

Sent: Thursday 27 June 2024 19:53

To: [Redacted]

Subject: FW: FOI-2024-001531

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Hi [Redacted],

Please see below – the proposal is that the FOI team will get the information from my office as we have it all.

Will likely be next Thursday or Friday before I am sending them any records to review; I will give you a call or meet you in advance to discuss the Security Invoice given the sensitivity of it etc.

Let me know when suits best to discuss.

Thanks,

[Redacted]

From: foi <foi@centralbank.ie>

Sent: Tuesday 25 June 2024 16:26

To: [Redacted]

Cc: [Redacted]

Subject: FOI-2024-001531

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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foi

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday 15 July 2024 17:27
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: foi
Subject: RE: Photography invoice

Central Bank of Ireland - UNRESTRICTED

That's great [REDACTED], thanks a mil for the clarification.

Kind Regards

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday 15 July 2024 17:00
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Photography invoice

Central Bank of Ireland - UNRESTRICTED

Hi [REDACTED],

Please see below with regards the photography invoice – I trust that is ok.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday 15 July 2024 15:59
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Central Bank Media Relations <Media@centralbank.ie>
Subject: RE: Photography invoice

Central Bank of Ireland - UNRESTRICTED

Hi [REDACTED] – that is the invoice so we should treat it as such.

Best

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday 15 July 2024 15:58
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Central Bank Media Relations <Media@centralbank.ie>
Subject: RE: Photography invoice

Central Bank of Ireland - UNRESTRICTED

Hi [REDACTED],

[REDACTED]

Are we expecting an invoice also or should we treat this documents as the 'invoice.

Any questions give me a call.

Thanks,

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday 12 July 2024 12:08
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Central Bank Media Relations <Media@centralbank.ie>
Subject: RE: Photography invoice

Central Bank of Ireland - UNRESTRICTED

Thanks!

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday 12 July 2024 12:06
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Central Bank Media Relations <Media@centralbank.ie>
Subject: Photography invoice

Central Bank of Ireland - UNRESTRICTED

Hi [REDACTED] – photography costs attached as discussed.

Best

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] | Communications Division
Central Bank of Ireland
M [REDACTED]
E [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Subject: FW: FOI-2024-001531
Location: NWQ.2W.15, Meet, 10, Dual Screen VC

Start: Wed 17/07/2024 12:00
End: Wed 17/07/2024 12:30
Show Time As: Tentative

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Not yet responded

Organizer: [REDACTED]

-----Original Appointment-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday 15 July 2024 15:03
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FOI-2024-001531
When: Wednesday 17 July 2024 12:00-12:30 (UTC+00:00) Dublin, Edinburgh, Lisbon, London.
Where: NWQ.2W.15, Meet, 10, Dual Screen VC

Hi both

This time seems to suit all. If there are any issues with this time, let me know.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday 17 July 2024 12:50
To: [Redacted]
Subject: Adaptors
Attachments: [Redacted]
[Redacted]
[Redacted]
Receipt adaptors.pdf

Central Bank of Ireland - RESTRICTED

Hi [Redacted]

Here's the information re the adaptors, thanks a mil for all your help.

Thanks
[Redacted]

[Redacted]
[Redacted] | Internal Governance Division

Central Bank of Ireland

T [Redacted]
E [Redacted]

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[Redacted]

Subject: Confirmation of Costs - foi-2024-001531

Location: [Redacted]
[Redacted]

Start: Thu 18/07/2024 15:30

End: Thu 18/07/2024 16:00

Show Time As: Tentative

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Not yet responded

Organizer: [Redacted]

Required Attendees: [Redacted]

Hi all

Apologies, rescheduling slightly due to availability.

Kind Regards

[Redacted]

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When it's time, join your Webex meeting here.

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Join from the meeting link

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Join by meeting number

Meeting number (access code): [Redacted]

Meeting password: [Redacted] when dialing from a phone)

Tap to join from a mobile device (attendees only)

[Redacted] Ireland toll

Some mobile devices may ask attendees to enter a numeric password.

Join by phone

██████████ Ireland toll
[Global call-in numbers](#)

Join from a video system or application

Dial ██████████

You can also dial ██████████ and enter your meeting number.

If you are a host, [click here](#) and login site to view host information.

Need help? Go to <https://help.webex.com>

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday 17 July 2024 14:47
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: FOI-2024-001531

Central Bank of Ireland - UNRESTRICTED

Hi folks,

Can you please provide a copy of the response sent back to FoI for the files please (or alternatively a link to where they are saved on Compass).

