

FOI Disclosure Log

Quarter 2 2021

Case ID	Requester Type	Request	Decision
21-084	Member of the Public	A record (in soft copy or email form - no need for physical hard documents) of all expenditure in 2020, incurred by the Office of the Government Chief Information Officer (OGCIO), on private sector services or hardware, whether provided directly to the OGCIO or on behalf of the OGCIO to a third party. This would include payments to companies, consultancies, accountancy firms and law firms, as well as to any other private sector organisation. Please provide details on the total amount received by each individual private sector organisation, rather than a single accumulative figure. To aid the efficient processing of this request, please disregard any spending on catering, hospitality or accommodation-related expenses. Private sector organisations that received, in total, less than €5,000 from the OGCIO in 2020 can also be disregarded.	Grant
21-085	Member of the Public	The subject matter of this FOI Request is the decision of the then Minister for Finance in late 2009 or early 2010 to sanction adjustments to the FEMPI cuts for Deputy and Assistant Secretaries (Government Departments) by way of compensation for the withdrawal of the performance-related pay (PRP) scheme for those grades. In this regard, I hereby request the release to me of all records pertaining to the ministerial decision and the lead up to it including:	Withdrawn

		<p>(1) Records concerning the formulation of any initial and subsequent proposal to seek a ministerial decision on the matter, submissions to and from members of government, advice to government, internal departmental records, consultation processes, inter government department communications, external communications, legal advice and communications with staff representative organisations. 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 during 2009/2010, probably late 2009/early 2010, but not necessarily confined to that time slot.</p> <p>(2) Specifically, records of the proposal(s) made by officials of the department to the minister that resulted in the minister's decision.</p> <p>(3) Specifically, records of the detailed case made to the minister to adjust the FEMPI pay cuts for the said grades pursuant to their loss of variable PRP awards, including all records that predated the final submission to the Minister for Finance.</p>	
<p>21-086</p>	<p>Business/Interest Group</p>	<p>I hereby request, pursuant to the Freedom of Information Acts 1994 – 2014 as follows; records relating to the appointment of the Independent Arbitrator, Mr Ciaran Connolly records relating to the recommendations of the Independent Arbitrator, Mr Ciaran Connolly records relating to the interpretation of the wording of the Independent Arbitrators report records relating to the draft Review paper entitled "Availability Allowance Management Review Paper November 2020" (the "Review</p>	<p>Part Grant</p>

		Paper”) as delivered to the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform records relating to correspondence, notes/minutes of meetings and/or discussions, and communications between the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform and any other Government Department regarding the appointment of the Independent Arbitrator, the report and recommendations of the Independent Arbitrator, the interpretation of the wording of the report/recommendations, the process whereby the availability Allowance was reviewed, recommendations contained in the draft Review Paper and the implementation of the recommendations in the draft Review Report Paper.	
21-087	Journalist	Under the FOI act 2014 I wish to request sanction correspondence between the Department of Finance and the OPW between June 1, 2007 and June 1, 2008 held in electronic form.	Grant
21-088	Business/Interest Group	The amount of money spent by the Department throughout 2020 on taxi services	Grant
21-089	Journalist	Communications between the Department of Public Expenditure & Reform and the office of An Taoiseach, regarding the rollout of the Covid vaccination programme. To cover specifically, communications between the office of Minister Michael McGrath or his officials with the office of An Taoiseach & his officials on the issue, from the period November 23rd 2020 to 31st January 2021. To include text messages, emails and other digital records.	Refused
21-090	Business/Interest Group	Under the FOI Act, 2014, I am seeking all records for the period from 1st December 2020 to the 15th March 2021 with regard to the tender of <i>‘named business group’</i> for the EPPM SaaS	Part Grant

		<p>Framework (RFT 177211), and the decision made by your Department to exclude this tender, including all records as regards the assessment and evaluation of this tender under both the selection and award criteria. This should include, but not be limited to, minutes and notes of meetings, records of assessments and all internal communications including e-mails, notes of conversations including telephone conversations, reports etc.</p>	
21-091	Journalist	<p>Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request copies of any records relating to the agreement for bonuses to continue at Goodbody after its purchase by AIB.</p>	Withdrawn
21-092	Member of the Public	<p>I refer to the salary increases for two senior public service posts, i.e. (i) The CEO of the HSE and (ii) the Secretary General, Department of Health. In the case of the HSE post, a new salary of €350,000 was introduced in 2018/2019. In the case of the Secretary General post, a new salary was approved by the government in recent times. This FOI request is solely about the posts and not about their holders in any manner or at any time. For each post, I request the records relating to the initial and subsequent proposals to grant the said salary increase including any submissions received from the agency involved, advice from external parties, submissions to the Minister (DPER) from officials of his department or other parties, correspondence, documentation regarding the justification for the increase and the calculations involved, legal advice sought and provided and the Ministerial decision. Records related to any consideration of the FEMPI (No. 2) Act 2009 provisions are also requested.</p> <p>I recently withdrew three previous requests following feedback from your Department as there were difficulties with my framing</p>	Part Grant

