

Freedom of Information Disclosure Log

January – December 2017

FOI request number	Request date	Category of requester	Description of request	Decision	Release date
FI-100204-17	09/01/2017	Journalist	Records relating to the properties at the former Glenans Sailing Club on Collanmore Island (sometimes called Collan More) and at Baltimore in Co.Cork. Records relating substantively to these assets e.g.: valuation assessments, expressions of interest from other state agencies, draft plans for the future of these assets, correspondence relating to the properties, etc. from September 2013 to December 2016.	Part-granted	03/02/2017
FI-100205-17	09/01/2017	Journalist	Records in relation to free trips to Ireland provided to journalists, bloggers and social media "influencers" in 2015. 1. A list of recipients of those trips and where relevant, their media outlet; details of whether they travelled by themselves or were accompanied by a representative of your organization. 2. A breakdown of the costs by market- e.g. Britain, USA, Germany etc. The total cost per group visits and the total cost for individual visits.	Granted	03/02/2017
FI-100206-17	23/01/2017	Private individual	Information on the total financial outlay, for the New Year's Eve festival provided by Fáilte Ireland to the general public for 2013/14, 2015/16 and most recently 2016/17 including the fees paid in hiring the headline musical acts for these dates.	Part-granted	07/02/2017

FI-100207-17	23/01/2017	Business Interest Group	Information on IT network infrastructure for Fáilte Ireland	Withdrawn. Handled outside FOI	17/02/2017
FI-100208-17	30/01/2017	Journalist	Copies of the credit card statements for the card held by Fáilte Ireland's Chief Executive in the period 2015 and 2016.	Refused on administrative grounds	13/02/2017
FI-100209-17	30/01/2017	Journalist	Copies of any correspondence between Fáilte Ireland and the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport relating to the cost of using an executive job search company Amrop to help find a new Chief executive for the public body.	Granted	24/02/2017
FI-100210-17	07/02/2017	Journalist	Copies of the following records: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A list of external legal practitioners (solicitors/law firms and barristers) paid in 2015 for services carried out on behalf of Fáilte Ireland, including the name of the practitioner, the sum, paid and where possible a general description of the work carried out. 2. A list of external legal practitioners (solicitors, law firms and barristers). 	Granted	28/03/2017
FI-100212-17	17/02/2017	Journalist	Communications between the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport, Shane Ross and the Board of Fáilte Ireland, including communications from the Minister's private email account that would fall within the ambit of the FOI Act. The relevant dates for this request are June 1st, 2016 to December 31st, 2016.	Granted	15/03/2017

FI-100213-17	24/02/2017	Business Interest Group	<p>Payments / sponsorship made to Dublin Business Improvement District T/A Dublin Town in 2000-2017 inclusive.</p> <p>Copies of requests for sponsorship by Dublin Business Improvement District T/A Dublin town to Fáilte Ireland in 2008 - 2017 inclusive.</p>	Part-granted	24/03/2017
FI-100214-17	27/02/2017	Private individual	Fees paid to Fáilte Ireland Authority members in 2015 and 2016.	Granted outside FOI	06/03/2017
FI-100215-17	06/03/2017	Journalist	Copies of any review documents, value for money reports, regarding the Wild Atlantic Way project, in particular any records that discuss or explain issues surrounding much lower visitor numbers on the Northern half of the route.	Refused on administrative grounds	03/04/2017
FI-100216-17	13/03/2017	Private individual	<p>A copy of all documents relating to an application under the Fáilte Ireland Capital Grants Scheme, including the scoring sheet and assessment method employed to assess an application.</p> <p>Details of the successful applicants and a copy of the score received by each successful applicant.</p>	Part-granted	10/04/2017
FI-100217-17	30/03/2017	Private individual	All records of phone calls, emails, text messages and correspondence between the Dublin Writers Museum/ Failte Ireland and two named individuals in reference to the Bram Stoker Bronze Bust Project and the donation made by Bryan Moore of said bust and any and all financial donations made to Children's Books Ireland, The Irish Writers Centre and the Dublin Writers Museum.	Part-granted	10/04/2017