Many thanks,

[Redacted]

From: foi <foi@centralbank.ie>
Sent: Tuesday 9 July 2024 09:03
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: FOI-2024-001531

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday 17 July 2024 15:00
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: FOI-2024-001531
Attachments: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Pichet Receipt.pdf

Central Bank of Ireland - RESTRICTED

Sorry [REDACTED] forgot about this from yesterday
Thanks
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday 16 July 2024 10:26
To: foi <foi@centralbank.ie>
Subject: RE: FOI-2024-001531

Central Bank of Ireland - RESTRICTED

Hi [REDACTED]
Please find attached documents relating to the Pichet meal you enquired about

Kind regards
[REDACTED]

From: foi <foi@centralbank.ie>
Sent: Monday 15 July 2024 15:52
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: FOI-2024-001531

Central Bank of Ireland - RESTRICTED

Thanks [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] In any event [REDACTED] is not sure if he submitted the receipt but I'd appreciate it if you could have a look.

Kind Regards
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday 15 July 2024 15:46
To: foi <foi@centralbank.ie>
Subject: RE: FOI-2024-001531

Central Bank of Ireland - RESTRICTED

Hi [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

From: foi <foi@centralbank.ie>
Sent: Monday 15 July 2024 15:33
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: FOI-2024-001531

Central Bank of Ireland - RESTRICTED

Hi [REDACTED]

I am assuming that he has [REDACTED].

Can you do a search on the travel system under his name?

Thanks

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday 15 July 2024 15:30
To: foi <foi@centralbank.ie>
Subject: RE: FOI-2024-001531

Central Bank of Ireland - RESTRICTED

Hi [REDACTED]

I need to know if he has reconciled that transaction, he has 3 months so can someone confirm with him that he has?
Kind regards

[REDACTED]

From: foi <foi@centralbank.ie>
Sent: Monday 15 July 2024 14:53
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: FOI-2024-001531

Central Bank of Ireland - RESTRICTED

Hi [REDACTED]

Apologies, I have another query for you re this request.

[REDACTED] has flagged that [REDACTED] paid for a lunch with his credit card at a restaurant called Pichet on the Thursday of the conference.

Can you please provide the receipt for this?

Thanks

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday 15 July 2024 09:39

To: foi <foi@centralbank.ie>
Subject: RE: FOI-2024-001531

Central Bank of Ireland - RESTRICTED

Hi [REDACTED]

Please find attached the flight invoices. The hotel confirmations are the invoices, we don't get anything over and above

Kind regards

From: foi <foi@centralbank.ie>
Sent: Monday 15 July 2024 08:57
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: FOI-2024-001531

Central Bank of Ireland - RESTRICTED

Hi [REDACTED]

Can you send on the invoices this morning please? This request is due early next week.

Thanks

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday 11 July 2024 12:48
To: foi <foi@centralbank.ie>
Subject: RE: FOI-2024-001531

Central Bank of Ireland - RESTRICTED

Hi [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Kind regards

From: foi <foi@centralbank.ie>
Sent: Thursday 11 July 2024 12:29
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: FOI-2024-001531

Central Bank of Ireland - RESTRICTED

Hi [REDACTED]

Thanks again for sending on the documents relating to this request.

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

Happy to chat further on these points if needed.

Kind Regards

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday 9 July 2024 12:52
To: foi <foi@centralbank.ie>
Subject: RE: FOI-2024-001531

Central Bank of Ireland - RESTRICTED

Hi [Redacted]

So I just blocked off this morning and pulled all these as tomorrow was not a runner. Please find attached all the documents relating to the travel 4 people below plus the Out of Pocket Reimbursement for equipment for the event. There was also a form submitted for lounge and fast track fees for attendees, again indirect costs to host the event [Redacted].

Any questions do let me know
Kind regards

[Redacted]

From: foi <foi@centralbank.ie>
Sent: Tuesday 9 July 2024 11:53
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: FOI-2024-001531

Central Bank of Ireland - UNRESTRICTED

Thanks a mil [Redacted], lots of moving parts in this one!

If you get them over today that would be great, but likewise if you are under pressure later in the week is fine.

Kind Regards

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday 9 July 2024 11:41
To: foi <foi@centralbank.ie>
Subject: RE: FOI-2024-001531

Central Bank of Ireland - UNRESTRICTED

Hi [REDACTED]

Okay I should have it for you before close of business today I'm pulling all the documents for the 4



I had forgotten about the first 2, we booked The Westbury for them after the event as per the Governor's office so again indirect costs of the event.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

From: foi <foi@centralbank.ie>

Sent: Tuesday 9 July 2024 10:16

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: FOI-2024-001531

Central Bank of Ireland - UNRESTRICTED

Hi [REDACTED]

Unfortunately the decision is due to issue on the 23 July ☺ I will need to go through all the records to see what may need to be redacted and remove any duplicates if there are any, and then engage with yourself and [REDACTED] if there are any concerns with the information that I propose to release. I will also have to link in with [REDACTED] to ensure that the spreadsheet matches the invoices/ receipts that we have.

