

Question:

Under Freedom of Information regulations I would like to know:-

Please provide details of all official travel undertaken by the Department of Health's Special Adviser, Mark Ovens over the past seven years. Specifically, I request the following information for each trip overseas:

- The destination(s) of the trip
- The dates and duration of the trip
- The purpose of the trip
- The total cost to the public purse, with a breakdown where available (including travel, accommodation, subsistence, and any other associated costs)
- The stated benefits, objectives, or expected outcomes of each trip.
- Any documented outcomes, results, or follow-up actions arising from the trip

If the information is held in a central register or across multiple records, please include all relevant sources. If any information is withheld, please specify the exemption relied upon and provide justification as required under the Act.

Response:

Our response has been set out in the attached **Annex**, and some context has been added below.

- You should note that we have taken February 2019 to February 2026 as the years in which we conducted the search (the 7 years you have sought) and set out the trips that occurred during that time for Mark Ovens.
- Whilst Mark Ovens travelled with others please note that we have only provided costs for Mark Ovens as that is what you requested.
- Mark did not claim subsistence on any of the listed trips.



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