

FOI Disclosure Log

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Case ID	Requester Type	Request	Decision
21-001	Member of the Public	All records held by this department as they relate to the provision of contracts for 'public relations' or 'crisis management' or 'press work' in 2020. These records should include the nature and scope of contract provided, the values of the contracts, named parties to the contract and the tender references and documentation associated with the aforementioned contracts. These records should also include all correspondence between Dept officials and the applicants for the contracts to include emails, text messages and WhatsApp messages	Refused
21-003	Member of the Public	Copies of any letter/email of resignation by outgoing secretary general Robert Watt. Copies of any briefing materials compiled for the new/acting DPER secretary general.	Refused
21-004	Member of the Public	Copies of the working papers used or prepared by the authors of the report entitled "Spending Review 2020 - Analysis of Social Housing Build Programme", by Colm Farrell and Daniel O'Callaghan, Housing Local Government and Heritage Vote and IGEES Unit, October 2020. For the purposes of this FOI request, "working papers" means any Word documents, PDF documents, Excel documents, extracts from databases, PowerPoint presentations and /or worksheets which (in relation to any such document) contain evidence, data analysis or other content which were used by the authors to prepare and/or inform the final contents of the relevant report.	Refused

21-005	Journalist	All documents, emails, memos relating to the setting of €292,000 as the salary for the new Secretary General of The Department of Health as advertised recently.	Part Grant
21-006	Journalist	Copies of all records held referring or relating to the setting of a salary of €292,000 for the next permanent Secretary General of the Department of Health.	Part Grant
21-007	Journalist	Request for records relating to the reported https://www.irishtimes.com/news/ireland/irish-news/department-of-health-secretary-general-pay-to-rise-by-over-90-000-1.4453509 Increase in the salary to be paid to the secretary general of the department of health.	Part Grant
21-008	Member of the Public	The amount spent on departure packages for government department heads, including secretaries' general, senior civil servants etc. These payment packages should include data on severance payments, lump sums and annual pension. This should include all data from January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2020.	Refused
21-010	Journalist	Copy of correspondence between the Department of Public Expenditure and the Department of Health since 01 September 2020 on the filing of the substantive position of Secretary General of the Department of Health. Copy of correspondence between the Department of Public Expenditure and the Department of Health since 01 September 2020 regarding the pay rate to apply in relation to the substantive post of secretary general of the Department of Health. Copy of correspondence to and from the office of the Minister for Public Expenditure since 01 September 2020 regarding the post of secretary general of the Department of Health.	Part Grant

21-011	Oireachtas/Elected Representative	Any and all documentation, to include all correspondence (excluding correspondence received from the public), notes, memoranda; compiled, received or sent by the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform and / or officials in the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform on his behalf, in so far as such documentation relates to the increase in the remuneration of the Secretary General of the Department of Health, and in so far as such documentation was compiled, received or sent within the period 1st December 2020 up to and including the 11th January 2021.	Part Grant
21-012	Member of the Public	Copies of all correspondence relating to the increase in salary for the role of secretary general of the Department of Health to/from the following individuals: - Minister Michael McGrath - Former DPER secretary general Robert Watt - Interim DPER secretary general David Moloney I am also seeking copies of any documents attached to correspondence to/from the politicians listed.	Part Grant
21-013	Journalist	A copy of the minutes of the interdepartmental group on Reform of the Civil Service between 1st January 2020 and 14th January 2021.	Refused
21-014	Journalist	A copy of all finalised internal audit reports completed within the Department between 1st January 2020 and 31 December 2020.	Part Grant
21-015	Journalist	A copy of the EY Capital projects capacity review report conducted in 2020.	Withdrawn
21-017	Member of the Public	A copy of all records relating to a request to grant an increase in the salary of the secretary general of the Department of Health and related analysis.	Part Grant
21-018	Journalist	Any correspondence, briefing notes, research or analysis exchanged internally or externally by the Department of Public Expenditure and	Part Grant