If you're under pressure time wise though, Friday lunchtime is fine.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday 9 July 2024 10:09

To: foi <foi@centralbank.ie>

Subject: RE: FOI-2024-001531

Central Bank of Ireland - UNRESTRICTED

Hi [REDACTED]

Oh crickey I though we had until towards the end of the month. I will try and pull them today as I'm in meeting all tomorrow afternoon and will be unavailable. Leave it with me

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

From: foi <foi@centralbank.ie>

Sent: Tuesday 9 July 2024 09:03

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: FOI-2024-001531

Central Bank of Ireland - UNRESTRICTED

Hi [REDACTED]

If you could provide the records by cob of tomorrow that would be great.
If you need more time can you let me know?

Many thanks

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday 9 July 2024 08:31
To: foi <foi@centralbank.ie>; [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: FOI-2024-001531

Central Bank of Ireland - UNRESTRICTED

Thanks [REDACTED], so I will pull the records for external we covered costs for and the items gifted to the attendees via the Out of Pocket Reimbursement form, just remind me what is the deadline on this?

Kind regards

From: foi <foi@centralbank.ie>
Sent: Monday 8 July 2024 09:51
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: FOI-2024-001531

Central Bank of Ireland - UNRESTRICTED

Hi [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

The journalist has confirmed that he is happy to exclude any costs relating to staff member expense claims who were working at this event.

As it stands, all other costs relating to this event are in scope for this request.

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thanks

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday 4 July 2024 10:59
To: foi <foi@centralbank.ie>
Subject: RE: FOI-2024-001531

Central Bank of Ireland - UNRESTRICTED

Hi [REDACTED],

Can I check please if we need to search for expense claims and/or Out of Pocket Reimbursements for all staff who attended (we'll need their names) [REDACTED] If so additional time would likely be required depending on numbers for expense claims to pull those records.

Regards,

[Redacted]

From: foi <foi@centralbank.ie>
Sent: Wednesday 3 July 2024 11:38
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: FOI-2024-001531

Central Bank of Ireland - UNRESTRICTED

Hi [Redacted]

I have given [Redacted] access and she should be able to upload to the link.

Thanks for all your help.

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday 3 July 2024 11:32
To: foi <foi@centralbank.ie>
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: FOI-2024-001531

Central Bank of Ireland - UNRESTRICTED

Many thanks [Redacted],

Can you also please grant access to [Redacted] from the Travel Team.

Regards,

[Redacted]

From: foi <foi@centralbank.ie>
Sent: Wednesday 3 July 2024 11:00
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: FOI-2024-001531

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday 18 July 2024 17:42
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Missing Fastrack

Central Bank of Ireland - UNRESTRICTED

Thanks a mil [REDACTED], I think that's it 😊

I'll have the records over to you first thing in the morning.

Have a lovely eve.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday 18 July 2024 17:39
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Missing Fastrack

Central Bank of Ireland - UNRESTRICTED

Hi [REDACTED],

Here is the missing Fastrack .

Let me know if there is anything else.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | Executive Leadership Office

Central Bank of Ireland

T [REDACTED]

M [REDACTED]

E [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday 22 July 2024 12:34
To: [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: FOI-2024-001531

Importance: High

Central Bank of Ireland - RESTRICTED

Hi folks,

Can you hold off reviewing please? [REDACTED]'s just been in touch to let me know that the redactions are changing slightly. She'll send the new records over once they are finished.

Many thanks,

[REDACTED]

From: foi <foi@centralbank.ie>
Sent: Friday 19 July 2024 14:30
To: [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]
Subject: FOI-2024-001531

Central Bank of Ireland - RESTRICTED

Hi

Please see attached the records for release relating to this request and the proposed draft redactions. The spreadsheet will be pdf'd before release.

Can you please review and come back to me by lunch time on Monday with any comments or concerns you may have.

This is a big file so if you have any problems opening it let me know.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

foi

From: foi
Sent: Monday 22 July 2024 17:00
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Records FOI-2024-001531
Attachments: [REDACTED] Final Invoice_pdf_pdf.pdf

Central Bank of Ireland - UNRESTRICTED

Last one to check.

[REDACTED]

From: foi
Sent: Monday 22 July 2024 15:32
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Records FOI-2024-001531

Central Bank of Ireland - UNRESTRICTED

Hi [REDACTED]

Apologies for the delay, attached are the new redactions.

Thanks
[REDACTED]

foi

From: foi
Sent: Tuesday 23 July 2024 17:25
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: FOI-2024-001531 - Notification of new request received from media - for info only
Attachments: FOI-2024-001531 Combined Records for Release 1-59.pdf; Schedule of Records 2024-001531.pdf

Central Bank of Ireland - RESTRICTED

Hi all

A decision to part grant this request will issue shortly. Please see the final records for release and schedule of records in relation to this request.

