FOI Disclosure Log

Quarter 3 2021

Case ID	Requester Type	Request	Decision
21-149	Member of the Public	With regard to the government's LGBTQI strategy to promote the visibility of LBGTQI community: (1) Please provide any records you hold regarding plans to provide gender neutral toilet facilities in the workplace, (2) Please provide any records you hold of discussions around whether people who are transitioning to their preferred gender will be permitted to use the toilets that matches their preferred gender and whether this practice will only apply to holders of a gender recognition certificate. (3) Please provide any records you hold regarding any risk assessments that you carried out on your toilet proposals, including (a) records of staff consultation on these proposals, and (b) records of the outcome. (4) Please provide any records that you hold regarding the use of disabled toilets as gender neutral options for your department/office.	Refused
21-150	Journalist	All correspondence between the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform and the Department of Justice in relation to the new Community Safety Innovation Fund, from November 1 2020 to present, including letters from Minister Michael McGrath	Part Grant

21-151	Member of the	I request the following records under the Freedom of	Refused
	Public	Information Act 2014: relating to the constitution of the Irish	
		Horse Racing Board (IHRB) i.e. this board is governed by a board	
		of six directors, three of whom are nominated by the Turf Club	
		and three by the Irish National Hunt Steeplechase Committee.	
		The IHRB is predominantly State funded. The revised Code of	
		Practice for the Governance of State Bodies 2016, states 'clear	
		accountability underpins effective relations between	
		Government Departments and the State bodies under its aegis. I	
		request information on the constitution, governance and	
		oversight undertaken by the Department of Agriculture on this	
		board and any oversight by the Department of Public	
		Expenditure and Reform. 2. The Code of Practice for the	
		Governance of State Bodies 2016, Section 1 – Remuneration	
		and Superannuation, states that 'The Board should adhere to	
		Government policy on the payment arrangements for CEOs and	
		where applicable other staff as well as any conditions of	
		sanction of approval issued by the Department of Public	
		Expenditure & Reform and /or the relevant parent Department.'	
		Guidelines for Appointments of CEOs of Non-Commercial State	
		Bodies, 5.1 states 'No sanction will be given in respect of an	
		offer of remuneration to the CEO unless it is in line with	
		Government policy.' I request information on the remuneration	
		package of the current CEO, as a state employee, this	
		information should be publicly available, and information as to	
		whether this remuneration is in line with Government policy. 3.	
		The Department of Agriculture gave a derogation that allows	
		the IRHB to not disclose the salaries of senior staff, including	
		their CEO thought this board is almost entirely publicly funded.	
		The stated reason given is due to the 'commercial sensitivity' of	

		the information, which is wholly unacceptable. I also request information on the derogation given (by which Minister, legislation, directive or statutory instrument permitting this derogation) 4. In 2018, the IHRB's accounts were incorrect by €1.6million (income & expenditure) and had to be re-stated. The C&AG are now involved in auditing this. I request information of the findings of the C&AG into this matter. 5. I request all communications, emails, letters, memoranda and verbal on the above four items.	
21-152	Journalist	Correspondence between the secretary general of the Department of Public Expenditure and officials in the Department of Health and HSE regarding testing and tracing system for Covid-19 during the months of March and April 2020	Refused
21-154	Member of the Public	 Please provide a copy of the Mobility Policy in effect in June 2020 and dates of previous and subsequent revisions thereof. Confirm the initial date of the application of the Mobility Policy. Was compulsory mobility applicable to Veterinary Inspectors (AP equivalents) employed by the Department of Agriculture in June 2020 and any supporting documentation. The date, if applicable, compulsory mobility became applicable to Veterinary Inspectors 	Refused
21-155	Member of the Public	We wish to receive the following information in relation to the award of contract Mini-competition for desktop and notebook computers. Contracting Authority: Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform. Mini – competition conducted by OGP. (Lot 1: up to 50 Devices) for 2020 • The tender submission of the winning tenderer • The price submitted by the winning tenderer	Part Grant

