

Windsor Framework Implementation
Business Management Office



Department of
**Agriculture, Environment
and Rural Affairs**

An Roinn

**Talmhaíochta, Comhshaoil
agus Gnóthaí Tuaithe**

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**Fairmin, Environment
an' Kintra Matthers**

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29 April 2026

Dear Carla,

Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your email received on 30 March 2026, requesting the information below.

I refer to the Minister's recent trip to the Netherlands:

- **Please provide me with the total cost of this trip and who met these costs. Please itemise the costs.**
- **Please provide me with the total number of staff that accompanied the Minister on this trip.**

I can advise that the Department has completed its search and can confirm that we hold the requested information. Our response in relation to Minister Muir's trip to the Netherlands is outlined below.

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Please provide me with the total cost of this trip and who met these costs. Please itemise the costs.

COSTS THAT CAN BE ATTRIBUTED TO THE VISIT TO THE NETHERLANDS

Transport from Brussels and within the Netherlands	£882.74
Subsistence	£48.94
Total	£931.68

COSTS FOR BRUSSELS AND THE NETHERLANDS

The cost of accommodation and travel to and from Northern Ireland relate to Minister Muir's visits to both Brussels and the Netherlands from Monday 16 March to Wednesday 18 March.

These are:

Accommodation	£3,213.34
Travel	£2,235.48
Total	£5,448.82

The costs were met by the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs and represent the amount incurred for the Minister, including the Minister's Special Adviser and all accompanying officials from the Department. To note, costs incurred in Euros have been converted at a rate of €1.15 to £1.

Please provide me with the total number of staff that accompanied the Minister on this trip

Minister Muir was accompanied by three officials and his Special Adviser.

If you require any clarification or believe that any part of your request has been overlooked, misunderstood or misinterpreted, please contact me in the first instance to see if it is a matter that can be resolved.

If you are unhappy with the way your request for information has been handled or the decision to release/withhold information, you have the right to request a formal review by the Department. If you wish to do so, please contact The Review Section either by e-mailing daera.informationmanager@daera-ni.gov.uk or by post at The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, Data Protection & Information Management Branch, Floor 2, Jubilee House, 111 Ballykelly Road, Ballykelly, Limavady BT49 9HP, within two months from the date of this letter.

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If after such an internal review you are still unhappy with the response, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF, who will undertake an independent review of the Department's decision.

Yours sincerely,

[Redacted signature]

[Redacted name]

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