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Office of the Taoiseach

Our Reference Number: FOI/2016/2594

29 September 2016

Mr. Ken Foxe,
ken.foxe@gmail.com.

Dear Mr. Foxe,

I refer to the request which you have made under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 for "*copies of all requests for use of the Ministerial Air Transport Service in the period since 1 March to include a copy of the request, a copy of the response, and any to-and-fro communications regarding the request.*"

Following a search of the Department's records, I now attach copies of applications from Ministerial offices for use of the Ministerial Air Transport Service (MATS) from 1 March to the date of your request, 7 September 2016.

The attached schedules provide a list of these records, their descriptions and the decision as to whether the record is being released. All records are being released in full.

Schedule 1 outlines details of applications relating to use of the Learjet for the period concerned. Schedule 2 details 2016 applications for use of the MATS for which no travel on the MATS occurred. It should be noted that applications may not reflect final travel arrangements.

I can confirm that there are no records from the Department of the Taoiseach responding to any request for use of the MATS.

It should also be noted that information relating to the Ministerial Air Transport Service is published on the Department of Defence website (<http://www.defence.ie>) and this information is updated on a monthly basis.

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2014, I am obliged to inform you that you may appeal this decision. In the event that you wish to make such an appeal, you may do so by writing to the Freedom of Information Unit, Department of the Taoiseach, Government Buildings, Upper Merrion Street, Dublin 2.



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The fee for internal review is €30.00 (or €10.00 for a medical card holder). If you make an appeal please refer to this letter and the reference number FOI/2016/2321 within 4 weeks (20 working days) of the date of this notification. An appeal would involve a complete reconsideration of the matter by a more senior member of staff of this Department and the decision would be communicated to you within 3 weeks of receipt of an appeal.

Yours sincerely

Nick Reddy
Decision Maker

1	Minister for Agriculture Food & the Marine (M/Coveney) request for Ministerial Air Transport Service	11/04/16 – 11/04/16	Release
2	Minister for Finance (M/Noonan) request for Ministerial Air Transport Service	21/04/16 – 23/04/16	Release
3	Minister for Finance (M/Noonan) request for Ministerial Air Transport Service	28/04/16 – 28/04/16	Release
4	Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade (M/Flanagan) request for Ministerial Air Transport Service	14/07/2016 – 16/07/2016	Release

Request for Ministerial Air Transport Service

MINISTER:	Mr Simon Coveney TD, Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine
DESTINATION:	Luxembourg.
PURPOSE OF VISIT:	EU Agriculture Ministers meeting.
DURATION OF VISIT:	1 day, ie Monday 11 April
COMMERCIAL OPTION(S):	There are no direct commercial flights between Dublin and Luxembourg on the day.
REASON(S) FOR REQUESTING GOVT JET:	There are no direct commercial flights on Monday and due to family commitments the Minister is not available to travel to Luxembourg on the Sunday. No commercial option is available that would get the Minister to Luxembourg on Monday on time for the Council of Ministers Meeting. Use of the Jet also enables the Minister to continue to deal confidentially with a variety of issues relating to both his portfolios during the course of the flights.
TRAVELLING PARTY:	Minister Simon Coveney, TD Private Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture – Graham Lennox Department of Agriculture Press Officer – Ultan Waldron

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Nick Reddy, Private Secretary to the Taoiseach
Date:



RE: gov jet request

Lennox, Graham

to:

'michelle.mckiernan@taoiseach.gov.ie'

11/04/2016 09:37

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From: "Lennox, Graham" <Graham.Lennox@agriculture.gov.ie>

To: "'michelle.mckiernan@taoiseach.gov.ie'" <michelle.mckiernan@taoiseach.gov.ie>

Hi Michelle,

Just for info, Min Coveney cancelled this trip to Luxembourg. I contacted Ann in the Aviation Unit yesterday to stand down the jet.

Graham

From: Lennox, Graham

Sent: 07 April 2016 17:50

To: 'michelle.mckiernan@taoiseach.gov.ie'

Subject: gov jet request

Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine

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An Roinn Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara

Tá an t-eolas san ríomhphost seo, agus in aon ceanglaín leis, faoi phribhléid agus faoi rún agus le h-aghaidh an seolaí amháin. D'fhéadfadh ábhar an seoladh seo bheith faoi phribhléid profesúnta nó dlíthiúil. Mura tusa an seolaí a bhí beartaithe leis an ríomhphost seo a fháil, tá cosc air, nó aon chuid de, a úsáid, a chóipeáil, nó a scaoileadh. Má tháinig sé chugat de bharr dearmad, téigh i dleagmháil leis an seoltóir agus scríob an t-ábhar ó do ríomhaire le do thoil.