		 The tender submissions of the unsuccessful tenderers Details of the evaluation criteria and scoring achieved by tenderers and the evaluation materials i.e. how each bid was scored and the rationale behind the score 	
21-156	Member of the Public	We wish to receive the following information in relation to the award of contract Mini-competition for desktop and notebook computers. Contracting Authority: Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform. Mini – competition conducted by OGP. (Lot 1: up to 50 Devices) for 2021 • The tender submission of the winning tenderer • The price submitted by the winning tenderer • The tender submissions of the unsuccessful tenderers • Details of the evaluation criteria and scoring achieved by tenderers and the evaluation materials i.e. how each bid was scored and the rationale behind the score	Part Grant
21-157	Member of the Public	We wish to receive the following information in relation to the award of contract Mini-competition for desktop and notebook computers. Contracting Authority: Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform. Mini – competition conducted by OGP. (Lot 2: 51 – 250 Devices) for 2020 • The tender submission of the winning tenderer • The price submitted by the winning tenderer • The tender submissions of the unsuccessful tenderers • Details of the evaluation criteria and scoring achieved by tenderers and the evaluation materials i.e. how each bid was scored and the rationale behind the score	Part Grant
21-158	Member of the Public	We wish to receive the following information in relation to the award of contract Mini-competition for desktop and notebook computers. Contracting Authority: Minister for Public	Part Grant

		Expenditure and Reform. Mini – competition conducted by OGP. (Lot 2: 51 – 250 Devices) for 2021 • The tender submission of the winning tenderer • The price submitted by the winning tenderer • The tender submissions of the unsuccessful tenderers • Details of the evaluation criteria and scoring achieved by tenderers and the evaluation materials i.e. how each bid was scored and the rationale behind the score	
21-159	Member of the Public	I am requesting data about the profile of staff in the civil service. If possible it would be great if you could provide the information broken down by department too. • Age breakdown of staff per grade • Gender breakdown of staff per grade • Civil Service Employee Engagement Survey results data I require these data files for a data analysis masters project.	Refused
21-160	Member of the Public	All payments made to Caas Ltd in the period 1 January 2010 to 12 July 2021. To assist you in locating these records, please note the following details pertaining to Caas Ltd: CRO Registration Number: 314848 Current Registered Address: 1ST FLOOR, 24-26 ORMOND QUAY UPPER, DUBLIN 7.	Grant
21-161	Member of the Public	I am submitting under the FOI Acts a request for records in the department concerning Dáil Question 22465/21 put down by Deputy Catherine Murphy: on April 29th. Catherine Murphy (Kildare North, Social Democrats) Link to this: Individually In context Oireachtas source 35. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his plans to review the Freedom of Information Act 2014; and if he	Part Grant

		has embarked on preliminary in drafting a new freedom of information Act and or amendments to the existing legislation. [22465/21]	
21-163	Journalist	A copy of all for copies of all internal audit reports carried out by or for the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform between 1 January, 2021 and 15 July, 2021.	Grant
21-165	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. I understand a location has now been decided upon so the exemption at Section 29 no longer applies to most, or all of the records.	Part Grant
21-168	Member of the Public	'NAMED PARTY' recently participated in a tender process run by Tusla – the Child and Family Agency ("Tusla") for the provision of legal services relating to Lot 18 - Special Care (the "Legal Services"), notice of which was originally published by contract notice published in the Official Journal of the European Union on 4 November 2020 (Notice 2020/S 217-531499). By letter dated 13 July 2021, and received by NAMED PARTY on that date (the "Regret Letter"), Tusla informed us that we had been unsuccessful in the tender process, and that the preferred bidder was NAMED PARTY. We understand that the Office of	Part Grant

Government Procurement ("OGP") provided support services to Tusla as part of the tender process, including in relation to the evaluation of tender responses for the various lots as outlined in the Request for Tenders ("RFT"). In light of the services provided to Tusla, we now make a request to the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform ("DPER") under section 12 of the FOI Act, given that the OGP operates as an office of the DPER. Under section 12 of the FOI Act, we request that we be granted access to the following records relating to the said tender process for the provision of the Legal Services1, which we believe are held by the OGP/DPER, whether generally, or because they are under its control2, or because they are in the possession of the OGP/DPER as service-provider3 to Tusla4 (the "Request"), that is to say:

- 1. Any and all records comprising or reflecting the marking scheme, scoring matrix and/or guidelines for evaluators evaluating the Lot 18 proposals, including any records providing further detail on the meaning/interpretation of the evaluation criteria and how they should be evaluated.
- 2. Any and all records comprising of correspondence and communications between the preferred bidder, NAMED PARTY, and Tusla, and vice versa, including any Lot 18 submission or tender proposal sent by the preferred bidder to Tusla.
- 3. Any and all records comprising of NAMED PARTY tender submission/proposals to Tusla in respect of Lot 21 (Employment), which was also awarded to NAMED PARTY, including its submissions and proposals on the qualitative criteria, including contract management.
- 4. Any and all records reflecting any draft and final evaluations of the NAMED PARTY tender submission on Lot 21, including on

the qualitative criteria, including contract management.