Kind Regards
 [REDACTED]

From: foi
Sent: Tuesday 23 July 2024 13:34
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: FOI-2024-001531 - Notification of new request received from media - for info only

Central Bank of Ireland - RESTRICTED

Hi all

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Accommodation & Retreat Hosting - €195,103.13
 Transport - €117,491.06
 Security - €22,977.47
 Other Expenses - €18,316.05
 Total - €353,887.71

The record will also contain the following text:

Each year the European Central Bank (ECB) typically hold two Governing Council meetings outside of Frankfurt; these meetings are hosted by a national central bank (NCB). On 20th – 23rd May 2024 the Central Bank of Ireland hosted an ECB Retreat meeting, attended by the 27 ECB Governing Council members (six members of the Executive Board, plus the 21 governors of the NCB's of the euro area countries). The last time that the Central Bank of Ireland hosted a meeting of the ECB Governing Council was June 2007.

If you have any comments regarding these changes, please come back to me as soon as possible as I need to engage further with FCD.

Thanks
 [REDACTED]

From: foi
Sent: Tuesday 23 July 2024 10:59
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Central Bank Media Relations <Media@centralbank.ie>
Subject: RE: FOI-2024-001531 - Notification of new request received from media - for info only

Central Bank of Ireland - RESTRICTED

Hi all

Please see attached the proposed records for release for this request. [REDACTED]

The decision and the records are due for release today and I have been engaging with the Governor's Office and FCD in relation to the redactions, if you have any comments or concerns please let me know as soon as possible.

Kind Regards
[REDACTED]

From: foi
Sent: Tuesday 25 June 2024 16:42
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Central Bank Media Relations <Media@centralbank.ie>
Subject: FOI-2024-001531 - Notification of new request received from media - for info only

Central Bank of Ireland - UNRESTRICTED

Hi [REDACTED] and team

Please note that we received a new FOI request today, 25 June 2024, from [REDACTED], seeking the following:

*“ - a spreadsheet/record/database of all costs incurred by the Central Bank in the hosting of the ECB retreat event in May.
- a copy of all invoices and receipts associated with the hosting of the above event by the Central Bank. ”*

The decision on this request is due by 23 July 2024 and if any records are being released, we will aim to share them with you in advance.

If you have any queries, please contact me or any member of the FOI team.

Kind Regards
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | Internal Governance Division

Central Bank of Ireland

T [REDACTED]

E [REDACTED]

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foi

From: foi
Sent: Tuesday 23 July 2024 17:27
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: FOI-2024-001531
Attachments: FOI-2024-001531 Combined Records for Release 1-59.pdf; Schedule of Records 2024-001531.pdf

Central Bank of Ireland - RESTRICTED

Hi all

A decision to part grant this request will issue shortly. Please see the final records for release and schedule of records in relation to this request.

Many thanks for all your help with this request.

Kind Regards
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday 23 July 2024 16:42
To: foi <foi@centralbank.ie>
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: FOI-2024-001531

Central Bank of Ireland - RESTRICTED

Hi [REDACTED],

Please proceed with submission, I have not received any further revisions from my side.

Kind regards,
[REDACTED]

T [REDACTED]
M [REDACTED]
E [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday 23 July 2024 16:08
To: foi <foi@centralbank.ie>
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: FOI-2024-001531
Importance: High

Central Bank of Ireland - RESTRICTED

Hi [REDACTED],

Please find attached the table relating to the Governing Council meeting.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

T [REDACTED]

M [REDACTED]

E [REDACTED]

From: foi <foi@centralbank.ie>

Sent: Tuesday 23 July 2024 14:21

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: FOI-2024-001531

Central Bank of Ireland - RESTRICTED

Hi [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Accommodation & Retreat Hosting - €195,103.13

Transport - €117,491.06

Security - €22,977.47

Other Expenses - €18,316.05

Total - €353,887.71

The record will also contain the following text:

“Each year the European Central Bank (ECB) typically hold two Governing Council meetings outside of Frankfurt; these meetings are hosted by a national central bank (NCB). On 20th – 23rd May 2024 the Central Bank of Ireland hosted an ECB Retreat meeting, attended by the 27 ECB Governing Council members (six members of the Executive Board, plus the 21 governors of the NCB’s of the euro area countries). The last time that the Central Bank of Ireland hosted a meeting of the ECB Governing Council was June 2007.”

If you have any comments regarding these changes, please come back to me as soon as possible as I will need to engage further with the relevant areas. [REDACTED] As a reminder, the decision and records are due to issue today.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

From: foi

Sent: Monday 22 July 2024 17:34

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: FOI-2024-001531

Central Bank of Ireland - RESTRICTED

Hi [REDACTED]

Please see amended redacted records for release relating to this request, we are releasing some additional information that was redacted in the previous version.