An Roinn Airgeadais
Department of Finance

Oifig an Aire
Office of the Minister

12 April 2016

Private Secretary
Department of the Taoiseach

Dear Private Secretary

The Minister for Finance, Mr. Michael Noonan T.D., will be travelling to Amsterdam for an Informal ECOFIN Meeting and the following travel arrangements are being forwarded for approval by the Taoiseach:

- Meeting Venue – Amsterdam
Travel dates: Thursday, 21st April to Saturday 23rd April 2016

The Government Jet is requested for the above journey

Yours sincerely


 JD Justin Dolan
 Private Secretary

cc Private Secretary to the Minister for Foreign Affairs
Private Secretary to the Minister for Justice

Request for Ministerial Air Transport Service

1. **Minister:** Michael Noonan TD
2. **Destination:** Amsterdam
3. **Duration of visit:** Thursday, 21st April to Saturday 23rd April 2016
(From; to)
4. **Purpose of visit:** Informal ECOFIN
5. **Proposed Government Jet times:**
Please give details

Thursday 21st April

Depart Baldonnell 7.00pm
Arrive Amsterdam 9.30pm

Saturday 23rd April

Depart Amsterdam 3.00pm
Arrive Baldonnell 3.30pm

Commercial options investigated.
Please give details.

Thursday 21st April

Depart Dublin 5.20pm
Arrive Amsterdam 7.55pm

Saturday 23rd April

Depart Amsterdam 5.00pm
Arrive Dublin 5.40pm

6. **Travelling Party**
(excluding Minister / Minister of State)

Nicholas O'Brien, Assistant Secretary;
David Byrne; Press Officer; Justin Dolan, Private Secretary

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Date: _____

Michelle McKiernan
Assistant Private Secretary
to the Taoiseach



25 April 2016

Private Secretary
Department of the Taoiseach

Dear Private Secretary

The Minister for Finance, Mr. Michael Noonan T.D., will be travelling to Brussels for a Eurogroup meeting and the following travel arrangements are being forwarded for approval by the Taoiseach:

- Meeting Venue – Brussels
Travel dates: Thursday, 28th April 2016

The Government Jet is requested for the above journey

Yours sincerely

Justin Dolan
Private Secretary

cc Private Secretary to the Minister for Foreign Affairs
Private Secretary to the Minister for Justice

Request for Ministerial Air Transport Service

- 1. **Minister:** Michael Noonan TD
- 2. **Destination:** Brussels
- 3. **Duration of visit:** Thursday 28th April 2016
(From; to)
- 4. **Purpose of visit:** Eurogroup
- 5. **Proposed Government Jet times:**
Please give details

Thursday 28th April

Outbound

Depart Baldonnell	9.00am
Arrive Brussels	11.30am

Return

Depart Brussels	10.00pm
Arrive Baldonnell	10.30pm

Commercial options investigated.
Please give details.

Thursday 28th April

Depart Dublin	5.55am
Arrive Amsterdam	8.40am

Depart Amsterdam	8.35pm
Arrive Dublin	9.20pm

- 6. **Travelling Party**
(excluding Minister / Minister of State)

Justin Dolan, Private Secretary; David Byrne; Press Officer;

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Date: _____

Michelle McKiernan
Assistant Private Secretary
to the Taoiseach

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FROM:

DATE:

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DETAILS:

I attach a request for approval for use of the Government Jet for the Minister for Foreign Affairs & Trade, Mr. Charles Flanagan T.D. to travel to Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia 14-16th July, 2016 for the ASEM (Asia Europe Meeting) Summit

Request for Ministerial Air Transport Service

Minister: Minister for Foreign Affairs & Trade

Destination: Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

Duration of Visit: 14th-16th July, 2016 – 3 days

Purpose of Visit:

On 15 and 16 July, the EU-AEAN Summit will take place in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. Minister Flanagan has been asked to attend in place of the Taoiseach (who attended the previous summit). This is a biennial event which brings together Heads of State or Government from 51 ASEM partner countries in Europe and Asia in addition to the EU and ASEAN. The Summit will be a major occasion to reaffirm the importance of relations between Europe and Asia at the highest level. This year's summit is of particular significance, as it marks the 20th anniversary of ASEM.

Very high-level attendance is expected at the Summit with 37 Heads of State and Government out of 51 participating states confirmed to date (the remaining states will be represented by their Foreign Ministers).

The Summit will be a major occasion to reaffirm the importance of relations between Europe and Asia at the highest level as well as support for the EU's engagement with the region. The Summit also provides an important opportunity for Ireland to raise bilateral issues *en marge* of the Summit with partner countries and interlocutors that we would seldom meet with the exception of fora such as the annual United Nations General Assembly.

In terms of travel, commercial options for flying in and out of Ulaanbaatar are extremely limited and the best available option would involve approx. 45 hours travel time, with the summit itself lasting 15 hours. Travelling by Government jet would involve 26 hours travel time (including refuelling stops).

A further complication is that Minister Flanagan is required in Brussels on Monday, 18 July for a Foreign Affairs Council meeting and a meeting of EU Foreign Ministers with US Secretary of State, John Kerry. This further limits commercial options.

Given the importance of the EU-ASEM Summit and the complexity and limitations of commercial travel options, permission is kindly requested for use of the Government jet.

The Air Corps have been consulted and are confident that the proposal to travel by Government jet is quite feasible.

As many attendees will travel by government jet, there is a need to secure landing slots in Ulan Bataar and, accordingly, an early decision would be greatly appreciated.