		<p>of the requests and the probability that some of the records sought were archived off-site with no electronic copies available and difficulties in accessing the archives during COVID times. The request herein relates to reasonably recent matters. Therefore, I anticipate that the records are readily available and identifiable at the DPER and that electronic copies must also exist. Presumably, all such records are retained in case of any future litigation that might arise.</p>	
21-093	Member of the Public	<p>I wish to apply for freedom of information request to gain access to the financial figures that the Department of Health paid to the Galway Clinic during the takeover of all private hospital during the lockdown dated from March 2020 until May 2021.</p>	Refused
21-094	Member of the Public	<p>I wish to receive copies of records concerning the revision of CPU Notice 18 concerning data protection and FOI.</p>	Part Grant
21-095	Journalist	<p>Under the FOI Act, 2014, I wish to request the following records:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A detailed breakdown of the costs associated with the 2020 general election. • A detailed breakdown of the costs associated with the 2020 Seanad election. 	Grant
21-096	Journalist	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All records - emails, documents, texts &/or phone memos - of correspondence between Robert Watt, Sec General of PER and Martin Fraser, Secretary General of the Dept of Taoiseach, on the subject of the terms and conditions of the contract for Secretary General posts from October 1st to December 31st, 2020. 2. All records - emails documents, texts and/or phone memos - of correspondence between Robert Watt, Sec General of PER and any other personnel in the department on the subject of the grading of Secretary General posts throughout 2020. 	Refused

21-097	Journalist	I make a request under the freedom of information acts for records relating to the increase in salary for the post of Commissioner, An Garda Síochána as referred to in the letter from the Minister for PER to the chairman of the PAC dated 1 February 2021 (copy attached, reference highlighted). The records should include, but not be limited to, internal and external emails, text messages, messaging records and voice recordings made using official and personal accounts on official and personal computers and personal communications devices. Non-electronic records should also be included. Records should be provided in electronic form only.	Refused
21-098	Journalist	I make a request under the freedom of information acts for records relating to the increase in salary for the post of CEO of the HSE as referred to in the letter from the Minister for PER to the chairman of the PAC dated 1 February 2021 (copy attached, reference highlighted). The records should include, but not be limited to, internal and external emails, text messages, messaging records and voice recordings made using official and personal accounts on official and personal computers and personal communications devices. Non-electronic records should also be included. Records should be provided in electronic form only.	Refused
21-099	Journalist	Any correspondence or written records relating to the salary increase, remuneration and pension arrangements for the role of secretary general at the Department of Health, which was filled this week	Part Grant
21-100	Journalist	Any correspondence or written records relating to appointments in which exceptions were made to the public sector pay cap, since January 2020.	Refused

21-101	Journalist	Any correspondence or written records relating to pay caps in the commercial semi state sector since January 2020.	Refused
21-102	Oireachtas/Elected Representative	All and any records (including but not limited to written correspondence and written records of conversations) relating to the recommendations contained in the Moorhead Report (in particular, recommendations flowing from that report on the remuneration of councillors) created over the past 12 months between the following Ministers and their respective Departments: An Taoiseach An Tánaiste Minister for Finance Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage Minister of State for Planning and Local Government Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications	Part Grant
21-103	Journalist	Copies of the minutes of the FOI - IDWG for the period 1 Oct 2020 to date of receipt of the request.	Withdrawn
21-104	Journalist	Details of the number of secretary generals of government departments who retired since January 2019, including the roles, pension and whether added years were awarded, special severance payments and lump sums, and correspondence relating to these payments where issues arose or clarification was sought.	Refused
21-105	Journalist	Under the Freedom of Information Act 2014, I wish to request a copy of all correspondence from Premier Lotteries Ireland in relation to calls for the prohibition on betting on National Lottery	Part Grant