FI-100218-17	24/04/2017	Journalist	Records relating to the Rose of Tralee Festival	Part-granted	13/06/2017
FI-100219-17	04/05/2017	Private individual	<p>1. The amount raised through sales of items in each Fáilte Ireland TIO (staffed by Fáilte Ireland personnel) in the years 2016 and 2017.</p> <p>2. If any TIO under the remit of Fáilte Ireland has closed down in either 2016 and to-date in 2017; who made the decision to close down the office, CEO, Chairperson and reason for the decision for closure of office.</p> <p>3. If there was a decision to close down any TIO in either 2016 and to-date in 2017 were all the board members informed regarding the closure of office; if so did any board member object to the closure of office, if so name of that board member.</p>	Granted	01/06/2017
FI-100220-17	14/05/2017	Legal firm	<p>Copies of the following records related to the Grant Scheme for Large Tourism Projects:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The name of each entity whose application under the scheme was successful; 2) each letter from Fáilte Ireland to each successful applicant whose application under the scheme was successful 3) The signed minutes of the Authority considering and approving the introduction under the scheme of a weighting index system into the economic outcomes evaluation process which discriminated against applications based in high performing tourism counties and the decision to discount in our clients application the client's projected visitor numbers by 40% p.q. over 	Part-granted	14/6/17

			<p>10 years (the two decisions)</p> <p>4) Of each of the two decisions if made by anyone other than the Authority</p> <p>5) Any item material or information provided to the Authority or to the decision makers (in the context of paragraph 4 immediately above) by any employee of Fáilte Ireland to enable the Authority or the decision maker to make each of the two decisions</p> <p>6) Any item material or information, including correspondence between Fáilte Ireland and each applicant (successful or not) subsequent to the date each applicant was either notified that they had been successful or not successful as the case may be.</p>		
FI-100221-17	21/06/2017	Journalist	Copies of any correspondence between representatives of the Web Summit or related organisations with regard to moving Moneyconf to Ireland for 2018.	Refused on administrative grounds	10/07/2017
FI- 100222-17	18/07/2017	Private individual	All records dated from 12 August 2016 to the 17 July 2017 relating to the Dublin Writers Museum involvement in relation to a bust of Bram Stoker by the American sculptor Bryan Moore.	Refused on administrative grounds	27/07/2017

FI-100223-17	19/07/2017	Journalist	The minutes of meetings of the Authority in 2016 and 2017. Details of all fees paid to members of the Authority broken down by each director and expense category i.e. transport, accommodation listed separately. Any ethics declarations, register of interests filed by members of the Authority.	Part-granted	16/07/2017
FI-100224-17	24/07/2017	Journalist	The amount of money spent by Fáilte Ireland on promoting County Roscommon since 2013 to date, broken down by costs and year.	Refused on administrative grounds	11/08/2017
FI-100225-17	31/07/2017	Journalist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A list of trips supplied by Failte Ireland to journalists, bloggers and social media "influencers" in 2015, 2016 and to date in 2017. This should include the name of who was granted the trip, their media outlet/website, the itinerary they were given, the estimated cost of the trip, what was gained by Failte Ireland in return (i.e. if a review etc. appeared online/in print - if a record of this is not kept can you explain if Failte Ireland attempts to track what the gain in return for these trips) 	Granted	30/08/2017
Fi-100226-17	31/07/2017	Journalist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fees paid to guest speakers (or third party), if any, brought in to address Failte Ireland staff or management at any of the company's operating premises, or functions between 1 January 2014 and 30 June 2017, including the name of each individual speaker, the organisation they represented, a copy of the speech/address they gave, the location of the speech/address, the number of speeches/addresses 	Part-granted	23/08/2017

			<p>and any other pertinent details.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fees paid to celebrities/guests (or third party) to appear in photo calls or front campaigns, if any, led by Failte Ireland Jan. 1 2014 and June 30 2017, including the name of each individual, the organisation they represented, the purpose of the photoshoot/advertising campaign, the location of the campaign, the number of photoshoots they took part in and any other pertinent details. 		
FI-100227-17	04/08/2017	Private individual	<p>1) The amount that Fáilte Ireland has spent on the Wild Atlantic Way for each year since it was started. To assist you further I mean what was spent in advertising, new directional signs etc.,</p> <p>2) The amount that Failte Ireland has spent on the Ireland's Ancient East for each year since it was started .To assist you further I mean what was spent as in advertising, new directional signs etc.</p>	Granted	04/09/2017
FI-100228-17	15/08/2017	Private individual	All material related to a proposal by the Central Statistics Office to track tourists and Irish residents travelling abroad using mobile phone data. I understand that Fáilte Ireland has been involved in these proposals.	Refused on administrative grounds	01/09/2017
FI-100229-17	28/08/2017	Journalist	Documents including emails, notes and letters between Fáilte Ireland and the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport regarding the making of a strategy for the Midlands/Lakelands to emulate the Wild Atlantic Way and Ireland's Ancient East.	Part-granted	22/09/2017