Travel Details:

Government Jet

*Thursday 14th July**

Dep Baldonnel @ 12 midnight (local)	Arr Helsinki 05.00a.m. (local)
Dep Helsinki @ 05.45a.m. (local)	Arr Skytyvkar (Russia) 08.00a.m. (local)
Dep. Skytyvkar @08.45 a.m. (local)	Arr Novosibirsk 2.30p.m. (local)
Dep. Novosibirsk @ 3.15p.m. (local)	Arr Ulaanbaatar 22.00 (local)

Saturday, 16th July

Dep Ulaanbaatar @ 7.00p.m. (local)	Arr Novosibirsk 6.45p.m. (local)
Dep Novosibirsk @ 7.30p.m. (local)	Arr Syktyvkar 7.15p.m. (local)
Dep Syktyvka @ 8.00p.m. (local)	Arr Helsinki 10.15p.m. (local)
Dep Helsinki @ 11.00p.m.	Arr Baldonnel Midnight (local)

** Times to be adjusted for earlier arrival and available landing slots*

Commercial Option**

Outbound

Wednesday 13th July

Depart Dublin @ 12.10	Arr. Frankfurt 15.10
Depart Frankfurt 20.15	Arr. Beijing 11.25 (14 th July)

Thursday 14th July

Dep. Beijing 15.15	Arr. Ulaanbaatar 18.30
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Return

Saturday 16th July

Dep. Ulaanbaatar 19.30	Arr. Beijing 20.45
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Sunday 17th July

Dep. Beijing 02.05	Arr. Paris 07.25
Dep. Paris 10.20	Arr. Dublin 11.05

***Excludes requirement to be at airports 1.5-2 hours in advance*

Travelling Party: *Outward:* Minister Flanagan, Sarah Kavanagh, Eimear Friel, additional TBC.

Return: Minister Flanagan, Sarah Kavanagh, Eimear Friel, additional TBC

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Date:

Michelle McKiernan
Assistant Private Secretary to the Taoiseach

Record No.	Description	Travel Dates	Release/Refuse
1	Minister for Finance (M/Noonan) request for Ministerial Air Transport Service	08/03/16-08/03/16	Release
2	Minister for Justice & Equality (M/Fitzgerald) request for Ministerial Air Transport Service	24/03/16-24/03/16	Release
3	Minister for Foreign Affairs & Trade (M/Flanagan) request for Ministerial Air Transport Service	18/04/16-18/04/16	Release
4	Minister for Finance (M/Noonan) request for Ministerial Air Transport Service	09/05/16-09/05/16	Release
5	Tánaiste and Minister for Justice & Equality (M/Fitzgerald) request for Ministerial Air Transport Service	11/05/16-12/05/16	Release
6	Tánaiste and Minister for Justice & Equality (M/Fitzgerald) request for Ministerial Air Transport Service	20/05/2016-20/05/2016	Release
7	Minister for Finance (M/Noonan) request for Ministerial Air Transport Service	24/05/2016-25/05/2016	Release
8	Minister for Finance (M/Noonan) request for Ministerial Air Transport Service	01/06/2016-01/06/2016	Release
9	Minister for Foreign Affairs & Trade (M/Flanagan) request for Ministerial Air Transport Service	02/06/16-03/06/16	Release
10	Tánaiste and Minister for Justice & Equality (M/Fitzgerald) request for Ministerial Air Transport	08/06/2016 & 10/06/2016	Release

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11	Minister for Finance (M/Noonan) request for Ministerial Air Transport Service	09/06/2016-09/06/2016	Release
12	Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade (M/Flanagan) request for Ministerial Air Transport Service	19/06/2016-20/06/2016	Release
13	Tánaiste and Minister for Justice & Equality (M/Fitzgerald) request for Ministerial Air Transport Service	06/07/2016 – 08/07/2016	Release
14	Minister for Finance (M/Noonan) request for Ministerial Air Transport Service	11/07/2016-11/07/2016	Release
15	Minister for Foreign Affairs & Trade (M/Flanagan)request for Ministerial Air Transport Service	01/09/2016-03/09/2016	Release
16	Minister for Foreign Affairs & Trade (M/Flanagan)request for Ministerial Air Transport Service	07/09/2016-07/09/2016	Release

Request for Ministerial Air Transport Service

- 1. **Minister:** Michael Noonan TD
- 2. **Destination:** Brussels to Dublin
- 3. **Duration of visit:** Tuesday 8th March 2016
(From; to)
- 4. **Purpose of visit:** Eurogroup & ECOFIN
- 5. **Proposed Government Jet times:**
Please give details

Tuesday 8th March

Depart Brussels	2.00pm
Arrive Baldonnel	2.30pm

Commercial options investigated.

Please give details.