		games (including but not limited to e-mails and any attached files therein) since Jan 1, 2019 as well as any responses, (if any), from DPER. I understand the restrictions to accessing physical papers, so am happy under the current circumstances to restrict my request to electronic communications.	
21-106	Journalist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A detailed breakdown of the costs associated with the 2016 general election. • A detailed breakdown of the costs associated with the 2016 Seanad election. • A detailed breakdown of the costs associated with the 2019 European elections. • A detailed breakdown of the costs associated with the 2019 local elections. 	Grant
21-107	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 or any meetings between the Minister and other officials from the department and CII since 1 January. I wish to receive these records by email please.	Part Grant
21-108	Oireachtas/Elected representative	<p>I would like to submit an FOI request Under the FOI Act 2014, Section 12 (1), for the following information in relation to the €2.1 billion Recovery/Contingency Fund that was announced in October's budget:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Records in relation to spending proposals. • Records in relation to expenditure broken down by department, value and expenditure item, in tabular form. • Time period for search 14th October – 5th May 	Part Grant
21-109	Journalist	Options papers/discussion documents drawn up for the Minister regarding tapering or scaling back pandemic era income and business supports. Clarification received: Timeline for this request	Part Grant

		is during 2021 Business Supports specified as CRSS, EWSS and PUP.	
21-110	Member of the Public	Email correspondence between Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform Paschal Donohoe and Austin O'Carroll, during the dates 6 May 2016 – 27 June 2020. Minutes of all meetings involving Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform Paschal Donohoe and Austin O'Carroll, during the dates 6 May 2016 – 27 June 2020. Copies of any reports/submissions/memos or other such review documents prepared on foot of these meetings involving Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform Paschal Donohoe and Austin O'Carroll, during the dates 6 May 2016 – 27 June 2020	Refused
21-111	Journalist	A copy of all documents, submissions, memos, minutes, briefing documents, and any subsequent correspondence and/or internal departmental communications, related to the following lobbying return: https://www.lobbying.ie/return/67456/diageo-ireland . A copy of all documents, submissions, memos, minutes, briefing documents, and any subsequent correspondence and/or internal departmental communications, containing the keywords: 'takeaway pints' during the period Oct 1, 2020, to Jan 31, 2021.	Part Grant
21-112	Journalist	Any files, emails or memos generated between the office of government procurement and both the construction sector group and the construction industry committee in connection with issues around professional indemnity insurance between the dates 1 September 2020 and 26 April 2021. Such documents should include material sent and received between other government departments and agencies as well as industry representative bodies or correspondence from individuals.	Part Grant

21-113	Journalist	Any files, emails or memos generated in the Department of Public Enterprise and Reform in connection with representations from the construction industry over issues around professional indemnity insurance between the dates 1 September 2020 and 26 April 2021. Such documents should include material sent and received between other government departments and agencies as well as industry representative bodies or correspondence from individuals.	Refused
21-114	Member of the Public	This is a request being made under the FOI Act 2014 for a copy, in electronic form, of some type of 'culture report' carried out on your organisation possibly last year. It was referenced in a recent RTE radio news report and I can't seem to find it on your website. I also request any response/s from your Department to the report.	Withdrawn
21-115	Journalist	Copy of correspondence between the Minister for Public Expenditure and the Minister for Health and/or the Secretary General of the Department of Public Expenditure and the Secretary General of the Department of Health since 01 March 2021 regarding the planned re-development of the National Maternity Hospital on the site of the campus of St Vincent's University Hospital in Dublin.	Part Grant
21-116	Journalist	Under the FOI Act 2014, I am requesting the release of any correspondence sent to or from the Minister and/or his private secretary to representatives of Premier Lotteries Ireland or the National Lottery relating to Good Causes funding. I am also seeking the release of meeting notes or minutes of meetings between the Minister and representatives of Premier Lotteries Ireland or the National Lottery, as well as any memos prepared for the Minister concerning Premier Lotteries Ireland or the	Part Grant

