

International Election Observation Mission and Flight Costs and Average Emissions for 2020														
Month	Who Travelled	Mission Expenses Paid (OSCE) ¹	DFA Pre Departure Payment ²	Balancing Payment to OSCE ³	Flight Cost ⁴	Total Mission Cost Paid by DFA	Flight Route Out	Flight Route In	Flight Purpose ⁵	CO2 Emissions ⁶ Tonne/Per Person	CAF contribution @ €26 per tonne ⁷	State	EU or OSCE	Insurance ⁸
		€	€	€	€	€					€			
Jan	Roster Member	3996	600	*	507	5103	DUB-IST-GYD	GYD-IST-DUB	Mission	0.75855	€ 19.72	Azerbaijan	OSCE	
Feb	Roster Member	1720	600	*	395	2715	DUB-IST-GYD	GYD-IST-DUB	Mission	0.7617	€ 19.80	Azerbaijan	OSCE	
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Due to the impact of COVID-19, the Department of Foreign Affairs did not nominate election observers for the remainder of 2020.

Notes														
1. Before a mission, DFA transfers to observers the costs which the OSCE projects are necessary to cover the observer's costs (accommodation, food and incidentals) and costs associated with the driver and interpreter (including accommodation) and car costs. Tax clearance is sought in advance. In the case of EU missions, the EU makes these arrangements directly with observers, without DFA involvement.														
2. Roster members who participate in a mission receive €600 once only in a 12 month period. There is no second payment if there is, for instance, a second round run off election or any other mission within 12 months. The €600 covers medical check ups, vaccinations, PCR tests, visa costs, travel to/from Dublin airport and all other miscellaneous pre-departure mission costs. It is not paid to DFA staff. Payment is made on receipt of tax clearance.														
3. Sometime after a mission DFA receives an invoice from the OSCE for balancing costs associated with the mission. These costs are paid directly to the OSCE.														
4. DFA books, and pays for, flights to OSCE missions. All flights are economy and are arranged to suit the OSCE mission schedule. Roster members resident outside of Ireland may opt to fly from their country of residence for efficiency reasons. In such instances, they are entitled to the cost of the flight from Dublin to the host country, or the cost flight from their country of residence, whichever is the lowest cost. Excess flight costs are incurred at their own expense. DFA does not book or pay for flights to EU missions. The EU makes these arrangements directly with the observers selected by the EU from those nominated by DFA.														
5. Participation in an international election observation mission.														
6. Average emissions per tonne/per person as per flight tickets purchased by DFA. The ICAO emissions calculator is available at: https://www.icao.int/environmental-protection/Carbonoffset/Pages/default.aspx DFA is making arrangements to comply with DPER Circular 01/20: Procedures for Offsetting the Emissions Associated with Official Air Travel which issued 12 January 2020.														
7. DFA keeps an overview of all flights booked each year and makes an annual payment to the Government's Climate Action Fund (CAF) in order to off-set the resulting carbon emissions. The CAF was established to provide assistance and financial support to projects which will help Ireland achieve its climate and energy targets.														
8. Insurance cover runs annually from 1 December to 30 November.														