Can you please review and come back to me as soon as possible tomorrow as this decision is due to issue by cob tomorrow.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday 22 July 2024 17:15

To: foi <foi@centralbank.ie>

Subject: RE: FOI-2024-001531

Central Bank of Ireland - RESTRICTED

Hi [REDACTED],

I'm free now.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

T [REDACTED]

M [REDACTED]

E [REDACTED]

From: foi <foi@centralbank.ie>

Sent: Monday 22 July 2024 17:14

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: FOI-2024-001531

Central Bank of Ireland - RESTRICTED

Hi [REDACTED]

Probably best to have a call to discuss your queries. This decision is due tomorrow. If you're free now, happy to have a call.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday 22 July 2024 17:11

To: foi <foi@centralbank.ie>

Cc: [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]

Subject: FW: FOI-2024-001531

Importance: High

Central Bank of Ireland - RESTRICTED

Hi [REDACTED],

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

T [REDACTED]

M [REDACTED]

E [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday 19 July 2024 15:38
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: FOI-2024-001531

Central Bank of Ireland - RESTRICTED

From: foi <foi@centralbank.ie>
Sent: Friday 19 July 2024 14:30
To: [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]
Subject: FOI-2024-001531

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday 25 July 2024 13:52
To: Central Bank Media Relations; [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: [External]Press Query

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

Categories: [REDACTED]

Central Bank of Ireland - UNRESTRICTED

Looks good [REDACTED]. Do you want to send onto [REDACTED] and she can get approval from [REDACTED].

Thanks

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday 25 July 2024 13:47
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: [External]Press Query

Central Bank of Ireland - UNRESTRICTED

Thanks [REDACTED].

We could possibly give a brief line along the lines:

Each year, the European Central Bank (ECB) typically holds two Governing Council meetings outside of Frankfurt, hosted by a national central bank. Earlier this year, the Central Bank of Ireland hosted an ECB retreat over the course of X days/20 – 23 May. The last time the Central Bank of Ireland hosted the ECB Governing Council was June 2007, so it was timely to convene again in Ireland. The meeting provided an important opportunity for the Central Bank of Ireland to build on the strong collaboration with the ECB Governing Council and European partners. The retreat was attended by the 27 ECB Governing Council Members, with XX officials and support staff from the ECB, Central Bank of Ireland, and other national central banks.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday 25 July 2024 13:14
To: Central Bank Media Relations <Media@centralbank.ie>; [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: [External]Press Query

Central Bank of Ireland - UNRESTRICTED

[REDACTED] is working on the total number of staff question.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday 25 July 2024 12:50
To: Central Bank Media Relations <Media@centralbank.ie>; [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: [External]Press Query

Central Bank of Ireland - UNRESTRICTED

Thanks [REDACTED]. I will have a check with [REDACTED] on this as she is very close to it.

Beyond what he has pulled out there, should we do a quote do you think?

Thanks

From: Central Bank Media Relations <Media@centralbank.ie>
Sent: Thursday 25 July 2024 12:48
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: [External]Press Query

Central Bank of Ireland - UNRESTRICTED

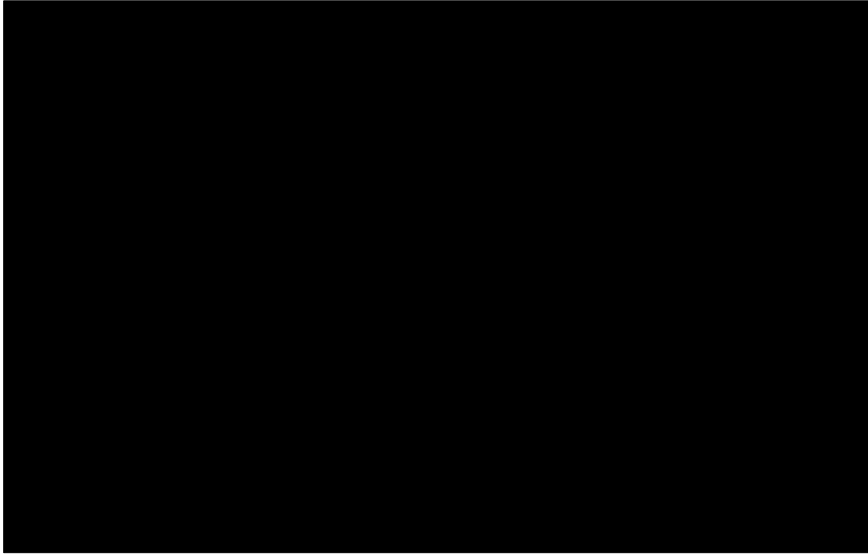
[REDACTED]
For info.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday 25 July 2024 12:38
To: Central Bank Media Relations <Media@centralbank.ie>
Subject: [External]Press Query

