

Question:

- *Can you tell me how many times correspondence has been received by the Department in a language other than English?*
- *How many times has the Department received a correspondence in Irish?*
- *How many times has the Department received a correspondence in Ulster Scots?*
- *Can you give me these figures for the years 2016, 2017, and the year 2018 up to June 30.*
- *These to include both letters physically written to the Department and letters sent to the Department by email.*
- *Can you tell me how much money was spent on translation services for dealing with correspondence in this period, both on translating correspondence sent to the Department and providing responses?*
- *Can you tell me who was paid to provide translation services - whether this was paid to someone working within the Department or to an external organisation paid to carry out the work.*

Response:

Records from 2016 to 30 June 2018 indicate that only one correspondence, in a language other than English, has been received by the Department. This correspondence was a letter (received by e-mail in 2016) in Irish. The correspondence and a draft response was translated by an external organisation at a cost of £68.40.

No communications in Ulster-Scots or other languages are recorded.

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