		<p>Reform - at, or above, the rank of principal officer, including ministers and ministers of state - regarding the implementation or financial implications of the EU-UK Trade and Co-operation deal. The minutes of any meetings held internally or with external parties regarding the implementation or financial implications of the EU-UK Trade and Co-operation deal, as well as any correspondence or briefing notes prepared in anticipation of, or in the aftermath of, such meetings. Such meetings would involve at least one department official at the rank of principal officer or above, or ministers or ministers of state.</p> <p>The time period I am interested in is from December 24, 2020 to January 18, 2021.</p>	
21-019	Member of the Public	<p>As confirmed in the response to the various PQs (2103/21, 2149/21, 2104/21, 2126/21, 2150/21), the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform says the increased salary of €292,000 is due to increased responsibilities including the COVID vaccine rollout programme. As such I am requesting the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All emails, letters and minutes of meetings related to the increased salary of €292,000. • All emails, letters and minutes of meetings related to the reasons the derogation from the salary rules were sought. • All emails, letters and minutes of meetings related to the Minister for Health's expanded role in the rollout of the vaccine. • The time period for this request is 01/10/2020 to 14/01/2021 	Part Grant
21-020	Member of the Public	<p>Number of engineering staff in your organisation who were paid or reimbursed either in part or full their annual membership fees for Engineers Ireland for the years 2018 and 2019. A list of all and any other professional subscriptions or membership fees (broken down by name of institution, and staff grade and number of each separately) either paid or reimbursed, party or fully, during 2018 and 2019.</p>	Part Grant

21-023	Member of the Public	All lots of an awarded tender: PROJ000005102 - EMS050F - Multi Supplier Framework Agreement for the provision of premises within the Border Region for Persons Seeking International. Multi Supplier Framework Agreement for the provision of premises within the Border region (Cavan, Donegal, Leitrim, Monaghan and Sligo) including the provision of Management, Catering, Housekeeping, General Maintenance and Security Services for Persons seeking International Protection - EMS050F. I know this is probably a more awkward FOI but even in the first instance, if you could send on the Contract Notice and original tender documents which were originally publicly accessible, that would be very much appreciated.	Withdrawn
21-024	Journalist	All records relating to the filling of the vacancy of the Secretary General position at the Department of Health and the decision to increase the level of pay for the role. I am seeking all records from 2020 to date.	Part Grant
21-025	Journalist	All correspondence between the Robert Watt, the former head of the Department of Public Expenditure with a) The Minister for Health Stephen Donnelly b) The Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform Michael McGrath c) The Chair of the HSE Board on issues pertaining to Department of Health funding/finances and health funding/finances for health in general between the dates 1 November 2020 and 1 January 2021.	Refused
21-026	Journalist	Under the FOI Act 2014, I am requesting the release of any correspondence sent to the Minister by or on behalf of the Charities Institute Ireland between 1 September and 31 December last, to discuss issues and challenges were raised with several members in regards to the current process of The National Lottery Good Cause funding. My request covers correspondence and meetings referred to in entries on the Lobbying Register here.	Part Grant

21-027	Business/Interest Group	I request under FOI legislation a copy of all documentation, correspondence, studies and memorandum in relation to the approval of funding for “greenways” in 2020, including a copy of the capital financial allocations to each project, the cost benefit analysis carried out in each case; the projected usage of each project; the projected maintenance cost of the projects; the sources of direct income that will be derived from them and any other relevant material in relation to the approval of funding for greenways .	Withdrawn
21-028	Member of the Public	<p>All spatial and attribute data (including owners or rights holders along routes identified) informing the map in Annex 3 of the department’s 'Plan Z' alternative to the National Broadband Plan entitled “ Submission PER 00154-19: Briefing on the National Broadband Plan for meeting with Minister Bruton”</p> <p>“Annexe 1 - Potential Coverage Map”</p> <p>https://merrionstreet.ie/MerrionStreet/en/ImageLibrary/4_PER-00154-19_Briefing_on_the_National_Broadband_Plan_for_Meeting_with_Minister_Bruton_210219_Redacted_.pdf</p> <p>Spatial data is requested in common GIS format (.shp .kml .geojson etc)</p> <p>Tabular data should be supplied in native format. Text records should be supplied in searchable format where possible.</p>	Part Grant
21-029	Journalist	Copies of any correspondence between your department and either the Dept of Justice or the Data Protection Commissioner with regard to the provision of a new headquarters for the Office of the DPC. Copies of any submissions, memos, briefings, or other such review/overview documents prepared or submitted to the Dept with regard to provision of a new HQ for the DPC. Both parts of this request to cover the period 1 July 2019 to date of receipt of the request.	Refused
21-030	Journalist	All correspondence between Dermot Crowley of Dalata and Minister McGrath during 2020 and to date in 2021.This request was	Part Grant

