

Freedom of Information Disclosure Log January – December 2019

FOI request number	Request date	Category of requester	Description of request	Decision	Release date
FI-100291-19	02/01/2019	Private Individual	All records pertaining to the "Call of the Wild" initiative from its concept and inception stage after May 2018 up to the present day.	Part- granted	29/01/2019
FI-100292-19	03/01/2019	Journalist	The amount spent on bottled water in 2017 and 2018.	Granted outside FOI process	09/01/2019
Fi- 100293-19	21/01/2019	Journalist	Copies any of records and any correspondence between Fáilte Ireland and Minister Jim Daly in relation to installing 'Selfie Seats' at locations around Ireland	Granted	15/02/2019
FI- 100294-19	29/01/2019	Journalist	Copies of any Visitor Experience Development Plan for areas of Dublin. Copies of the final version of the "Water's Edge: Experiencing Dublin's Urban Waterscape" report. Copies of any tourism masterplans for any of Dublin's neighbourhoods.	Part- granted	18/02/2019
FI-100295-19	30/01/2019	Journalist	All records relating to considerations for the recruitment process to be followed for the recent replacement of Fáilte Ireland's head of communications.	Granted	22/02/2019

FI-100296-19	18/02/2019	Journalist	<p>A database/spreadsheet/list containing the following data:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The number of employees of the agency sacked in 2016, 2017, 2018. • The reason for the dismissal of each of the above employees. • The number of employees of the agency suspended in 2016, 2017, 2018. • The reason for the suspension of each of the above employees. • The number of complaints of bullying received by the agency in 2016, 2017, 2018. • The number of complaints of sexual harassment received by the agency in 2016, 2017, 2018. 	Granted	07/03/2019
FI-100297-19	18/02/2019	Journalist	Copies of all internal audit reports completed in 2017,2018 and to date in 2019.	Part-granted	21/03/2019
FI- 100298-19	04/03/2019	Journalist	All personal expenses (travel, subsistence, accommodation, etc.) claimed in 2017 and 2018 by the chief executive, or equivalent, of the agency.	Granted	03/04/2019
FI- 100299-19	19/03/2019	Journalist	All emails, memos, letters between Fáilte Ireland and the Department of Foreign Affairs, and also the Department of the Taoiseach, regarding arrangements to illuminate buildings in other jurisdictions, including costs, over the St. Patrick's Day festival, to cover the period between 31 March 2018 and 31 March 2019.	Transferred to Tourism Ireland	19/03/2019
FI-100300-19	04/04/2019	Journalist	<p>All email and written correspondence between Fáilte Ireland and hotel property developers in 2019.</p> <p>Minutes of meetings between Fáilte Ireland and hotel property developers in 2019.</p>	Part -granted	03/05/2019

FI-100302-19	23/04/2019	Private Individual	All records regarding the applications of the Pebble Beach Holiday Homes Operator / Cyclegrove Limited to the South East tourism/ Bord Fáilte	Part -granted	20/05/2019
FI-100303-19	29/04/2019	Journalist	Any records relation to the use of Office of Public Works (OPW) venues for gala dinners or other signature events.	Part – granted	27/05/2019
FI-100304-19	30/04/2019	Journalist	All records relating to public comments made by CEO of Fáilte Ireland re: 1000 bedroom hotel needed in Dublin	Part -granted	28/05/2019
FI- 100305-19	10/06/2019	Private Individual	A list of trips provided by Fáilte Ireland to Journalists, Bloggers and Social Media Influencers in 2017, 2018 and to date 2019. Including names of who was granted the trip, their media outlet/ website, the itinerary, cost of trip and what was gained by Fáilte Ireland in return.	Granted outside FOI	13/06/2019
FI-100306-19	20/06/2019	Business interest Group	A copy of the winning tender submission (Managed Print Services (MPS) and appendices) A copy of any associated contemporaneous notes taken prior to award	Part- granted	12/08/2019
FI-100307-19	09/07/2019	Journalist	All records showing amounts paid to social media Influencers/ bloggers/ vloggers since the start of 2018, 2018 to date, to identify platforms, (e.g., Twitter, Instagram, Facebook, etc), and area, attraction being promoted and all associated costs with each influencer to include flights, accommodation, hospitality ,etc with breakdown of same.	Granted outside FOI process	22/07/2019
FI-100308-19	16/07/19	Journalist/Editor	1. A list of all Fáilte Ireland board meetings held in the following years; 2016, 2017, 2018 and so far in 2019. Please also provide the following details: purpose of the meetings, attendees of the meetings and official minutes of the meetings. 2. The total amounts expended by Fáilte Ireland in the	Part-granted	12/08/19