- 5. Any and all records disclosing the number of bidders and the ranking of our bid in the final evaluation vis-à-vis the preferred bid for Lot 18.
- 6. Any and all records comprising notes of individual evaluators and/or any adviser or consultant and/or of the evaluation team on the bids of NAMED PARTY and NAMED PARTY on Lot 18, taken at any time during the evaluation process.
- 7. Any and all records comprising the views, opinions, advice or reports of individual evaluators and/or any adviser or consultant and/or the evaluation team relating to the evaluation generally of the bids of NAMED PARTY and NAMED PARTY on Lot 18 and regarding any particular evaluation of any particular criterion or sub-criterion being considered.
- 8. Any and all records disclosing or reflecting any draft or preliminary evaluation or scoring of the bids of NAMED PARTY and NAMED PARTY on Lot 18, both of individual evaluators and of the evaluation team as a whole.
- 9. Any and all records comprising or reflecting communications between members of the evaluation team, and minutes or notes (or similar) of any evaluation team meetings regarding Lot 18.
- 10. Any and all records comprising any draft evaluation report or draft evaluation decisions or recommendations and any final evaluation report and decisions, of the evaluation team on Lot 18.
- 11. Any and all records comprising of or reflecting communications between the evaluation team, or any individual member(s) thereof and any other person(s) regarding the evaluation of and decisions on Lot 18 bids, and the final

		outcome of same. 12. Any and all records comprising of communications between the OGP and Tusla regarding the evaluation of, and decisions on, Lot 18 bids, and the final outcome of same. 13. Any and all records recording comments or observations on the evaluation of, and decisions on, Lot 18 bids, and the final outcome of same. 14. Any and all records comprising drafts and final versions of letters or other communications to the bidders (including NAMED PARTY), informing them of the outcome of the tender process regarding Lot 18.	
21-169	Journalist	Copies of all records held referring or relating to a review of the system for monitoring of attendance for Oireachtas members. This request to cover the period 1 Jan 2021 to date of receipt of the request.	Refused
21-171	Member of the Oireachtas/elected representative	I would like to make a request under the Freedom of Information Acts for all correspondence between the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform and the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage in relation to the Housing for All strategy from 1 Jan 2021 to present in electric form. Subsequent Amendment Limited to grades AP and above.	Refused
21-172	Journalist	Correspondence between officials in the public expenditure department and officials in the housing department, between April 2021 to July 2021	Refused
21-173	Member of the Oireachtas/elected representative	All information including correspondence (including text and WhatsApp messages) and documentation, memos held by the	Part Grant

		Department regarding an event hosted by former Minister Katherine Zappone held in the Merrion Hotel on July 21st 2021.	
21-174	Journalist	I wish to request, under the Freedom of Information Act, access to the cost-benefit analysis carried out by EY Ireland into Ireland's hosting the America's Cup. I also wish to request, under FOI, access to any other internal records or external correspondence since the start of 2020, including with other government Departments, regarding the hosting of the America's Cup.	Part Grant
21-175	Member of the Public	All records relating to payments made to Hotel Merrion Ltd (t/a The Merrion Hotel) for the period 1 January 2020 - 24 August 2021. In order to assist your search of these records please note the CRO number for this company is 171972 and the registered address is Upper Merrion Street, Dublin 2.	Grant
21-176	Member of the Public	I request the following under the Freedom of Information Act: the various draft plans or papers regarding the plan submitted to the Minister or his office of Ireland's National Recovery and Resilience Plan. I would like to specify the dates of 1/1/2021 to 31/6/21	Part Grant
21-177	Journalist	 I wish to request access to the following records: All correspondence sent to the minister and officials at the Department of Education in relation to the pay and work conditions for school secretaries. Timeline: 8 October - 15 December 2020 (inclusive) All correspondence to and from the Department that references the Dáil speech given by Tánaiste Leo Varadkar on 8 October about school secretaries being "as important" as other 	Part Grant