		subsequently clarified and the below wording agreed on 27/01/21. I wish to request, under the Freedom of Information Act, access to a copy of all correspondence between Dermot Crowley of Dalata and Minister McGrath, from Minister McGrath's appointment on 27th June 2020 to date in 2021. This FOI arises out of this lobbying return for the period September 1 to December 31. https://www.lobbying.ie/return/67229/dalata-hotel-group	
21-031	Journalist	All records relating to the requirement / decision to increase the salary level for the secretary general position in the Department of Health and process for filling that position. I would like this request to cover any records on these matters from 2020 through to today.	Withdrawn
21-032	Journalist	Under the Freedom of Information Act I would like all records relating to the requirement / decision to increase the salary level for the secretary general position in the Department of Health and process for filling that position. I would like this request to cover any records on these matters from 2020 through to today.	Withdrawn
21-033	Journalist	Any communications between the European Commission and Minister Michael McGrath or Minister of State Ossian Smyth on the EU recovery and resilience facility from November 1st 2020 to the end of January 2021. Any internal briefings prepared for any of the relevant department Ministers on the recovery and resilience fund between July 2020 and January 2021.	Part Grant
21-034	Journalist	Any correspondence between Robert Watt of the Department of Public Expenditure and the Department of Health from June 2020 to January 2021. Request clarified as follows: any emails sent from Robert Watt directly for the Minister for Health's attention, and to the secretary general of the department of health from June 2020 to January 2021.	Grant

21-035	Journalist	<p>In or around August 2018, an official from Wexford Council (WCC) made an inquiry to the Local Government Governance Section of the Department of Housing, Planning & Local Government (DHPLG), as to whether or not travel undertaken by any Councillor in a personal capacity with an external public body, should be aggregated with travel done in relation to their role as a Councillor, for the purposes of calculating the correct mileage band for Councillors. This query was in turn passed on to the Department of Public Expenditure & Reform (DPER), whose response was referred to by DHPLG, which in turn responded to the Council. DPER's response included the following sentence: It is the Department's view that all mileage should be aggregated where an applicant is claiming from more than one public service body. I am seeking copies of all communications in this exchange that DPER holds.</p>	Grant
21-036	Journalist	<p>A breakdown and total number in relation to any fees, wages, and any other expenses accrued by and received by NPHE and its members since January 2020. A breakdown and total number in relation to any fees, wages, and any other expenses accrued by and received by CMO Tony Holohan since January 2020.</p>	Refused
21-037	Member of the Public	<p>How many Executive Officers were transferred to the following departments in Letterkenny, Co. Donegal under the Civil Service Mobility Scheme since 01/04/2018</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.Revenue 2.OPW 3.Legal Aid 4. Courts 5. Education 	Refused