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Hi,
I was planning to write a story for some of the Sunday papers based on some records released [REDACTED] under FOI by your office.
For ease of reference, they are FOI-2024-001531 and relate to hosting of the recent Central Bank retreat at Mount Juliet.
In the release, there was an information note/statement provided saying: "Each year the European Central Bank (ECB) typically hold two Governing Council meetings outside of Frankfurt; these meetings are hosted by a national central bank (NCB). On 20th – 23rd May 2024 the Central Bank of Ireland hosted an ECB Retreat meeting, attended by the 27 ECB Governing Council members (six members of the Executive Board, plus the 21 governors of the NCB's of the euro area countries). The last time that the Central Bank of Ireland hosted a meeting of the ECB Governing Council was June 2007."
I was just wondering if the Central Bank is happy for me to use this or if they wanted to provide some additional statement.
Also, I was wondering if it would be possible to clarify the number of attendees at the retreat i.e. were the 27 official attendees accompanied by staff or did additional CBI staff attend.
If you did want to add anything, I would have to have something back by close of business tomorrow so that I could include it.
Please confirm receipt of this email at your earliest convenience,

Thanks



[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday 25 July 2024 14:59
To: [Redacted]
Subject: FW: [External]Press Query

Central Bank of Ireland - UNRESTRICTED

We can discuss this afternoon

From: Central Bank Media Relations <Media@centralbank.ie>
Sent: Thursday 25 July 2024 13:57
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: FW: [External]Press Query

Central Bank of Ireland - UNRESTRICTED

Hi [Redacted],

I know you are working on the numbers regarding this query. Discussing with [Redacted], we're suggesting that we issue a brief line in response along the lines of:

Each year, the European Central Bank (ECB) typically holds two Governing Council meetings outside of Frankfurt, hosted by a national central bank. Earlier this year, the Central Bank of Ireland hosted an ECB retreat over the course of X days/20 – 23 May. The last time the Central Bank of Ireland hosted the ECB Governing Council was June 2007, so it was timely to convene again in Ireland. The meeting provided an important opportunity for the Central Bank of Ireland to build on the strong collaboration with the ECB Governing Council and European partners. The retreat was attended by the 27 ECB Governing Council Members, with XX officials and support staff from the ECB, Central Bank of Ireland, and other national central banks.

Appreciate any thoughts/approval from yourself, or [Redacted].

Best,

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted] | Communications Division

Central Bank of Ireland

T [Redacted]

M [Redacted]

E [Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday 25 July 2024 12:38
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[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Friday 26 July 2024 13:22
To: Central Bank Media Relations
Subject: Re: For approval: response to [Redacted] query [SEC=Restricted]

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

Categories: [Redacted]

Looks good.

Thanks

From: Central Bank Media Relations <Media@centralbank.ie>
Date: 26 July 2024 at 13:13:41 GMT+1
To: [Redacted]
Subject: For approval: response to [Redacted] query

Central Bank of Ireland - UNRESTRICTED

[Redacted]

I've agreed this response with [Redacted], happy to approve?:

Each year, the European Central Bank (ECB) typically holds two Governing Council meetings outside of Frankfurt, hosted by a national central bank. Earlier this year, the Central Bank of Ireland hosted an ECB retreat over the course of four days in May (20-23 May). The last time the Central Bank of Ireland hosted the ECB Governing Council was June 2007, so it was timely to convene again in Ireland. The meeting provided an important opportunity for the Central Bank of Ireland to build on the strong collaboration with the ECB Governing Council and European partners. The retreat was attended by the 26 ECB Governing Council Members, with 22 officials and support staff from the ECB and Central Bank of Ireland.

[Redacted], for clarification, the note in the FOI document refers to 27 ECB Governing Council Member. For clarification, this number should read 26 ECB Governing Council Members (we had inaccurately included the Secretary in this figure).

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted] | Communications Division

Central Bank of Ireland

T [Redacted]

M [Redacted]

E [Redacted]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday 25 July 2024 16:56
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: [External]Press Query

Hi [REDACTED],

Just a brief line to say that we will have a response for you tomorrow, noting the deadline.

Best,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | Communications Division

Central Bank of Ireland

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday 25 July 2024 14:40
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: [External]Press Query

Central Bank of Ireland - UNRESTRICTED

Hi [REDACTED],

Acknowledging you mail and will respond.

Best,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | Communications Division

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[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Friday 26 July 2024 16:29
To: Central Bank Media Relations
Subject: [External]Re: [External]Re: [External]Press Query

Categories: [Redacted]

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Hi [Redacted]
[Redacted]
[Redacted]
[Redacted]

On Fri, Jul 26, 2024 at 2:46 PM Central Bank Media Relations <Media@centralbank.ie> wrote:

Central Bank of Ireland - UNRESTRICTED

Thanks [Redacted].

Do you know what media outlet we can expect to see it in?