		school staff. • Timeline: 1 January - 1 September 2021 (inclusive)	
21-178	Member of the Public	Correspondence with the Department of Housing in relation to the return on investment for 'Housing For All' housing plan and the future current spending commitments. I am looking for recent correspondence (June to August 2021) related to the capital and current spending commitments in the 'Housing for All' plan (under the various delivery streams) and the related cost/benefit analysis. In relation to future years, I accept that budgets would not be committed to 2030, as this is on an annual basis. I am looking for the documents that set out a cost breakdown across the delivery streams (capital budget & local authority delivery/ capital budget and LDA delivery/ AHBs/leasing/ PPP, shared ownership, etc). This is to identify the investment in capital assets and future current spending commitments, under the Plan.	
21-179	Journalist	 A list of guest speakers/motivational speakers hired during each of the years, 2019, 2020, and the first six months of 2021. Please include, the fee paid; where the event took place or if it was a virtual meeting; how long the event lasted; a copy of any presentation material received for the event - IE; slide presentations, handouts, copy of speeches. A list of appearance fees paid for PR/promotional events guest appearances for each of the years, 2019, 2020, and the first six months 2021. Please include where the event took place or if it was a virtual meeting; how long the event lasted; a copy of any presentation material received for the event - IE; slide presentations, handouts, copy of speeches. Subsequently amended 07/09/2021 - A list of fees paid to individuals for 	Grant

		motivational speeches/promotional event attendance during 2020, and the first six months of 2021	
21-180	Member of the Public	I am writing to request access to the following records under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 and in line with case number 98188 (2001) and case number 101639 (2021). The records that I wish copies of: The successful tender response for the Mini competition for Confidential Shredding Lot 5 for Office of Government Procurement (held in 2019)	Refused
21-181	Member of the Public	I request under the Freedom of Information Act the records of the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform in respect of: 1. The approvals and consents sought to date pursuant to Section 12 of the Personal Insolvency Act 2012 from the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform by the Minister for Justice and Equality. 2. The approvals and consents pursuant to Section 12 of the Personal Insolvency Act 2012 granted to date by the by Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform to the Minister for Justice and Equality.	Grant
21-182	Journalist	Records relating to spending by the Department on media advisers (including staff), PR companies, PR training for staff/ministers, and other relevant expenses for public relations/media events from March 01, 2020, to date. Could I ask that this information is provided electronically and in its original format where possible?	Part Grant
21-183	Member of the Public	Pursuant to the FOI Act I hereby require you to furnish me with copies of any emails, text, enquiries and correspondence in relation to the potential appointment of Catherine Zappone as the UN Envoy. This application is to include all communications	Refused

		to or from Catherine Zappone: Michael Martin, Leo Varadkar and Simon Coveney. Please furnish copies of all of these documents whether received by you or any of your officials or civil servants. Please also advise if you have received texts or emails from any of the above which have been deleted.	
21-184	Journalist	Records of all costs associated with the General Election count for the Sligo-Leitrim- North Roscommon - South Donegal constituency in February 2020 at the Sligo Park Hotel? Records of all costs associated with the General Election count for the Longford-Westmeath constituency in February 2020 at AIT? Records of all costs associated with the General Election count for the Roscommon - Galway constituency in February 2020 at the Hyde Centre? This may include wages, food, cost of count staff, cost of venue, hire of any additional resources associated with events connected to the count centres named above.	Grant
21-185	Journalist	Copies of any records held referring or relating to the issue of retention of records by officeholders or public servants when held on mobile phones, in text messages, private emails, messaging services or other such communication methods. This request to cover the period 1 August 2021 to date of receipt of the request.	Part Grant
21-186	Journalist	Any and all communications, including emails, messages on messaging services, and minutes of meetings between any and all Representatives of the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform and: - Simon Coveney and/or any of his staff or representatives - representatives of TCAGSM, Catherine Martin or Jack	Part Grant

		Chambers, that make reference to the America's Cup dated from 01/06/2020 to 14/09/2021 inclusive	
21-187	Journalist	Please send me records of all communications (emails, letters, text messages etc) with the minister or junior minister from tobacco companies, or people acting on their behalf, between May and August this year in relation to the upcoming budget. Please also send me any budget submissions from tobacco companies during the same period.	Part Grant
21-188	Member of the Oireachtas/elected representative	All information, correspondence and documentation, memos and reports held by the department in relation to a potential cap on suckler numbers resulting from participation in a CAP Pillar 2 scheme To include, but not be limited to all documentation from May 1st in relation to this - Any correspondence relating to this between the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform with the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine - Any minutes, records or notes pertaining to any meeting at this this issue was discussed. - Any briefings/memos/reports provided to executives or officials on this matter. - All other documentation pertinent to this issue	Refused
21-189	Journalist	All correspondence and documents related to the bid for the 2024 America's Cup held by the Department between the period January 01 2021 and the present day. This should include all emails, memos, text message exchanges and any other form of communications regarding the prospective bid.	Refused