		<p>6. Social Welfare</p> <p>7. An Garda Síochána</p> <p>A total breakdown of each department would be appreciated</p>	
21-038	Business/Interest Group	We request from the M/Finance a copy of the letter, or other such communication, that was sent by or on behalf of the Minister for Justice to the M/Finance on or about the 28th 2006 (as confirmed by the Minister Justice in the attached copy email dated 28th March 2006). In brief we request access to the letter in which the reason for the Justice Minister's referral to the D/Finance was conveyed and explained.	Refused
21-040	Journalist	Copies of any correspondence (including attachments in the case of email) between the DPER Secretary General, Robert Watt, and any other departments or state agencies relating to the new Garda centre at Military Road and/or the proposed move of garda units from Harcourt Square. I am seeking Records generated or received in September 2017.	Grant
21-041	Journalist	Under the Freedom of Information Act 2014, I am requesting copies of any correspondence (including attachments in the case of email) between the DPER Secretary General, Robert Watt, and any other departments or state agencies relating to the new Garda centre at Military Road and/or the proposed move of garda units from Harcourt Square. I am seeking Records generated or received between May 6th, 2011 and August 31st 2017.	Part Grant
21-042	Member of the Public	Copies of all records held referring or relating to the decision to award the contract titled, "Lot 2 Provision of Services for Families/Couples/Single Persons - Border Region" to Bridgestock Care. This request is to cover the period beginning 14 October 2019 and	Part Grant

		ending 29 September 2020 inclusive. Copies of all records which refer to, relate to, and. /or comprise the tender submission of Bridgestock Care for the contract notice: PROJ000005102 - EMS050F - Multi Supplier Framework Agreement for the provision of premises within the Border Region for Persons Seeking International Protection". This request is to cover the period beginning 14 October 2019 and ending 29 September 2020 inclusive.	
21-043	Journalist	Records of any correspondence from January 1, 2021 to February 15, 2021 between the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform, its ministers or other employees from the grade of Assistant Principal and higher and the Department of Health relating to the rising costs of the National Children's Hospital. The request also covers any reference to the National Children's Hospital included in the capital budget for the Department of Health.	Grant
21-044	Journalist	All correspondence from January 1, 2021 and February 15, 2021 between the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform, its ministers or other employees from the grade of Assistant Principal and higher and the Department of Finance in relation to the "de-profiling" of any capital projects in order to offset the rising capital cost of the National Children's Hospital.	Refused
21-048	Business/Interest Group	Please provide records, and correspondence between the Department of Public Expenditure and the Data Protection Commission (DPC), and the Office of Public Works, that relate to business cases and specification of office accommodation and equipment for the DPC.	Refused
21-049	Member of the Public	DFA recently published an in-house review of their management of Ireland's international election observation roster, see attached. In the acknowledgment section they thank your Government Reform Unit. I wish to apply for copies of records held by your department relating to the assistance provided to this review.	Grant

21-051	Member of the Public	I would appreciate if you could advise as per office of Government Disclosure today in Dáil at Government accounts committee 1..price paid by Revenue per unit of electricity 2..price paid by Dept of Education per unit of electricity 3..are all schools paying same rate for electricity?	Refused
21-052	Member of the Public	<p>For the period 1994 to 2020 please advise</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please provide details of any request from the Department of Defence for a supplementary budget for Defence Budget Vote 35 2. Please provide details of any request from the Department of Defence for a supplementary budget for Vote 36 3. Please provide details of any requests from the Department of Defence for permission to transfer funds from Vote 36 to Vote 35. 4. Please provide details of funds from Vote 35 refunded to the exchequer. 5. Please provide details of funds from Vote 35 refunded to the exchequer. For the period 1994 to 2020 please advise <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please provide details of any request from the Department of Defence for a supplementary budget for Defence Budget Vote 35 2. Please provide details of any request from the Department of Defence for a supplementary budget for Vote 36 3. Please provide details of any requests from the Department of Defence for permission to transfer funds from Vote 36 to Vote 35. 4. Please provide details of funds from Vote 35 refunded to the exchequer. 5. Please provide details of funds from Vote 35 refunded to the exchequer. 	Withdrawn