Tuesday 8th March

Depart Brussels	8.15pm
Arrive Dublin	8.55pm

- 6. **Travelling Party**
(excluding Minister / Minister of State)

Nicholas O'Brien, Assistant Secretary;
David Byrne; Press Officer; Nicholas O'Brien, Assistant Secretary

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Date: _____

Michelle McKiernan
Assistant Private Secretary
to the Taoiseach

Request for Ministerial Air Transport Service

- 1. **Minister:** Frances Fitzgerald, Minister for Justice & Equality
- 2. **Destination:** Baldonnell to Brussels and Return
- 3. **Duration of Visit:** 24 March 2016
- 4. **Purpose of visit:** Emergency Justice & Home Affairs Council
- 5. **Commercial Options**

None available at appropriate times

- 6. **Travelling Party**
 - 1. Minister Frances Fitzgerald
 - 2. Chris Quattrociocchi (Private Secretary to the Minister)
 - 4 x Officials TBC

REASON(S) FOR REQUESTING GOVT JET:

- 1. **An emergency Justice and Home Affairs Council has been called for 4pm on Thursday 24 March 2016**
- 2. **The Minister is in meetings on the morning of 24 March 2016**

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Date: _____
Assistant Private Secretary to the Taoiseach

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E-MAIL MESSAGE

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FROM:
DATE:
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DETAILS:

I attach a request and would be grateful for approval for use of the Government Jet for the Minister for Foreign Affairs & Trade to travel to Luxembourg for the meeting of the Foreign Affairs Council on 18 April 2016 and to return for an engagement in Dublin that evening.



Request for Ministerial Air Transport Service

Minister: Minister for Foreign Affairs & Trade

Destination: Luxembourg

Duration of Visit: 1 day – 18 April

Purpose of Visit:

Minister Flanagan is to attend the meeting of the Foreign Affairs Council in Luxembourg on Monday 18 April. EU Foreign Ministers will also meet with the UN High Commissioner for Refugees.

On the evening of 18 April, Minister Flanagan is to host a high-profile event being organised by AMCHAM and the British Irish Chamber of Commerce (BICC). It is a special joint event involving the UK Ambassador to Ireland and the US Ambassador to Ireland. The UK referendum on EU membership will be a key theme of this event. Minister Flanagan has been using all available opportunities to communicate the Government's position on this crucial referendum which is of key strategic importance to Ireland. In the region of 130 key influencers are expected to attend.

The commercial options available for travel to and from Luxembourg are quite limited and it would not be possible for the Minister to attend both important engagements on the same day if travelling with a commercial airline. Given the weight of the AMCHAM/BICC event and the requirement that the Minister attend the Foreign Affairs Council, permission is requested for use of the Government jet.

Travel Details:

Commercial Option

Sunday 17 April 2016:

Depart Dublin @12.10	Arr Frankfurt @15.10
Depart Frankfurt @ 21:45	Arr Luxembourg @ 22.35

Monday 18 April 2016:

Depart Luxembourg @ 14.30	Arr Frankfurt @ 15.20
Depart Frankfurt @ 16.05	Arr Dublin @ 17.10

Or

Depart Luxembourg @ 18.40	Arr Frankfurt @ 19.30
Depart Frankfurt @ 21.40	Arr Dublin @ 22.45

Government Jet

Monday 18 April 2016

Dep Baldonnel @ 07.15	Arr Luxembourg @ 10.00
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Monday, 18 April 2016

Dep Luxembourg @ 16.30	Arr Baldonnel @ 17.10
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Travelling Party: *Outward:* Minister Flanagan, Sarah Kavanagh, Eimear Friel, additional TBC
Return: Minister Flanagan, Sarah Kavanagh, Eimear Friel, additional TBC



03 May 2016

Private Secretary
Department of the Taoiseach

Dear Private Secretary

The Minister for Finance, Mr. Michael Noonan T.D., will be travelling to Brussels for a Eurogroup Meeting and the following travel arrangements are being forwarded for approval by the Taoiseach:

- Meeting Venue – Brussels
Travel dates: Monday, 9th May 2016

The Government Jet is requested for the above journey

Yours sincerely


 pp Justin Dolan
 Private Secretary

cc Private Secretary to the Minister for Foreign Affairs
Private Secretary to the Minister for Justice

Request for Ministerial Air Transport Service

- 1. **Minister:** Michael Noonan TD
- 2. **Destination:** Brussels
- 3. **Duration of visit:** Monday 9th May 2016
(From; to)
- 4. **Purpose of visit:** Eurogroup
- 5. **Proposed Government Jet times:**
Please give details

Monday, 9th May
 Depart Baldonnel 10.30pm
 Arrive Brussels 1.00pm

 Depart Brussels 10.00pm
 Arrive Baldonnel 10.30pm

Commercial options investigated.
Please give details.