Best,

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted] | Communications Division

Central Bank of Ireland

T [Redacted]

M [Redacted]

E [Redacted]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday 26 July 2024 13:37
To: Central Bank Media Relations <Media@centralbank.ie>
Subject: [External]Re: [External]Press Query

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Hi [REDACTED]

Got it and will include in story.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

On Fri, Jul 26, 2024 at 1:29 PM Central Bank Media Relations <Media@centralbank.ie> wrote:

Central Bank of Ireland - UNRESTRICTED

Hi [REDACTED],

Coming back to you with a response.

For clarification, the note in the FOI document refers to 27 ECB Governing Council Member. This number should read 26 ECB Governing Council Members (we had inaccurately included the Secretary in this figure).

The following response can be attributed to a spokesman:

Each year, the European Central Bank (ECB) typically holds two Governing Council meetings outside of Frankfurt, hosted by a national central bank. Earlier this year, the Central Bank of Ireland hosted an ECB retreat over the course of four days in May (20-23 May). The last time the Central Bank of Ireland hosted the ECB Governing Council was June 2007, so it was timely to convene again in Ireland. The meeting provided an important opportunity for the Central Bank of Ireland to build on the strong collaboration with the ECB Governing Council and European partners. The retreat was attended by the 26 ECB Governing Council Members, with 22 officials and support staff from the ECB and Central Bank of Ireland.

You might confirm receipt of this mail?

Best,

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted] | Communications Division

Central Bank of Ireland

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M [Redacted]

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To: [Redacted]

Subject: RE: [External]Press Query

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FOI Checklist

No.	Step	Complete
Receipt of request		
1.	Determine if request seeks personal records (requiring application of personal request procedures including adding to shared SP site with DP unit) & verify personal identification received - Administrator	✓
2.	Log request on SharePoint - Administrator	✓
3.	Notify Media Relations Office of receipt of requests from the media - Administrator	✓
4.	Initial Assessment of Request and Assignment of Decision Maker - FOI officer/Decision Makers	✓
Initial review and estimates – decision maker		
5.	Identify relevant divisions or transfer to relevant FOI body	✓
6.	For Schedule 1 requests, where appropriate, informally contact requester to advise of exclusion	N/A
7.	Was request withdrawn/ amended because of step 6?	N
8.	Commence estimate search and retrieval (S&R) process, inform divisions if media request all records released will also be published on our website	✓
9.	Calculate estimated S&R hours and relevant fees	✓
10.	If voluminous, make informal contact with requester and refine	✓
11.	Consider whether any administrative refusal grounds apply – publicly available, do not exist or cannot be found, due to be published shortly – or whether transfer is required	✓
12.	Consider whether request relates to third parties requiring formal / informal consultation	✓
13.	Acknowledge request and seek deposit (if S&R >5 and <35 hours) within 10 days	✓
Search and retrieval – decision maker		
14.	Commence search & retrieval process or seek confirmation that records are “Category A”	✓
Decision making process – decision maker		
15.	Make and document decision regarding release	✓
16.	Consult with relevant divisions / senior management before release	✓
Consider suitability of records for publication – decision maker		
17.	Consider if the content of the released records or certain records are appropriate for publication (i.e. frequently requested, public interest or value in publication)	Y
18.	If ‘yes’ to point 17 above, implement MRO & FOI Unit interaction protocol as appropriate	✓
Release of records – decision maker		
19.	Notify Media Relations Office of decisions relating to media requests	✓
20.	Calculate actual S&R hours and, if relevant, seek balance of fees before issuing records	✓
21.	Notify requester of decision within 4 weeks (deferral or extension may be necessary) If media request, inform requester that all records released will also be published on our website	✓
22.	Issue records upon receipt of balance of fees	✓

SharePoint Entries checked:

██████████

Date: 31/07/2024

Decision Maker:

██████████

Date: 23/07/2024

Records and letters reviewed by:

██████████

Date: 23/07/2024

Freedom of Information

Ref ID FOI-2024-001531

Request Status

[Part Granted](#)

Description

- a spreadsheet/record/database of all costs incurred by the Central Bank in the hosting of the ECB retreat event in May.
- a copy of all invoices and receipts associated with the hosting of the above event by the Central Bank.

Decision Maker

[REDACTED]

Divisions

[FCD](#)
[Off. Gov.](#)

Request Category

Non Personal

Request Subcategory

Gov Co / Executive

Request Outcome

[Part Granted](#)

Requester Details

Requester First Name

[REDACTED]

Requester Last Name

[REDACTED]

Requester Address

Requester Company

Requester Email

[REDACTED]

Requester Phone Number

Requester Category

[Media](#)

Confirm Satisfactory Proof
of ID

Key Dates

Request Received Date (Day
0)

25/06/2024

Response Due Date

23/07/2024

Response Sent Date

23/07/2024

Acknowledgement

Acknowledgement Due Date

09/07/2024

Acknowledgement Sent
Date

09/07/2024

Internal Review

Internal Review Received Date

Internal Review Decision Due
Date

Internal Review Decision
Issued Date

OIC Appeal

OIC Appeal Received Date

OIC Decision Issued

OIC Submission Due Date

Actions

Extension Required

3rd Party Required

Exemptions

Exemption [32\(1\)\(a\)\(iii\) Law enforcement and public safety](#)
[36\(1\)\(b\) Commercially sensitive information](#)
[36\(1\)\(c\) Commercially sensitive information](#)
[37\(1\) Personal information](#)

Exemption Notes No existing entries.