<p>21-053</p>	<p>Business/Interest Group</p>	<p>I would like to request the following records under the Freedom of Information act 2014.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A list of all the tenders issued over the past 3 years (1st Jan 2018 to 31st Dec 2020) 2. The publication date each tender was issued and the response deadline for submission of bids from interested companies 3. The category of each tender (e.g. construction, supply of equipment, technology etc) 4. The issuing authority/body/organisation i.e. the Buyer 5. The winner of the tender [company/individual name(s)] 6. The duration of each tender 7. Was the tender for an individual supplier (one company) or a panel of suppliers (multiple companies) 8. Whether the tender was to pick an individual supplier or a panel of potential suppliers. 9. The value of each tender 10. A flag indicating whether the winner was the incumbent provider of that product/service 11. The date the winner was announced 12. The draw-down of the tender - i.e. how much (€ value) was actually paid out to the winning bidder(s) for the services they provided under the tender? 13. Where relevant, the date the tender was cancelled. 14. The procedure for each tender (e.g. Open Procedure (OJEU)) 	<p>Grant</p>
<p>21-055</p>	<p>Member of the Public</p>	<p>Any documentation/records held by the Department in relation to the following: The Expert Review Group on Recruit Education, Entry, Pathways and Learning & Development for An Garda Síochána. Timeframe 01/01/2019 to present date.</p>	<p>Part Grant</p>

21-056	Member of the Public	Records that relates to the matter of the Ministerial Grant of Right of Way provided to Margaret Maguire, 29 Aravon Green Bray Co Wicklow on 06 Nov 2001 by the then Minister for Finance, to include any correspondence or advice from/to the Chief State Solicitor's Office on this Ministerial Grant matter. Records that relates to the matter of the Ministerial Grant of Right of Way provided to Margaret Maguire, 29 Aravon Green Bray Co Wicklow on 06 Nov 2001 by the then Minister for Finance, to include any correspondence or advice from/to the Chief State Solicitor's Office on this Ministerial Grant matter.	Part Grant
21-058	Member of the Public	Records relating to the TLAC and the Civil Service Management Board from 2019 to present relating to DTTAS, the Department of Transport and the Department of Health. Records of all meetings of the Civil Service Management Board and TLAC and PER Management Board from 2019 in which appointments to the Department of Transport and/or Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport and Department of Health are referred to. All correspondences between PER Management Boards and the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport and Department of Transport and Department of Health relating to Assistant Secretary and Secretary General appointments from 2019 to present.	Refused
21-059	Member of the Public	Copies of all correspondence, emails and messages, to include, but not limited to, instant messenger, text, WhatsApp or any other form of messenger, minutes/ notes of meetings etc. wherein concerns and/or issues etc. are raised/ referenced relating to the appointment of 'a named individual' to the Tax Appeals Commission. Please note that the disclosure of this request or any information identifying me as the submitter of same, unless required by legislation, to any person, organisation, Department or body outside of the Department of Public	Part Grant

		<p>Expenditure and Reform will be deemed by me to be a breach of my data protection rights. Should your Department need to notify, consult with or seek the permission of etc. any third party or organisation with regards to this request, I require that you seek my prior permission before making any form of contact with said third parties. I wish to be provided with the information requested in PDF format via email.</p>	
21-060	Business/Interest Group	<p>Specific tender as published on https://www.etenders.gov.ie/ (https://irl.eu-supply.com/) on 16/12/2020 by Michael Brown of the Office of Government Procurement. Tender Details: “RFT 182062 - PROJ000006854 - PAS097F-01-042 SRFT for Lot 1 Business Consultancy Services for SEAI” – SRFT Title: Provision of Consulting services in the preparation of SEAI’s five year statement of strategy. This mini competition is run under OGP Framework Contract reference “PAS097F”, a “Multi Supplier Framework Agreement for the provision of Business and Management and ICT Consultancy Services” All documentation relating to the above mini competition including but not limited to all tender submissions / reports / minutes of meetings / scoring and assessment of tenders and associated notes, minutes and drafts / summaries of the meetings and summaries of the tender reviews / tender feedback / tender assessment summaries / briefing materials / emails / letters / correspondence (internal and external) relating to the above Mini Competition as coordinated and facilitated by the Office for Government Procurement under Framework.</p> <p>All Tenderers Documents submitted should be fully accessible as clause 26 of the SRFT document states “.... subject to the Freedom of Information (FOI) Acts, 2014. If a Framework Member considers that any of the information supplied in their response is either commercially sensitive or confidential in nature, this should be highlighted and the reasons for its sensitivity specified. In such cases the relevant material</p>	Part Grant