		National Lottery. I am seeking records dated from 1 July 2020 to the present date (24 February 2021)	
21-117	Journalist	The correspondence noted in this lobbying return and any response sent: https://www.lobbying.ie/return/69648/goodbody-stockbrokers-uc	Withdrawn
21-118	Journalist	Under FOI law I would like all correspondence from 2020 dealing with the terms and conditions (and pay level) under which Darina O' Flanagan was hired as a special adviser to Nphet. Please include any documents from DPER dealing any value for money assessment done before approval was given for this hire.	Part Grant
21-119	Member of the Public	All communication sent and received, including any documents or attachments, and all minutes of meetings held, including by the Minister and the Minister of State, in relation to Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITS) and renewable energy and/or green financing. The search should be limited to January 1, 2021 to the present. The search can be limited to Assistant Principle and above level, and should include the Office of the ministers and ministers themselves.	Part Grant
21-120	Member of the Public	I refer to Liam Hennessy's briefing note to the Sec General dated 5th March 2010 copied to Messers Downes. Watt, McNally, McGrath and the Sec General's office. The letter refers to "some background papers". Point no 6 refers to a ET & E reply to the Ombudsman in 2005. Under the FOI Acts can you please provide me with a copy of that reply. Can you also provide me with the annotation by the Sec General as indicated in Point no 1.	Refused

21-121	Member of the Public	<p>I am looking for a disclosure of an email to Ossian Smyth from Goodbody Stockbrokers which was the subject of a recent article in The Currency Media on the 12th May 2021. The company emailed Ossian Smyth regarding a solar Reit. I am looking for a copy of the email that was issued to the TD and Dept.</p> <p>https://www.lobbying.ie/return/69648/goodbody-stockbrokers-uc</p> <p>https://thecurrency.news/articles/46766/goodbody-is-proposing-reits-for-renewables-acrazy-idea-or-a-worthwhile-policy/</p>	Part Grant
21-122	Oireachtas/Elected representative	<p>With respect to the Abatement of members of the Oireachtas public service occupational pensions which was repealed following advice receives from the Attorney General I would be obliged if you could provide me with all correspondence between your Department and the Attorney General Mr Seamus Woulfe SC in the period 1 January 2017 and 31 December 2019.</p>	Refused
21-123	Journalist	<p>I wish to request, under the Freedom of Information Act, access to any minutes / memos / briefings / correspondence arising out of the meeting between An Post and Minister Smyth as outlined in the following lobbying return:</p> <p>https://www.lobbying.ie/return/73241/an-post</p>	Part Grant
21-124	Journalist	<p>Copies of any correspondence between the department and unions, lobby groups, or other interested parties with regard to creation of the policy underpinning the following circular: Overtime in the Civil Service, Circular No 08/2021</p>	Grant
21-125	Member of the Public	<p>Under the Freedom of Information Act, please could I request the following information:</p> <p>1) Please advise what technologies (including version) you use for: HR, Payroll, L&D, Finance, Procurement, Contact Centre.</p>	Refused

		2) Please advise if any of the following services are outsourced to third parties, and if so, when does the contract end? HR, Payroll, L&D, Finance, Procurement, Contact Centre	
21-126	Member of the Public	In relation to the public consultation held for the National Recovery and Resilience Plan (NRRP) I would like the following data: 1. Number of consultation responses received by the Department from the public? 2. Consultation report outlining how the consultation informed the outcomes of the report? This report should have been produced as is good public practice that results of the consultation should be made publicly available with account of the views expressed and the reasons for decisions finally taken by the Departments	Transferred Out
21-127	Journalist	1. Copy of correspondence between the Minister for Public Expenditure and the Minister for Health since 01 February 2021 regarding the planned new National Children's Hospital 2. Copy of correspondence between the Secretary General of the Department of Public Expenditure and the Secretary General of the Department of Health since 01 February 2021 regarding the planned new National Children's Hospital	Part Grant
21-128	Journalist	1. Copy of submission made by the Department of Public Expenditure as part of the public consultation process of the terms of reference to apply to the Government's independent Commission on the Defence Forces in 2020 2. Copy of submission made by the Department of Public and	Refused

		Reform to the Commission on the Defence Forces following its establishment in December 2020.	
21-129	Journalist	<p>I am contacting you in respect of submissions made to the review of the National Development Plan which closed on February 19th 2021.</p> <p>Under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 I am seeking the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Submissions made by Tipperary County Council, Clonmel Borough Council, Thurles MD Council or Tipp Cahir Cashel MD Council to the review are requested. 2. If any submissions were made in respect of the Thurles By Pass and Thurles Inner Relief Road I would also request the content of those submissions. 3. If any individual submissions were made by Tipperary TDs - Michael Lowry, Alan Kelly or Jackie Cahill I would request copies of those or if any submissions were made by any of these 5 Councillors - Seamus Hanafin, Jim Ryan, Peter Ryan, Sean Ryan or Micheal Lowry in respect of Thurles By Pass or Thurles Inner Relief I would also request those submissions. 	Grant
21-131	Journalist	All payments for legal services made to James Geoghegan (Barrister) for the period 1 November 2013 to 8 June 2021.	Refused
21-135	Member of the Public	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 The Total Expenditure within the Department of Public Expenditure on Traveller specific programs/schemes 2 Expenditure on each of the individual programs/schemes under above 3 Total Grants to Traveller Organisations by your Dept and the breakdown by each such Organisation 	Refused