Attachments [FOI-2024-001531 Decision.pdf](#)

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday 31 July 2024 12:09
To: [REDACTED]; Central Bank Media Relations
Subject: RE: [REDACTED] Media query - ECB delegation spend

Categories: [REDACTED]

Central Bank of Ireland - UNRESTRICTED

Thanks both – I think that’s fine. I can imagine the piece that is going to be written..

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday 31 July 2024 12:08
To: Central Bank Media Relations <Media@centralbank.ie>; [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: [REDACTED] Media query - ECB delegation spend

Central Bank of Ireland - UNRESTRICTED

Yeah I think so [REDACTED]. Not sure what else we can or should do really?

Thanks

From: Central Bank Media Relations <Media@centralbank.ie>
Sent: Wednesday 31 July 2024 11:44
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED] Media query - ECB delegation spend

Central Bank of Ireland - UNRESTRICTED

Folks,

[REDACTED] is on re Mount Juliet. Suggest we issue the same line?:

Each year, the European Central Bank (ECB) typically holds two Governing Council meetings outside of Frankfurt, hosted by a national central bank. Earlier this year, the Central Bank of Ireland hosted an ECB retreat over the course of four days in May (20-23 May). The last time the Central Bank of Ireland hosted the ECB Governing Council was June 2007, so it was timely to convene again in Ireland. The meeting provided an important opportunity for the Central Bank of Ireland to build on the strong collaboration with the ECB Governing Council and European partners. The retreat was attended by the 26 ECB Governing Council Members, with 22 officials and support staff from the ECB and Central Bank of Ireland.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday 31 July 2024 11:35

To: Central Bank Media Relations <Media@centralbank.ie>
Subject: [External] [REDACTED] Media query - ECB delegation spend

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To whom it may concern,

[REDACTED]

I'm getting in touch to ask for comment on the report that the Central Bank spent over €350,000 hosting a delegation of senior EU bankers, May 20th-23rd 2024?

A Freedom of Information request showed that accommodation costs came to €195,000, while €117,500 was spent on official transport, among many other expenses.

My deadline is 3pm.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

Morning Media Report, Sunday 28 July 2024:

Sunday Times (ROI) reports that the Central Bank of Ireland (CBI) spent EUR 350,000 on a four-day "retreat meeting" for 26 senior EU bankers and 22 officials. The cost included a five-star hotel, VIP packages at Dublin airport, golf buggies, a harpist, leather-covered notebooks and packets of mints. Accommodation and services for the 20-23 May meeting of the governing council of the European Central Bank (ECB) came to EUR 193,000 while EUR 117,500 was spent on official transport. The CBI said: "Each year the European Central Bank typically holds two governing council meetings outside of Frankfurt, hosted by a national central bank. This year Ireland [was the host]." "The meeting provided an important opportunity for the Central Bank to build on the strong collaboration with the ECB governing council and European partners," the CBI noted. Sunday Independent and The Sun (ROI) also report.

Morning Media Report, Monday 29 July 2024:

The Sunday Independent reports the Central Bank spent more than €350,000 hosting a five-day "retreat" for a visiting delegation of senior bankers from the EU. The spend, which covered five-star accommodation, golf buggies, presentation mints, a hurling display and VIP airport costs, included a €193,000 bill for the exclusive Mount Juliet resort in Co Kilkenny. The Sunday Times (ROI) reports accommodation and services for the 20-23 May meeting of the governing council of the European Central Bank ECB came to €193,000 while €117,500 was spent on official transport. The Sun reports itemised spending released following a Freedom of Information request shows that €1,400 was spent on Parker branded pens. And the bankers had no reason for any bad breath as €276 was spent on boxes of promotional mint sweets. A spokesman for the Central Bank said: "The last time the Central Bank hosted the ECB Governing Council was June 2007, so it was timely to convene again in Ireland. The meeting provided an important opportunity for the Central Bank to build on the strong collaboration with the ECB Governing Council and European partners." The Brendan O'Connor Show (from 51:15) on RTÉ Radio 1 also discussed the story.

Morning Media Report, Thursday 1 August 2024:

Gript reports the Central Bank spent over €350,000 playing host to a delegation of senior European bankers in May this year, according to itemised spending released under FOI. The figures provided to [REDACTED] following an FOI request revealed that the bill for the five-star venue, Mount Juliet Estate, made up over half of the total spend at €193,000.