		<p>will, in response to a request under the FOI Act, be examined in the light of the exceptions provided for in the Act."</p> <p>Therefore, anything that hasn't been marked and justified in advance as confidential or commercially sensitive should be available. Any over-reaching to claim confidentiality on an entire document should render it fully discoverable as to claim it is all confidential is clearly inappropriate.</p> <p>All other decision related documentation should be fully discoverable also as they must be in order to justify the decision made.</p> <p>Specifically, between the dates of 16/12/2020 and 15/03/2021 (so post publication of the RFT / SRFT on eTenders up to date of this request).</p>	
21-061	Member of the Public	<p>In relation to the €79 million plus given in funding to the Horseracing Industry, please provide details of how this money has been allocated and for what purposes it is (presumably) required. Given that many involved in the industry are mentioned in the 2020 Irish Rich List (Sunday Times), I am interested to see why precisely the funding is required and as a tax payer, I am requesting this information. Notoriety given recently to the alarming treatment of 2 dead horses (these are the ones we know about) leads one to believe that little regard is given to the 'not earners' as is the case where the Greyhound Industry is concerned and publicised by RTE documentary. I also gather that some staff are not well paid and this could in turn lead to the mistreatment of animals in their care, either dead or alive animals.</p>	Refused
21-062	Member of the Public	<p>Under the FOI Act 2014 , I request for years 2000 to 2019 the following indicators in tabular form for Shannon Airport;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Airport passenger numbers • Turnover • EBITDA (earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation) 	Refused

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Profit before tax • Profit after tax • Net cash position • Capital expenditure • Proceeds from capital sales 	
21-063	Business/Interest Group	Please provide records, and correspondence between the Department of Public Expenditure and the Data Protection Commission (DPC), and the Office of Public Works, that relate to business cases and specification of office accommodation and equipment for the DPC. The timeframe is 2017 to the present day.	Refused
31-065	Member of the Public	<p>I refer to the Department of Finance Circular 35/2007 (E157/19/2000), dated 02/11/2007 and to Section 5. (Superannuation), which sets out the arrangements for the payment of a lump sum to “an officer who retires between 14 September 2007 and the date on which the full rate recommended in Review Body Report No. 42 becomes payable”. The circular also stated “The death gratuity of an officer who dies in service between 14 September 2007 and the date on which the full recommended rate becomes payable should be calculated on the same basis.” The Appendix to the circular set out the “Revised non-PPC rates of salary” for the posts of Secretary General, Deputy Secretary General and Assistant Secretary General with effect from 14 September 2007. The subject matter of this FOI Request is the decision contained in Section 5. to apply the full rates of</p> <p>Report No. 42 awards to the lump sums of officers who retired between 14 September 2007 and the date on which the full rate recommended in Review Body Report No. 42 became payable (01/03/2009).</p> <p>I request the following:</p> <p>(1) All records concerning the “decision” above, as contained in the</p>	Withdrawn

		<p>circular, to include the formulation of any initial and subsequent proposal, internal departmental records, consultation processes, submissions to and from members of government, inter government department communications, external communications, legal advice and government decisions. Records to include formal and informal written communications, emails, file notes (handwritten or otherwise), records of telephone conversations and records held on any other medium.</p> <p>(2) Information regarding and records of a precedent(s) for the “decision”.</p> <p>(3) The numbers and grades of civil service officers in the Department of Finance and across each government agency comprehended by the circular who availed of the enhanced retirement lump sum arrangement on foot of the “decision”.</p>	
21-066	Member of the Public	<p>Relevant documents/policies of the Department of Finance. I was employed in the public sector (University of Limerick) before Jan 2011.</p> <p>I left my job in the public sector (UCD) on 29 Feb 2016, with the annual salary of €42,500.</p> <p>I returned to the public sector (TCD) on 1 Sep 2018. The annual salary offered to me was €33,875 (the first point in the scale). TCD claimed (in the job advertisement) that the payment will be at a point of the pay scale in line with the current Government pay policy. Now, my request is to be provided with the document of the government policy that indicates, either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It is recommended that a public sector body should/can offer the annual salary lower than the level which the employee was paid before in a similar public sector body. 	Grant