21-191	Member of the Public	I am seeking all communication in relation to funding for MetroLink in the upcoming National Development Plan between 01/01/21 and present day.	Withdrawn
21-192	Member of the Public	I am seeking all communication in relation to funding for DART+ in the upcoming National Development Plan between 01/01/21 and present day.	Withdrawn
21-193	Journalist	Correspondence between the President of the Association of Judges of Ireland and the Department of Public Expenditure regarding pensions / pay for judges, between 1 Sept 2020 to 1 Sept 2021	Grant
21-194	Journalist	All communications by text message or separate web-based messaging service between Minister Donohoe and his colleague the Minister for Children between November 1 2019 and February 8 2020	Refused
21-195	Journalist	All communications between the Department of Public Expenditure & Reform and the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage regarding the Mica Redress scheme. I would like this to include all letters, emails and memos. I would like the FOI request to include all text messages and WhatsApp messages between Minister Michael McGrath and Minister Darragh O'Brien on the Mica Redress scheme. I would like the FOI request to cover from January 1, 2021 until the present day.	Part Grant
21-196	Member of the Public	Emails sent to Minister Smyth by Hume Brophy on behalf of Visa Ireland relating to the "value of digital payments including to government", as detailed on the lobbying register https://www.lobbying.ie/return/77188/hume-brophy	Part Grant

21-197	Journalist	I am requesting the release of correspondence from Premier Lotteries Ireland to the minister regarding proposed legislation to ban betting on the National LOttery. The correspondence is referred to in this entry on the Lobbying Register.	Part Grant
21-198	Journalist	Correspondence with the AG's office regarding its communications with the Association of Judges of Ireland regarding tax treatment of their pensions and issues relating to the standard fund threshold during 2021	Refused
21-200	Journalist	Any economic assessment or review of the Government's Housing for All plan. Minutes of meetings involving the Secretary General or Assistant Secretary General of the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform in relation to the Government's Housing for All plan. I wish for my request to cover the period from 1/5/2021 – 29/9/2021.	Grant
21-201	Journalist	A list of e-submissions submitted to the minister through the e-submissions system. I wish for my request to cover the period from 1/8/2021 – 29/9/2021	Part Grant
21-202	Journalist	Access to all correspondence between the American Chamber of Commerce and David O'Sullivan in 2021. Please also include minutes of any meetings between them.	Withdrawn
21-203	Journalist	I wish to request, under the Freedom of Information Act, access to all correspondence and / or minutes of any meetings between Minister Smyth and / or Barry Lowry with Microsoft Ireland / Ciaran Conlon during 2021	Part Grant
21-204	Journalist	I wish to request, under the Freedom of Information Act, access to any correspondence or minutes / notes of any meetings between Stripe and Minister McGrath during 2021.	Refused

21-205	Journalist	I wish to request, under the Freedom of Information Act, access to any correspondence or minutes of any meetings between Apple / Sam Sharps and Minister Smyth during 2021.	Part Grant
21-206	Member of the Oireachtas/elected representative	I request copies of any and all correspondence, electronic and hard copy, from/to the Department of Defence and from/to the Departments of Finance, and Public Expenditure and Reform between the 1st January, 2011, and the 31st December, 2012 on the subject matter of the allowed Establishment Strength, Structure and number of Operational Formations (Brigades) of the Army element of the Defence Forces, particularly pertaining to the downsizing of Army Brigades from Three to Two.	Part Grant
21-207	Member of the Oireachtas/elected representative	I request copies of any and all correspondence, electronic and hard copy, from/to the Department of Defence and from/to the Chief of Staff of the Defence Forces between the 1st January, 2011, and the 31st December, 2012 on the subject matter of the allowed Establishment Strength, Structure and number of Operational Formations (Brigades) of the Army element of the Defence Forces, particularly pertaining to the downsizing of Army Brigades from Three to Two.	Refused
21-209	Journalist	All written requests to the Department for salaries (in respect of persons with salaries above €80,000) in excess of agreed rates, relocation expenses, car allowances, bonus payments or performance-related pay. The response which was issued in each case. Any submission prepared for the minister with regard to the above. This request to cover the period 1 July 2021 to date of receipt of the request.	Grant

21-210	Journalist	All correspondence, meeting minutes, documentation related to the following returns on lobbying register by Instinctif Partners Public Affairs Ireland: • To introduce Zoom and update on its presence in Ireland in the context of the official's role within their Department – https://www.lobbying.ie/return/76732/instinctif-partners-public-affairs-ireland	Part Grant
21-211	Journalist	All correspondence, meeting minutes, documentation related to the following returns on lobbying register by Hume Brophy on behalf of Visa Ireland: • Government Procurement — https://www.lobbying.ie/return/77201/hume-brophy	Part Grant