

FOI Disclosure Log

Quarter 4 2021

Case ID	Requester Type	Request	Decision
21-212	Journalist	<p>My request relates to the Oireachtas scrutiny of the Public Sector Standards Bill 2015.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All correspondence, or records of conversations, with the Select Committee On Finance, Public Expenditure And Reform, And Taoiseach this should include members, secretariat, or chair. This can be refined to any correspondence related to the passage, scrutiny, and potential lapse of the Public Sector Standards Bill 2015.• All internal correspondence dealing with efforts to move the Public Sector Standards Bill 2015 through the various stages of legislative scrutiny. I am happy to confine this to the period after the Order for Second Stage. This should include any briefing material for Departmental use on issues, difficulties, or progress of the Bill.	Part Grant
21-213	Journalist	<p>All correspondence between Minister Michael McGrath (including his officials, offices, advisors and staff) and Minister Darragh O'Brien (including his officials, offices, advisors and staff) regarding the redress scheme for mica homes and the defective block scheme between January 1 2021 and the date of this request. All correspondence between Minister Paschal Donohoe (including his officials, offices, advisors and staff) and Minister Michael McGrath (including his officials, offices, advisors and staff) regarding the redress scheme for mica homes and the</p>	Part Grant

		defective block scheme between January 1 2021 and the date of this request. Correspondence to include, but not limited to, emails, letters, memos text messages, WhatsApp messages etc	
21-214	Journalist	Minutes of Labour Employer Economic Forum (LEEF) meetings since Jan 2020 to present. Briefing documents relating to the pandemic frontline bonus payments prepared for LEEF. Briefing documents relating to an additional bank holiday in recognition of the covid-19 pandemic prepared for LEEF. Any correspondence from LEEF – or its members – to the Department of Finance and its Ministers relating to the pandemic frontline bonus payment and/or an additional bank holiday in recognition of the covid-19 pandemic. Any correspondence from LEEF – or its members – to the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform and its Minister relating to the pandemic frontline bonus payment and/or an additional bank holiday in recognition of the covid-19 pandemic.	Withdrawn
21-215	Journalist	Draft copies of the revised National Development Plan. Correspondence – to include but not limited to text messages, e-mails, WhatsApp (and other –messaging platforms) between Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform Michael McGrath and Minister for Transport Eamon Ryan in relation to the revised National Development Plan. I wish for my request to cover the period from 1/6/2021 – 3/10/2021.	Refused
21-216	Member of the Public	MHR would like information relating to the HR & Payroll systems used by each organisation or department within the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform. The name, address, telephone number and employee count for each organisation and department. The HR and Payroll system. The contact person with their telephone number and email address. The person	Refused

		responsible for that system, the HR Director, or Finance Director or equivalent. The expiry date. When that system's contract term expires. The Framework. If a particular purchase Framework is used.	
21-217	Member of the Public	I am seeking any submissions made by the Department of Transport and the Department of Defence to the review of the National Development Plan.	Part Grant
21-218	Member of the Public	<p>I am seeking the following information for the period from the start of 2020 to date:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The number of investigations initiated by your HR Department under the CS Code of Discipline and the nature of the allegations that gave rise to these investigations; • The number of cases in which the Personnel Officer of your Department has taken on the role of Relevant Manager under the CS Code of Discipline and the nature of the allegations in each case; • Details of any policy you might have in place that determines which cases will result in the Personnel Officer taking on the role of Relevant Manager under the CS Code of Discipline. 	Grant
21-219	Member of the Public	Any formal document, agreement, circular or similar type document that is held by your organisation in relation to the sanctioning of a payable allowance for Executive Officers assigned to the role of Labour Inspectors operating in the Workplace Relations Commission, in the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment. The information should set out the purpose of the allowance.	Grant

21-221	Journalist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes of Labour Employer Economic Forum (LEEF) meetings from Jan 2021 to present. • Briefing documents relating to the pandemic frontline bonus payments prepared for LEEF from Jan 2021 to present. • Briefing documents relating to an additional bank holiday in recognition of the covid-19 pandemic prepared for LEEF from Jan 2021 to present. • Any correspondence from LEEF – or its members – to the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform and its Minister relating to the pandemic frontline bonus payment and/or an additional bank holiday in recognition of the covid-19 pandemic from Jan 2021 to present. • Any correspondence between the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform and the Department of Finance and its Ministers relating to the pandemic frontline bonus payment and/or an additional bank holiday in recognition of the covid-19 pandemic from Jan 2021 to present. 	Refused
21-222	Journalist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Briefing material or records generated for bi-lateral meetings between the Minister for Education and/or senior officials and Minister for Public Expenditure and/or senior officials in the context of Budget 2022 • Briefing material or records generated for bi-lateral meetings between the Minister for Education and the Minister for Public Expenditure in relation to the National Development Plan announced in October 2021. 	Withdrawn