		<p>or:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The public sector body was obliged (based on the Department of Finance pay policy) to offer the salary in the first point of the scale, regardless of either the applicant competency or their previous history of employment and salary level in the public sector, <p>or:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Possibly the policy of the Department of Finance that explains the obligation of the public sector body to offer the returning employees to the public sector with at least their salary when they left their previous post in the public sector. <p>I would therefore request you with reference to the FOI Act 2014, to forward me the policies which may possibly address any of the above. Otherwise, in the case of lack of such policies, please formally confirm so, In any case, please provide me with the policy which you believe was referred to by TCD.</p>	
21-067	Business/Interest Group	A copy of the following documents and/or records and/or documents containing the following information be provided to it: Copies of all records, information, documents, materials and data, whether in computer, electronic or hard copy form in respect of all dealings between Trinity College Dublin and The Office for Government Procurement in relation to the Covid 19 Ex-Gratia Payment including but not limited to, inter alia, copies of all written and/or electronic correspondence, memos, notes, records between Trinity College Dublin, its agents, servants or representatives and The Office for Government Procurement, its agents, servants or representatives.	Part Grant
21-068	Member of the Public	I refer to the Department of Finance Circular 35/2007 (E157/19/2000), dated 02/11/2007 and to Section 5. (Superannuation), which sets out the arrangements for the payment of a lump sum to “an officer who	Withdrawn

retires between 14 September 2007 and the date on which the full rate recommended in Review Body Report No. 42 becomes payable". The circular also stated "The death gratuity of an officer who dies in service between 14 September 2007 and the date on which the full recommended rate becomes payable should be calculated on the same basis." The Appendix to the circular set out the "Revised non-PPC rates of salary" for the posts of Secretary General, Deputy Secretary General and Assistant Secretary General with effect from 14 September 2007. The subject matter of this FOI Request is the decision contained in Section 5. to apply the full rates of Report No. 42 awards to the lump sums of officers who retired between 14 September 2007 and the date on which the full rate recommended in Review Body Report No. 42 became payable (01/03/2009). I request the following records:

- (1) All records concerning the "decision" above, as contained in the circular, to include the formulation of any initial and subsequent proposal, advice to the government, submissions to and from members of government, internal departmental records, consultation processes, inter government department communications, external communications, legal advice and government decisions. Records to include formal and informal written communications, emails, file notes (handwritten or otherwise), records of telephone conversations, minutes of meetings and such records held on any other medium. I am unable to be precise about a period in respect of which records are sought as I have no way of knowing when the process leading to the "decision" commenced. However, the process may have commenced as soon as the Review Body delivered Report No. 42 to the government, perhaps earlier. Inter alia, records to include those specifically identified at (2) and (3) below.
- (2) Records pertaining to a precedent(s) for the "decision".
- (3) Such records as may indicate or refer to the numbers and grades of

		civil service officers in (a) the Department of Finance and (b) across each government agency comprehended by the circular who availed of the enhanced retirement lump sum arrangement on foot of the “decision”.	
21-069	Member of the Public	<p>I refer to the Department of Finance Circular 17/2008 (E157/19/2000), dated 29/07/2008, which altered from 08/07/2008 the terms previously sanctioned in Circular 35/2007 (02/11/2007) concerning retirement lump sums.</p> <p>The subject matter of this FOI Request is the process that involved civil servants leading up to the issue of Circular 17/2008. I request the following records:</p> <p>(1) All records concerning the “process” above to include the formulation of any initial and subsequent proposal, submissions to and from members of government, advice to government, internal departmental records, consultation processes, inter government department communications, external communications, legal advice and government decisions. Records to include formal and informal written communications, emails, file notes (handwritten or otherwise), records of telephone conversations, minutes of meetings and such records held on any medium. The records being requested are likely to have been created between 02/11/2007 and 29/07/2008. Inter alia, records to include those specifically identified at (2) and (3) below.</p> <p>(2) Records indicating when the Secretary General, Department of Finance, or one of his senior officials, first become aware of any consideration being given by the government to not implement the pending phases of the pay increases as previously approved by the government on foot of Report No. 42 of the Review Body on Higher Remuneration in the Public Service.</p> <p>(3) Records indicating when the Department of Finance Officials may have informed (formally or informally) other government agencies in</p>	Withdrawn