Monday 9th May
Outbound
 Depart Dublin 6.40am
 Arrive Brussels 9.25am

Return
 Depart Brussels 9.15pm
 Arrive Dublin 9.50pm

- 6. **Travelling Party**
(excluding Minister / Minister of State)

Nicholas O'Brien, Assistant Secretary; Justin Dolan, Private Secretary;
David Byrne, Press Officer;

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Date: _____

Michelle McKiernan
Assistant Private Secretary
to the Taoiseach

Request for Ministerial Air Transport Service

1. **Minister:** Frances Fitzgerald, Tanaiste & Minister for Justice & Equality
2. **Destination:** Baldonnell to Geneva and return
3. **Duration of Visit:** 11 May 2015
4. **Purpose of visit:** Universal Periodic Review
5. **Commercial Options**

None available

6. **Travelling Party**

1. Minister Frances Fitzgerald
2. Noel Waters (Secretary General)
3. Chris Quattrociochi (Private Secretary to the Minister)
4. Marion Mannion (Special Advisor to the Minister)
5. Niall Colgan (Press Officer)
6. Deaglan O'Briain (Principal Officer)
7. Layla de Cogan Chin (Assistant Principal Officer)

REASON(S) FOR REQUESTING GOVT JET:

1. The Tanaiste is required to attend the first Cabinet meeting of the new Government on the morning of Wednesday 11 May 2016. There are no commercial options available to allow her to attend this and to travel to Geneva in time for the UPR.

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Date:

Assistant Private Secretary to the Taoiseach

Request for Ministerial Air Transport Service

- 1. **Minister:** Frances Fitzgerald, Tanaiste & Minister for Justice & Equality
- 2. **Destination:** Baldonnell to Brussels and return
- 3. **Duration of Visit:** 20 May 2016
- 4. **Purpose of visit:** Justice & Home Affairs Council
- 5. **Commercial Options**

None available

- 6. **Travelling Party**
 - 1. Minister Frances Fitzgerald
 - 2. Marion Mannion (Special Advisor to the Minister)
 - 3. Niall Colgan (Press Officer)
 - 4. James Martin (Assistant Secretary)
 - 5. John Garry (Principal Officer)

REASON(S) FOR REQUESTING GOVT JET:

The Tanaiste is required to be in the House for Dail business all week. There are no commercial options available to allow her to reach Brussels for the start of meetings on Friday morning

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Date: _____
Assistant Private Secretary to the Taoiseach



16 May 2016

Private Secretary
Department of the Taoiseach

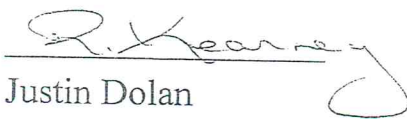
Dear Private Secretary

The Minister for Finance, Mr. Michael Noonan T.D., will be travelling to Brussels for a Eurogroup and ECOFIN Meeting and the following travel arrangements are being forwarded for approval by the Taoiseach:

- Meeting Venue – Brussels
Travel dates: Tuesday, 24th May and Wednesday 25th May 2016

The Government Jet is requested for the above journey

Yours sincerely



Justin Dolan
Private Secretary

cc Private Secretary to the Minister for Foreign Affairs ✓
Private Secretary to the Minister for Justice *by email*

Request for Ministerial Air Transport Service

- 1. **Minister:** Michael Noonan TD
- 2. **Destination:** Brussels
- 3. **Duration of visit:** Tuesday 24th May and Wednesday 25th May (From; to)
- 4. **Purpose of visit:** Eurogroup & ECOFIN
- 5. **Proposed Government Jet times:**
Please give details

Tuesday, 24th May

Depart Baldonnel 11.00am
 Arrive Brussels 1.30pm

Wednesday, 25th May

Depart Brussels 3.00pm
 Arrive Baldonnel 3.30pm

Commercial options investigated.
 Please give details.

Tuesday, 24th May

Depart Dublin 6.40am
 Arrive Brussels 9.25am

Wednesday, 25th May

Depart Brussels 9.15pm
 Arrive Dublin 9.50pm

- 6. **Travelling Party**
(excluding Minister / Minister of State)

Nicholas O'Brien, Assistant Secretary; Justin Dolan, Private Secretary;
 David Byrne, Press Officer;

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Date: _____

Michelle McKiernan
 Assistant Private Secretary
 to the Taoiseach



24 May 2016

Private Secretary
Department of the Taoiseach

Dear Private Secretary

The Minister for Finance, Mr. Michael Noonan T.D., will be travelling to Paris for an OECD meeting and the following travel arrangements are being forwarded for approval by the Taoiseach:

- Meeting Venue – Paris
Travel dates: Wednesday, 1st June and Thursday 2nd June 2016

The Government Jet is requested for the above journey

Yours sincerely


JP Justin Dolan

Private Secretary

cc Private Secretary to the Minister for Foreign Affairs
Private Secretary to the Minister for Justice

Request for Ministerial Air Transport Service

- 1. **Minister:** Michael Noonan TD
- 2. **Destination:** Paris
- 3. **Duration of visit:** Wednesday, 1st June and Thursday 2nd 2016 (From; to)
- 4. **Purpose of visit:** OECD Ministerial Council Meeting
- 5. **Proposed Government Jet times:**
Please give details

Wednesday, 1st June

Depart Baldonnell 9.30am
 Arrive Paris 12.10pm

Thursday, 2nd June

Depart Paris 7.00pm
 Arrive Baldonnell 7.40pm

Commercial options investigated.
 Please give details.