			<p>development and promotion of the Hidden Heartlands, Ireland's Ancient East, and Wild Atlantic Way tourism brands in the following years; 2016, 2017, 2018 and so far in 2019.</p> <p>3. A list of all other governmental agencies with which Fáilte Ireland engaged in the development of the Hidden Heartlands, Ireland's Ancient East, and Wild Atlantic Way tourism brands in the following years; 2016, 2017, 2018, and so far in 2019.</p>		
FI-100309-19	17/07/219	Journalist	<p>Access to a breakdown on all expenditure on "influencers" A list of the influencers, what work they carried out for Fáilte Ireland and how much they were paid. Any reviews / memos regarding the efficacy of influencer marketing during the same period, 2018 and to date in 2019.</p>	Granted outside FOI	07/08/19
FI-100310-19	31/07/19	Private Individual	<p>A copy of the minutes of the meeting between Ethiopian Minister and Fáilte Ireland that took place on 10 June 2019.</p> <p>A copy of all correspondence between Fáilte Ireland and the Ethiopian embassy in preparation for the meeting from 2018 to the date of the meeting.</p> <p>A copy of all correspondence between Fáilte Ireland and Ethiopian Minister in preparation for the meeting in the same period.</p>	Refused on administrative grounds	16/08/19
FI-100311-19	06/08/19	Journalist	<p>A list of hotels being built during 2018/2019 on sites which previously belonged to nightclubs.</p>	Refused	14/08/19

FI-100312-19	12/08/19	Journalist	<p>The total amount of expenditure by Fáilte Ireland to date on the Ireland's Hidden Heartlands brand, with as comprehensive a breakdown of costs as it available - ie, the costs of various marketing campaigns, etc.</p> <p>The total amount of expenditure by Fáilte Ireland to date on the Ireland's Ancient East brand, with as comprehensive a breakdown of costs as it available - i.e., the costs of various marketing campaigns, etc.</p> <p>The total amount of expenditure by Fáilte Ireland to date on the Wild Atlantic Way brand, with as comprehensive a breakdown of costs as it available - i.e., the costs of various marketing campaigns, etc.</p> <p>The total amount of visitors each of the above brands is estimated to have attracted to the area in each of the years since they were established.</p> <p>A copy of any internal reports that review the success of each brand.</p>	Part-grant	06/09/19
FI-100313-19	15/08/19	Business Interest group	All records relating to a proposed centre in Co. Kerry including communications between Fáilte Ireland and a company from 1 January 2018 to 12 August 2019.	Part-grant	11/09/19
FI-100314-19	20/08/19	Private Individual	Any and all records and communications regarding Fáilte Ireland's report on accommodation in Kilkenny.	Part-grant	16/09/19
FI-100315-19	21/08/19	Journalist	<p>A list of addresses / locations for each vacant building or site currently managed or owned by Fáilte Ireland.</p> <p>The length of time each vacant site managed or owned by Fáilte</p>	Granted	23/08/19