21-223	Journalist	All correspondence between the Minister for Health and the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform between the dates 1 August and 11 October on the issue of the Budget 2022.	Refused
21-224	Member of the Public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A list of all special advisors to ministers and ministers of state, along with their annual salaries. • A list of the government press secretaries and deputy government press secretaries, along with their annual salaries. I would like to request the information by email. 	Refused
21-225	Journalist	Advertising spend of the Department and its agencies from March 2020 to October 20th 2021. Can you also outline what proportion of this spend comprised of advertising related to Covid-19?	Refused
21-226	Member of the Public	I am seeking the record - Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) - for the Digital Covid Pass. As DPER Responsible for the creation and distribution of the Digital Covid Pass, DPER are required by Article 35, GDPR to conduct a data protection impact assessment. Further, pursuant to Section 29, Data Sharing and Governance Act 2019 a DPIA is required to be completed by DPER and publication is required under Section 55.	Transferred Out
21-227	Member of the Public	I am seeking the record - "Data Sharing Agreement related to Digital Covid Pass". As per Section 9(1), Data Sharing and Governance Act 2019 (commenced by SIs 189/2019 and 334/2021): "data-sharing" means the disclosure of information, including personal data, by a public body to another public body. As per Section 13 and 16, Data Sharing and Governance Act 2019, a data sharing agreement is required where personal data is disclosed from one public body to another public body.	Refused

21-228	Journalist	Briefing material or records generated for bi-lateral meetings between the Minister for Education and/or senior officials and Minister for Public Expenditure and/or senior officials in the context of Budget 2022	Part Grant
21-229	Journalist	Briefing material or records generated for bi-lateral meetings between the Minister for Education and the Minister for Public Expenditure in relation to the National Development Plan announced in October 2021.	Part Grant
21-230	Member of the Public	<p>I refer to the TLAC inputs earlier this year leading to the appointment of Secretaries General at the Department of Health (Mr Watt) and the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform (Mr Moloney). I hereby request the following specific information or copies of the records that contain the information.</p> <p>In respect of each of the two TLAC competitions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The names and titles of each participant on the initial interview panel and the final interview panel, indicating in each case the name of the chairperson. - The names and titles of observers at an interview. - The number of applicants. - The number of applicants shortlisted for an initial interview. - The number of applicants shortlisted for a final interview. - The number of candidates recommended to the government, indicating the number from outside the civil/public service. 	Grant
21-231	Member of the Public	Copies of all correspondence - over the specific period of 1 September 2021 to 4 October 2021 - between the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform (DPER) and the Department of Taoiseach regarding the renewed National Development Plan 2021-2030. For the avoidance of doubt, this includes email	Part Grant

		correspondence, whether sent by officials, Ministers, or political advisors.	
21-232	Member of the Public	Copies of all internal DPER correspondence - over the specific period of 1 July 2021 to 29 October 2021 - to and from the office of the Secretary General, including the Secretary General himself, relating to the new Public Sector ICT Strategy (i.e. the Strategy that will replace the current document that was published in January 2015). This request includes a copy of the new Strategy itself.	Refused
21-233	Member of the Public	This is a request being made under the FOI Act 2014 for an electronic copy of any or all information in relation to the extension of Mr Peter Tyndall in his role of Ombudsman and Information Commissioner, and the resulting press release issued from your Department on 21 September 2021 (a link to which is below).	Refused
21-234	Journalist	A list/record of all submissions made to the Minister or Ministers of State at your Department (if applicable) using the e-submissions system (or whatever relevant/similar system is in place at your Department) in the period 1 July 2021 to the date of receipt of this request. For avoidance of doubt, I am only seeking a list and am not seeking copies of any of the actual submissions.	Part Grant
21-235	Journalist	Copies of all records held in the Government Reform Unit or Central Policy Unit referring or relating to the 'cost of FOI' project. This request to cover the period 1 May 2021 to date of receipt of the request.	Withdrawn