Wednesday, 1st June

Depart Dublin 9.40am EI 522
 Arrive Paris 12.25pm

Thursday, 2nd June

Depart Paris 9.50pm EI 529
 Arrive Dublin 10.30pm

- 6. **Travelling Party**
(excluding Minister / Minister of State)

Mary Kenny, Special Adviser; Justin Dolan, Private Secretary;
 David Byrne, Press Officer;

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 Michelle McKiernan
 Assistant Private Secretary
 to the Taoiseach

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FROM: Eimear Friel, Private Secretary
DATE: 27th May, 2016
PAGES: 2

DETAILS:

I attach a request and would be grateful for approval for use of the Government Jet for the Minister for Foreign Affairs & Trade to travel to and from Paris on 2nd/3rd June, 2016 for an MEPP Ministerial Conference.

Request for Ministerial Air Transport Service

Minister: Minister for Foreign Affairs & Trade

Destination: Paris

Duration of Visit: 2 day – 2nd/3rd June

Purpose of Visit: MEPP Ministerial Conference 3rd June

On Friday, 3 June the French government will host a conference on the Middle East Peace Process. This conference is both high level and limited to a very small number of countries. Ireland has been invited to participate, largely in recognition of our own particular experience of a peace process on our own island. This invitation followed a meeting Minister Flanagan had with the French government’s Special Envoy for the Middle East Peace Process in Dublin last week.

The Middle East Peace Process is both a key facet of Irish foreign policy and an issue of great interest and importance in the Oireachtas. While the process itself has been moribund for some time, this initiative by the French government is the most significant development for some time. Minister Flanagan’s attendance is considered crucial from an Irish perspective.

There is a strong possibility of a strike by French air traffic controllers on the date of the conference. This would prevent Minister Flanagan from travelling by commercial means and prevent Ireland from participating in the conference. The Department of Defence has advised that use of the government jet would be feasible due to separate air traffic control systems applying.

Given the importance of the MEPP Ministerial Conference permission is requested for use of the Government jet.

Travel Details:

Government Jet

Date: Thursday 2nd June
 Depart Baldonnel @ 20.30 Arr Paris, Le Bourget 23.05 (approx.)

Date: Friday 3rd June
 Depart Le Bourget @ 15.00p.m. Arr Baldonnel @ 15.35

Travelling Party: *Outward:* Minister Flanagan, Eimear Friel, additional TBC
Return: Minister Flanagan, Eimear Friel, additional TBC

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Date:

 Michelle McKiernan
 Assistant Private Secretary to the Taoiseach

Request for Ministerial Air Transport Service

1. **Minister:** Frances Fitzgerald, Minister for Justice & Equality
2. **Destination:** Baldonnell to Luxembourg and Return
3. **Duration of Visit:** 8 June – 10 June 2016
4. **Purpose of visit:** Justice & Home Affairs Council
5. **Commercial Options**

None available at appropriate times

6. **Travelling Party**
 1. Minister Frances Fitzgerald
 2. Chris Quattrociocchi (Private Secretary to the Minister)
 3. Marion Mannion (Special Advisor to the Minister)
 4. Niall Colgan (Press Officer)
 5. James Martin (Assistant Secretary)
 6. John Garry (Principal Officer)

REASON(S) FOR REQUESTING GOVT JET:

1. The Justice and Home Affairs Council is due to begin at 10am on Thursday 9 June. There are no commercial options available that morning to arrive on time for this.
2. The Minister's attendance is required in the House on Wednesday 8 June.
3. The Minister has a number of meetings scheduled for the afternoon of Friday 10 June and the Minister would like to facilitate these meetings if possible. There are no commercial options available to allow the Minister to attend the Council and return for these meetings.

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Date: _____
Assistant Private Secretary to the Taoiseach



24 May 2016

Private Secretary
Department of the Taoiseach

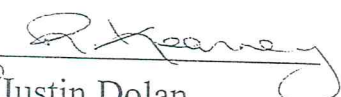
Dear Private Secretary

The Minister for Finance, Mr. Michael Noonan T.D., will be travelling to Berlin for bilateral meetings with Minister Schauble and the following travel arrangements are being forwarded for approval by the Taoiseach:

- Meeting Venue – Berlin
Travel dates: Thursday, 9th June and Sunday, 12th June 2016

The Government Jet is requested for the above journey

Yours sincerely


Justin Dolan

Private Secretary

cc Private Secretary to the Minister for Foreign Affairs
Private Secretary to the Minister for Justice

Request for Ministerial Air Transport Service

1. **Minister:** Michael Noonan TD
2. **Destination:** Berlin
3. **Duration of visit:** Thursday, 9th June to Sunday 12th June 2016
(From; to)
4. **Purpose of visit:** Bilateral meetings with Minister Schauble
5. **Proposed Government Jet times:**
Please give details

Thursday, 9th June

Depart Baldonnell	10.00am
Arrive Berlin	1.05pm

Sunday, 12th June

Depart Berlin	5.00pm
Arrive Baldonnell	6.05pm

Commercial options investigated.
Please give details.