		4 Total Funding to Traveller Organisations by your Dept for Schemes operated by Traveller Organisations and the breakdown by Organisation	
21-136	Oireachtas/Elected representative	I wish to request all the feedback submitted to gov.ie via the "Help us improve gov.ie – Leave Feedback" function on the site. I would also like to request any reports or analysis completed on that feedback.	Part Grant
21-137	Member of the Public	<p>A copy of the briefing papers prepared for /given to Minister Michael McGrath in respect of Dáil Question 22465/21 put down by Deputy Catherine Murphy: on April 29th: Catherine Murphy (Kildare North, Social Democrats)</p> <p>35. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his plans to review the Freedom of Information Act 2014; and if he has embarked on preliminary in drafting a new freedom of information Act and or amendments to the existing legislation. [22465/21]</p>	Withdrawn
21-138	Member of the Public	Could you send me records on the review that is planned on the FOI Act, I am interested in what triggered the review and the scope of same.	Part Grant
21-139	Member of the Public	Submissions to the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform regarding the salary for recruitment to the post of HSE Director General from 1 May 2018 – 31 May 2019. Sanctions from the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform to the Department of Health regarding the salary for recruitment to the post of HSE Director General from 1 May 2018 – 31 May 2019.	Part Grant

21-140	Journalist	Copies of all records held referring or relating to the processing and answering of the following PQ by D/PER: For Written Answer on: 29/04/2021, Question Number(s): 35 Question Reference(s): 22465/21. Department: Public Expenditure and Reform. Asked by: Catherine Murphy T.D.	Part Grant
21-141	Member of the Public	<p>(1) Please provide any records you hold in relation to the roll out of diversity and inclusion training in the workplace to promote the visibility of the LGBTQI+ Community.</p> <p>(2) Please provide any records that you hold in relation to the tenders/ decision to use any group for the provision of this training, and,</p> <p>(3) records of any meetings when this was discussed.</p> <p>(4) Please provide any records including minutes of meetings where discussions were held regarding signing up as members of any LGBTQI+ advocacy groups.</p> <p>(5) Please provide any records of discussions to decide on the number of training days each staff member would receive, and whether this training was compulsory</p> <p>(6) Please provide a copy of documents/manuals provided for the diversity and inclusion training.</p>	Grant
21-142	Member of the Public	<p>(1) Please provide any records you hold in relation to the roll out of diversity and inclusion in the workplace to promote the visibility of the LGBTQI+ Community.</p> <p>(2) Please provide any records you hold as to how much to date has been spent on diversity training and what is budgeted for future spend.</p> <p>(3) Please provide any records you hold as to what amendments</p>	Grant

		<p>will you be making to your HR policies, if any, as a result of this inclusion initiative.</p> <p>(4) Please provide any records you hold in relation to policies (draft or ratified) around the use of pronouns by your staff.</p>	
21-143	Member of the Public	The amount of money spent in euros on advertising through paid-for or “sponsored” social media posts or campaigns, with a breakdown by social media outlet and nature of advertisement in each of the years 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021.	Refused
21-144	Member of the Public	I wish to request a copy of all records containing any report/memo/analysis used as a basis for the decision to carry out the recently announced review of Freedom of Information legislation.	Part Grant
21-145	Member of the Public	The top 20 highest paid public servants in Ireland, with information on their job titles and salaries; and the total amount they were paid last year.	Refused
21-147	Journalist	All correspondence between DPER and the Department of Health in relation to PPE procurement, between the dates 1 February and 1 June 2021. All correspondence between DPER and the HSE in relation to PPE procurement, between the dates 1 February and 1 June 2021.	Refused
21-148	Journalist	Copies of any briefings, submissions, memos, speaking notes, or other such review/overview/discussion documents prepared for Minister McGrath or the Department's Secretary General with	Part Grant

		regard to the proposal for a review of the FOI Act. This request to cover the period 1 Jan 2021 to date of receipt of the request.	
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