			<p>Ireland has not been in use.</p> <p>The size of each of these vacant sites (in sq m or hectares) managed or owned by Fáilte Ireland.</p>		
FI-100316-19	20/08/19	Business Interest group	<p>The value of (any) Fáilte Ireland funding issued to an event in August 2019.</p> <p>The date an application was made for funding for the planned event in 2020.</p> <p>The value of Fáilte Ireland funding granted for the planned 2020 event.</p>	Refused on administrative grounds	16/09/19
FI-1003017-19	30/08/19	Private Individual	<p>The amount spent by Fáilte Ireland in on all aspects of the hosting/promotion of the Irish Open in Lahinch in July 2019.</p> <p>The amount paid to each named third party for work/products/services provided in connection to the staging of the Irish Open and promotion of the Wild Atlantic Way/West of Ireland/golf in Ireland.</p>	Granted	26/09/19
FI-100318-19	09/09/19	Journalist	A copy of the Strategic Partnership Programme agreed by Fáilte Ireland and Waterways Ireland in August, to improve the quality of visitor experience along waterways.	Granted	27/09/19
FI-100319-19	09/09/19	Journalist	All correspondence in relation to social media usage. All policy documents or guidelines in relation to social media use.	Withdrawn	24/09/19
FI-100320-19	11/09/19	Journalist	Records held by Fáilte Ireland of any exchange of correspondence/emails/letters/memos, sent or received, between Fáilte Ireland and Tourism Ireland to date in 2019, regarding the hiring by Fáilte Ireland of lead generation staff based abroad.	Refused	08/10/19

			Any correspondence, emails/letters/memos sent by Fáilte Ireland to the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport, where the subject is the matter referred to in the line above.		
FI-100321-19	16/09/19	Private Individual	Total funding provided to the Museum of Literature Ireland to date. Breakdown of total funding provided to the Museum of Literature Ireland to date by topic/subject if possible. For example, marketing, PR, refurbishment etc. Committed spend towards Museum of Literature Ireland for the period 2020 - 2024 if arranged.	Part- granted	27/09/19
FI-100322-19	27/09/19	Journalist	Records from 1 January 2017 – 31 December 2018 relating to the decision to suspend funding and end the arrangement with Ride Wild for the Wild Atlantic Way Sportif event in 2018, and any tender, procurement of PO issues that arose in relation to the Wild Atlantic Way Sportif in 2018.	Part- granted	24/10/19
FI-100323-19	01/10/19	Journalist	Copies of any records held relating or referring to the issue of hotel room shortages in the Dublin area from 1 July 2019 to 1 October 2019.	Part -granted	30/10/19
FI-100324-19	29/10/19	Journalist	All documents in relation to the reports on tourist activity in Ireland provided by one of Ireland's mobile phone operators and the reports themselves.	Refused on administrative grounds	22/11/19
FI-100325-19	04/11/19	Private Individual	All Economic Reports on Ryder Cup for Adare in 2026. All other impact reports for 2018 /2019.	Refused on administrative grounds	21/11/19
FI-100326-19	8/11/19	Private Individual	A copy Fáilte Irelands funding under Wild Atlantic Way grants Scheme 2018 awarding €167,000 for the call station in Knightstown, Valentia Co. Kerry.	Part-granted	5/12/19

FI-100327-19	11/11/19	Private Individual	Photocopies of the calculations of the non- tuition spend from international students in Ireland in the context of the international Education Strategy study for Ireland 2016 - 2020. https://www.education.ie/en/Publications/Policy-Reports/Internarional-Education- Strategy-For -Ireland-2016-2020 .	Refused on administrative grounds	5/12/19
FI-100328-19	20/11/19	Journalist	All correspondence from May – November 2019 in relation to Dublin’s Christmas Lights and any discussions between Fáilte Ireland and Dublin Town regarding the ‘Grafton Quarter’ Christmas Lights. All complaints from members of the public to Fáilte Ireland regarding Dublin ‘Grafton Quarter’ Christmas Lights	Refused on administrative grounds	5/12/19
FI-100329-19	5/12/19	Private Individual	Copies of any records held since 1 January 2018 regarding the policy or approach to be adopted in relation to the promotion of alcohol products or support for companies producing alcohol products or the expenditure of public monies on such activities, including but not limited to instances where public health policy has been cited.	Refused on administrative grounds	5/12/19
FI-100330-19	9/12/19	Journalist	Copies of all records relating to either a MumsNet threat or a subsequent newspaper article about poor experiences for UK visitors to Dublin.	Granted	15/1/20
FI-100331-19	9/12/19	Private Individual	Records relating to any application for funding for a rowing regatta to be held in Ballyshannon in 2020 and any submission relating to the event.	Refused on administrative grounds	13/1/2020