Thursday, 9th June

Depart Dublin	7.10am	EI 330
Arrive Berlin	10.20am	

Sunday, 12th June

Depart Berlin	10.15pm	EI 339
Arrive Dublin	11.40pm	

6. **Travelling Party**
(excluding Minister / Minister of State)

Justin Dolan, Private Secretary;

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Date: _____
Michelle McKiernan
Assistant Private Secretary
to the Taoiseach

FW: Government Jet Application - Berlin - 9-12 June 2016

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Justin Dolan

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Michelle

I wish to advise you that the request for use of the Government Jet from Berlin to Baldonnel on Sunday, 12th June is being withdrawn. I have informed the Department of Defence and the arrangements have now been cancelled.

Regards

Rosemary

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E-MAIL MESSAGE

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FROM:
DATE:
PAGES: 2

DETAILS:

I attach a request for approval for use of the Government Jet for the Minister for Foreign Affairs & Trade, Mr. Charles Flanagan T.D. to travel to Luxembourg on 19 June for a meeting of the Foreign Affairs Council on 20 June 2016 returning to Dublin (via London to attend a Brexit event) late evening on 20 June.

It is proposed Minister Denis Naughten and his Private Secretary would travel on the jet on the outbound flight to Luxembourg.

Request for Ministerial Air Transport Service

Minister: Minister for Foreign Affairs & Trade

Destination: Luxembourg

Duration of Visit: 2 days – 19/20 June, 2016

Purpose of Visit:

Minister Flanagan is due to attend the monthly gathering of EU foreign ministers on Monday, 20th June. On this occasion the FAC is taking place in Luxembourg. The Minister is scheduled to speak at an engagement in London on the evening of Monday, 20th June. This will be the final visit to the UK by an Irish Government minister in advance of the forthcoming UK referendum on EU membership. It will take place in the context of a series of ministerial visits which are part of the Government’s strategy in relation to the referendum, a key strategic concern for Ireland.

The commercial options for travel to and from Luxembourg are extremely limited and it will not be possible for Minister Flanagan to participate in both the Foreign Affairs Council and the engagement in London, if flying commercially. Accordingly, permission is requested for use of the Government jet on this occasion to facilitate attendance at the engagements in Luxembourg and London.

It is further proposed that Minister Denis Naughten and his Private Secretary would travel to Luxembourg with Minister Flanagan on the outbound flight as he is scheduled to attend the EU Environment Council meeting taking place on Monday, 20th June.

Travel Details:

Government Jet

Sunday 19th June
Dep Baldonnel @ 8.00p.m. Arr Luxembourg @ 10.45p.m.

Monday, 20th June 2016
Dep Luxembourg 5.00pm Arr London @5.30pm
Dep London 9.00pm Arr Baldonnel 10.00pm

Travelling Party: *Outward:* Minister Flanagan, Sarah Kavanagh, Eimear Friel,
Minister Denis Naughten, Seana McGearty, Brian Carroll.

Return: Minister Flanagan, Sarah Kavanagh, Eimear Friel, additional TBC

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Date:

Michelle McKiernan
Assistant Private Secretary to the Taoiseach

Request for Ministerial Air Transport Service

1. **Minister:** Frances Fitzgerald, Minister for Justice & Equality
2. **Destination:** Baldonnell to Bratislava and Return
3. **Duration of Visit:** 6 July – 8 July 2016
4. **Purpose of visit:** Justice & Home Affairs Council
5. **Commercial Options**

None available at appropriate times

6. **Travelling Party**
 1. Minister Frances Fitzgerald
 2. Niall Colgan (Private Secretary to the Minister)
 3. Marion Mannion (Special Advisor to the Minister)
 4. James Martin (Assistant Secretary)
 5. John Garry (Principal Officer)

REASON(S) FOR REQUESTING GOVT JET:

1. The Justice and Home Affairs Council is due to begin at 10am on Thursday 7 July. There are no commercial options available that morning to arrive on time for this.
2. The Tanaiste's attendance is required in the House on Wednesday 6 July.
3. The Tanaiste has a number of meetings scheduled for the afternoon of Friday 8 July and would like to facilitate these meetings if possible. There are no commercial options available to allow the Tanaiste to attend the Council and return for these meetings.

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Date:

Assistant Private Secretary to the Taoiseach

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Request for Ministerial Air Transport Service

1. **Minister:** Michael Noonan TD
2. **Destination:** Brussels
3. **Duration of visit:** Monday 11th July and Tuesday 12th July 2016.
(From; to)
4. **Purpose of visit:** Eurogroup & ECOFIN
5. **Proposed Government Jet times:**
Please give details

Monday, 11th July

Depart Baldonnel	11.00am
Arrive Brussels	1.30pm

Tuesday, 12th July

Depart Brussels	3.00pm
Arrive Baldonnel	3.30pm

Commercial options investigated.

Please give details.