FI-100230-17	28/08/2017	Journalist	Documents including notes, emails and letters regarding a county-by-county breakdown of grant aid given in the 2007 to 2014 Tourism Capital Investment Programme.	Granted	22/09/2017
FI-100231-17	28/08/2017	Journalist	Documents including notes, emails and letters regarding the regional balance of tourists/ visitors to Ireland in the years 2014, 2015 and 2016.	Withdrawn by requester	05/09/2017
FI-100232-17	28/08/2017	Journalist	Documents including emails, notes and letters between the Irish Hotels Federation and Fáilte Ireland relating to the publication of details of Fáilte Ireland's proposed tourism strategy/ brand for the Midlands / Ireland's Lakelands	Refused on administrative grounds	22/09/2017
FI-100233-17	25/09/2017	Journalist	Copies of all records relating to decision to add the Seven Heads to the Wild Atlantic Way. Copies of any representations/correspondence related to the above and the response that issued in each case.	Part-granted	20/10/2017
FI-100234-17	25/09/2017	Journalist	Copies of any reports, submissions, memoranda, emails, or other such documents relating to concerns of overcapacity/overcrowding as tourist locations in Kerry due to the success of the Wild Atlantic Way. Copies of any representations received by Fáilte Ireland related to the above.	Granted	20/10/2017
FI-100235-17	04/10/2017	Member of the Oireachtas	Access to all records relating to correspondence between Fáilte Ireland and Airbnb over the past 6 months	Granted	01/11/2017

FI-100236-17	23/10/17	Private individual	Expenditure on photo advertising for tourism in Dublin City in the years 1970, 2000, 2010, and 2016.	Part-granted	15/11/2017
FI-100237-17	24/10/17	Private individual	<p>Information on whether or not there has been a significant drop in the number of British tourists visiting the Republic of Ireland since Brexit, 23rd June 2016, and more noticeably the summer season of 2017.</p> <p>Statistics on the number of American tourists visiting the Republic of Ireland since the election of Donald Trump 9 November 2016 and whether or not his election has had any impact on Irish tourism, or if the number of tourists visiting during the summer season has maintained the same.</p>	<p>Dealt with outside FOI</p> <p>24/10/2017</p>	24/10/2017
FI-100238-17	07/11/217	Business Interest Group	<p>The number of consultants hired and for what purpose and what project by Fáilte Ireland in 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012 and 2011.</p> <p>Information on fees paid to consultants hired by Fáilte Ireland in 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012 and 2011.</p>	Granted	04/12/2017
FI-100239-17	13/11/2017	Journalist	<p>Copies of all correspondence between FI and Lucas film/Disney in relation to Star Wars between January 1, 2016 and November 13, 2017. Copies of any documents enclosed/attached to the above correspondence.</p> <p>Full details of the sums paid to Lucasfilm/Disney by</p>	<p>Transferred to Tourism Ireland</p> <p>14/11/2017</p>	14/11/2017

			<p>Fáilte Ireland for the use of the Star Wars name, logo and any associated references in Fáilte Ireland; and material for the years 2016 and 2017.</p> <p>Full details of the sums paid to actors portraying Star Wars characters by FI in the years 2016 and 2017, along with a list all events where this took place, the characters portrayed, and the names of the individual actors in each instance and the sums paid to them for their work.</p>		
FI-100240-17	14/11/2017	Journalist	The Ireland's Lakelands Destination and Feasibility report commissioned by Fáilte Ireland and carried out by Colliers, Red C and DKM.	Refused	11/12/2017
FI-100241-17	11/12/2017	Private individual	Documentation on the initial proposal for the Gathering Ireland initiative including the main objectives for the Gathering 2013; plans for media engagement whether it be mass media or social media; details of what the initiative set out to achieve and the reasons for the campaign.	Granted outside FOI process	13/12/2017
FI-100242-17	13/12/2017	Private individual	The level of sponsorship provided to Donegal Bay Rowing Club when that club hosted the 2016 & 2017 All-Ireland Coastal Rowing Championships at the Lakeside Centre on Asseroe Lake in Ballyshannon, Co. Donegal in 2016 and 2017. Details of the terms under which Donegal Bay Rowing Club received that sponsorship.	Part- granted	18/12/2017
FI-100243-17	18/12/2017	Private individual	Records held by Fáilte Ireland on a private individual in either manual or computer form.	Granted	11/01/2018

FI-100244-17	18/12/2017	Private individual	Copy of credit card statements for the card held by Failte Ireland CEO for the period of 1 June 2016 to 15 December 2017 inclusive.	Refused on administrative grounds	19/12/2017
FI-100245-17	21/12/2017	Journalist	Reports and presentations created by research firms that carry out market research for Failte Ireland in 2016 and 2017. Specifically: Sports Event Market Research by Behaviour and Attitudes - Tender awarded 15-09-2016. Other reports from winners of tender.	Withdrawn by requester and handled outside FOI	11/01/2018