		advance of the issue of Circular 17/2008 about the consideration being given by the government or about a probable decision by the government to not implement the pending phases of the awards.	
21-070	Journalist	I wish to request copies of correspondence (including attachments in the case of emails) between the Department of Finance and the OPW relating to the purchase by the OPW of 91-93 Merrion Square, Dublin 2, and apartments in Clare Lane at the back of the Merrion Square buildings. I am seeking records generated or received between June 1, 2007 and June 1, 2008.	Withdrawn
21-071	Member of the Public	Number of HEO/EOs in the Civil Service with 2.1 Honours Degrees or above at the beginning and end of years 2018 to 2020 inclusive. Number of AOS in the Civil Service at the beginning and end of years 2018 to 2020 inclusive. Development programs for categories 1 and 2 that are in place from 2018 to present. Statements of compliance with all EU and national equality legislation for these development programs from 2018 to present.	Refused
21-073	Journalist	All agendas and minutes for the meetings of the Project Ireland 2040 delivery board from January 1 2020 to date.	Part Grant
21-075	Member of the Public	Any costings or expenditure analysis, studies / research papers undertaken or received by the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform in relation to the below two programmes and; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written correspondence from staff/officials including the Minister of Public Expenditure and Reform (including email, handwritten, WhatsApp, signal messaging app etc) in relation to the below two programmes: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The Justice Plan 2021 and specifically the plan to regularise up to 17,000 illegal immigrants 2) A White Paper to End Direct Provision and Establish a New International Protection Service 	Part Grant

21-076	Member of the Public	All correspondence, memos, briefing notes, emails and their attachments, where relevant, between Shane Corr and the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform/Private Office of regarding the database referred to in RTE Prime Time 25.03.21 or policy related to it in the period 1 January 2019 – 31 March 2020. All correspondence, memos, briefing notes, emails and their attachments, where relevant, between Shane Corr and officials at the level of Assistant Principal Officer and above at the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform regarding the database referred to in RTE Prime Time 25.03.21 or policy related to it in the period 1 January 2019 – 31 March 2020	Part Grant
21-077	Member of the Public	All correspondence, memos, briefing notes, emails and their attachments, where relevant, between officials at the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform (including Private Office), at the level of Principal Officer and above, regarding correspondence received from Shane Corr in the period 1 January to 31 March 2020 and March 2021	Refused
21-078	Oireachtas/Elected Representative	All correspondence, memos, briefing notes, emails and their attachments, where relevant, between officials at the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform (including Private Office), at the level of Principal Officer and above, regarding correspondence received from Shane Corr in the period 1 January 2019 to 30 April 2019	Refused
21-079	Member of the Public	The letter referred to in the correspondence (attached), which is a letter from Paschal Donohoe to Simon Harris concerning the Public Health (Alcohol) Act, in November 2018.	Refused
21-080	Member of the Public	All correspondence, memos, briefing notes, emails and their attachments, where relevant, between officials at the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform (including Private Office), at the level of Principal Officer and above, regarding correspondence received from Shane Corr in the period 1 May 2019 to 31 August 2019	Refused

21-081	Member of the Public	Any documentation since 2010 that shows the numbers and employment entities of public and, separately, civil servants that have been dismissed by the State and any reasons thereof.	Withdrawn
21-082	Oireachtas/Elected Representative	All correspondence, memos, briefing notes, emails and their attachments, where relevant, between officials at the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform (including Private Office), at the level of Principal Officer and above, regarding correspondence received from in the period 1 September to 31 December 2019	Refused
21-083	Journalist	Copies of any records held referring or relating to the payment of an allowance to military cadets for work as contact tracers. This request to cover the period 1 Jan 2021 to date of receipt of the request.	Refused