Monday, 11th July

Depart Dublin	6.40am
Arrive Brussels	9.25am

Tuesday, 12th July

Depart Brussels	9.15pm
Arrive Dublin	9.50pm

6. **Travelling Party**
(excluding Minister / Minister of State)

Nicholas O'Brien, Assistant Secretary; Justin Dolan, Private Secretary;
David Byrne, Press Officer;

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Date: _____

Michelle McKiernan
Assistant Private Secretary
to the Taoiseach

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E-MAIL MESSAGE

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FROM:
DATE:
PAGES: 2

DETAILS:

I attach a request for approval for use of the Government Jet for the Minister for Foreign Affairs & Trade, Mr. Charles Flanagan T.D. to travel to an OSCE Informal Meeting in Potsdam, Germany on 1st September and onwards to Bratislava for a Gymnich Informal Meeting of EU Foreign Ministers on 2nd and 3rd September, 2016.

Request for Ministerial Air Transport Service

Minister: Minister for Foreign Affairs & Trade

Destination: Potsdam, Germany/Bratislava, Slovakia

Duration of Visit: 3 days, 1-3 September, 2016

Purpose of Visit:

Minister Flanagan has been invited by German FM Steinmeier to attend an informal meeting of OSCE Foreign Ministers in Potsdam, Germany on 1 September. The Programme for this visit will conclude at 9.00p.m. The following day in Bratislava, the annual “Gymnich” informal meeting of EU Foreign Ministers will commence and take place over 2-3 September; including a meeting with the Eastern Partnership.

The Minister is currently engaged in an intensive programme of engagement, formally and informally, with EU foreign ministers, in the context of the UK referendum result and the negotiations ahead. He is anxious to use all available opportunities to engage with his foreign ministerial colleagues on Ireland’s priorities and concerns in the period ahead.

The commercial options available for travel from Berlin to Bratislava are limited and there is no flight available on Thursday night following the completion of the Potsdam programme. In order to facilitate Minister Flanagan’s participation in the OSCE Foreign Ministers meeting in Potsdam and in the Gymnich meeting of EU Foreign Ministers in Bratislava, permission is requested to use the Government jet.

Travel Details: (all times local)

Government Jet

Thursday 1st September

Depart Baldonnel @ 07.00. Arr. Berlin 10.30

Thursday 1st September

Depart Berlin @ 22.30 Arr. Bratislava 23.40

Saturday 3rd September

Depart Bratislava 15.00 Arr. Dublin 16.10 approx.

Travelling Party: *Outward:* Minister Flanagan, Sarah Kavanagh, Eimear Friel,

Return: Minister Flanagan, Sarah Kavanagh, Eimear Friel, Nicole Mannion

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Date:

Maura Duffy
Assistant Private Secretary to the Taoiseach

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E-MAIL MESSAGE

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FROM: Eimear Friel
DATE: 2nd September 2016
PAGES: 2

DETAILS:

I attach a request for approval for use of the Government Jet for the Minister for Foreign Affairs & Trade, Mr. Charles Flanagan T.D. to travel to a Council of Europe meeting for Foreign Ministers in Strasbourg on Wednesday, 7th September.

Request for Ministerial Air Transport Service

Minister: Minister for Foreign Affairs & Trade

Destination: Strasbourg

Duration of Visit: 1 day, 7th September, 2016

Purpose of Visit:

The Secretary General of the Council of Europe has requested the presence of foreign ministers at a meeting in Strasbourg on Wednesday, 7th September. The meeting will be attended by the Turkish Foreign Minister and will allow an exchange of views on the situation in Turkey in the wake of the attempted coup on 16 July.

Relations with Turkey are critically important at this time and domestic political matters in Turkey, the migration deal between Turkey and the EU and Turkish foreign policy are regularly discussed and debated in the Oireachtas.

Moreover, in its foreign policy Ireland is a strong supporter of the Council of Europe and ministerial attendance at this meeting is considered important to demonstrate that support at a time when it has been directly sought by the COE's Secretary General.

The commercial options available for travel to and from Strasbourg are very limited. There are no direct flights available on the date in question and the commercial options would mean arriving too late for the two hour meeting and departing Strasbourg eight hours after the meeting is scheduled to conclude. Accordingly, in order to facilitate Minister Flanagan's participation in the Council of Europe Foreign Ministers meeting in Strasbourg, permission is requested to use the Government jet.

Travel Details: (all times local)

Commercial Options:

Wednesday 7st September

Depart Dublin @ 05.55

Arr. Amsterdam @ 8.40

Depart Amsterdam @ 10.00

Arr. Strasbourg @ 11.05

Wednesday 7th September

Depart Strasbourg @ 18.35

Arr. Amsterdam @ 19.50

Depart Amsterdam @ 20.35

Arr. Dublin @ 21.20

Government Jet

Wednesday 7st September

Depart Baldonnell @ (time tbc) Arr. Strasbourg @ 0.00 (local time)

Wednesday 7th September

Depart Strasbourg @ 15.00 Arr. Baldonnell @ (time tbc)

Travelling Party: *Outward:* Minister Flanagan, Sarah Kavanagh, Eimear Friel,

Return: Minister Flanagan, Sarah Kavanagh, Eimear Friel.

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Date:

Maura Duffy
Assistant Private Secretary to the Taoiseach