21-236	Journalist	Copy of the recent cost-benefit analysis/preliminary business case report on the Dublin MetroLink completed by Transport Infrastructure Ireland and the National Transport Authority (with input from Oxford Global Projects) that was submitted to your department.	Refused
21-237	Journalist	Copy of the letter from Mr Jim Duffy, Assistant Secretary to Mr Michael Scanlan, Secretary General of the Department of Health dated 13 September 2005 concerning the Financial Information Systems Project in the HSE	Refused
21-238	Member of the Public	I wish to request a copy of any cost-benefit analysis of the case of the Digital Postbox project.	Grant
21-240	Member of the Public	I wish to request records/information pertaining to the following: (a) Department of Finance Circulars 35/2007 and 35/2001 and similar circulars before and after each of these. (b) Department of Finance Circulars 5/2008 and 13/75 and similar circulars before and after each of these.	Grant
21-241	Journalist	I make a request under the Freedom of Information Acts for copies of all correspondence between DPER and the HSE, from 1 January 2020 to 12 November 2021, relating to the Integrated Financial Management System (IFMS) project in the HSE. Records provided should be in electronic form only.	Refused
21-242	Journalist	Any correspondence and attachments in 2020 between the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform and the Department of Housing that relates to the budget given to cost rental in budget 2021.	Part Grant
21-243	Journalist	Data on the ten highest pensions being paid to former politicians, with details of the increases paid under Building	Part Grant

		Momentum/restoration agreements since January 2020. This should include name/role if possible and value of payment, plus the annual payments made to all former politicians in bands eg under €25K, over €25k...to over €250k, over €300k etc (with the numbers receiving payment in each band).	
21-244	Journalist	Data on the ten highest pensions being paid to former public servants, with details of the increases paid under Building Momentum/restoration agreements since January 2020. This should include name/role if possible and value of payment, plus the annual payments made to all former public servants in bands eg under €25K, over €25k...to over €250k, over €300k etc (with the numbers receiving payment in each band).	Part Grant
21-245	Journalist	Any correspondence relating to a decision to link a pay increase for the role of secretary general at the Department of Health with economic conditions, including a fall in unemployment, involving any members of cabinet or ministers, secretary generals/bodies representing secretaries' general or senior public servants. Any correspondence relating to how the decision was reached to link the €81,000 increase with economic conditions.	Refused
21-246	Journalist	Any correspondence, reports or documents to/from ministers and senior civil servants relating to public servants working part-time on full salaries during the Covid-19 pandemic, including the Property Registration Authority.	Grant
21-248	Journalist	I wish to seek all correspondence and meeting records involving the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform or anyone above the grade of Clerical Officer regarding the Western Rail Corridor between 1 January 2021 and 18 November 2021.	Grant

21-249	Member of the Public	All correspondence – including emails, letters, WhatsApp’s, texts/iMessages and other formats – between former public expenditure minister Paschal Donohoe and PJ McGrath from 6 May 2016 – 27 June 2020. All correspondence – including emails, letters, WhatsApp’s, texts/iMessages and other formats – between former public expenditure minister Paschal Donohoe and Martin Sadlier from 6 May 2016 – 27 June 2020. Minutes of all meetings involving former public expenditure minister Paschal Donohoe and Martin Sadlier and/or PJ McGrath from 6 May 2016 – 27 June 2020, including but not limited to the meeting in Dublin 8’s Ashling Hotel on 9 July, 2018. Copies of any reports/submissions/memos or other such review documents prepared on foot of these meetings involving former public expenditure minister Paschal Donohoe and Martin Sadlier and/or PJ McGrath from 6 May 2016 – 27 June 2020, including but not limited to the meeting in Dublin 8’s Ashling Hotel on 9 July, 2018	Refused
21-250	Journalist	I make a request under the Freedom of Information Acts for copies of records relating to the Integrated Financial Management System (IFMS) project currently under way in the HSE created in the period 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2020. Records should be provided in electronic form only.	Refused
21-251	Journalist	I make a request under the Freedom of Information Acts for copies of records relating to the Integrated Financial Management System (IFMS) project underway in the HSE created from 1 January 2021 to 22 November 2021. Records should be provided in electronic form only.	Refused
21-252	Journalist	A database of chartered aircraft by each Government department across the years 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021. The reasons for	Refused

		these chartered flights, the locations these chartered flights went to and the type of aircraft used. The cost of these chartered flights over the period 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021.	
21-253	Member of the Oireachtas/elected representative	Documents, reports, minutes of meetings and correspondence related to the Subgroup for Innovation and Digital Adoption, within DPER's Construction Sector Group (CSG), for the dates 01/01/2020 to 30/06/2020	Withdrawn
21-254	Member of the Oireachtas/elected representative	Minutes of meetings related to the Subgroup for Innovation and Digital Adoption, within DPER's Construction Sector Group (CSG), for the dates 30/06/2020 to 31/12/2020	Grant
21-255	Journalist	All correspondence, meeting minutes and documents sent or received between the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform and Údarás na Gaeltachta regarding the provision of affordable housing from 1.1.2020 until the present.	Refused
21-256	Member of the Public	Under the FOI Act to request any correspondence between the Open Data Unit and the following Departments/Agencies in relation to the implementation, use and enforcement of the Open Data Directive. Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine OSi EPA Coillte. For the purpose of this request, please consider the timeframe July 2021 to current	Part Grant
21-257	Journalist	I am seeking a copy of the following ministerial submissions: Draft roadmap for FOI review for approval - PER 01238-21 Afghan Admission Programme - PER 01147-21 Response to Mayor of County Cork Letter RE Assessment of Grant Funding To Local Authorities - PER 00935-21 Sport Ireland Funding Request - PER 00829-21 Review of the FOI Act - PER 00834-21 Consent sought to the terms and conditions for the position of	Part Grant

		VHI Group Chief Executive Officer- PER 00884-21 Briefing Note re NCSC - PER 00881-21	
21-258	Journalist	A spreadsheet/database/record of call costs incurred by the department as part of Innovation Week. This data to be provided line-by-line in excel if possible. A copy of the programme/schedule of events associated with Innovation Week. A copy of the business case, sanction, approval document associated with Innovation Week.	Grant
21-260	Journalist	I am requesting copies of emails (including attachments) received or generated, by the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform or the Secretary General of the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform in which any of the following terms were used: "subordinated debt", "subordinated bonds", "Anglo bonds", "junior bonds", "junior debt" "burn the bondholders" between 1st April, 2014 to 30th November, 2014.	Part Grant
21-261	Journalist	All correspondence between the Department of Health and Department of Public Expenditure regarding the proposal to subsidise the cost of antigen tests.	Part Grant
21-262	Member of the Oireachtas/elected representative	Could I please request all records, correspondence, reports and meeting minutes held in relation to the scheme to make €100 payment to all domestic electricity accounts.	Part Grant
21-263	Member of the Public	All reports, audit and budget documentation regarding the Start-up Schools Interim Accommodation section of the Dept of education in relation to their planned and actual expenditure and budget allocations for 2018- 2021	Withdrawn

21-264	Member of the Public	All correspondence, email and written and meeting notes between D/PER and the executive of TU Dublin between the dates of 01/05/2019 and 15/12/2021.	Refused
21-265	Member of the Public	<p>I'm looking for a copy of any documents, but most likely email correspondence, between NAMED and NAMED that occurred around 14/12/21 in relation to 'FOI Request P190/2021'. NAMED answered a query for me on that day and implied correspondence with NAMED.</p> <p>- Ireland had its first Covid lockdown in Spring 2020. I'm not too sure how the State operated it with its Departments, but I'm looking documentation that shows the State's instructions to the Department of Expenditure and Reform about when its staff should start working remotely. If the Department itself decided who should and shouldn't operate remotely and when, I would like that for NAMED (I have other documentation that he had 13 days' notice and I need to try getting that confirmed.)</p>	Withdrawn
21-266	Member of the Public	I wish to receive the following information for the time period from Monday 23rd March 2020 until Monday 20th December 2021, regarding Premium Payments in the Garda Síochána. Premium payments relate to Saturday Allowances, Sunday Allowances, Bank/Public Holiday Allowances, Night Duty Allowances, or any other unsocial hour's allowances paid to members of the Garda Síochána	Refused
21-267	Member of the Public	1. Please advise how many Department of Agriculture employees recruited after 1/1/2016 were appointed with salaries starting	Refused

		<p>above point 1 of their respective pay scales? If possible please break this down per year of commencing employment.</p> <p>2. Please advise how many Department of Agriculture employees recruited after 1/1/2016 were awarded additional increments on commencing with the Department of Agriculture in respect of previous service in the Irish Civil service?</p> <p>3. Please advise how many Department of Agriculture employees recruited after 1/1/2016 were awarded additional increments on commencing with the Department of Agriculture in respect of previous service in the Civil/Public service of another EU state?</p> <p>4. Please advise how many Department of Agriculture employees recruited after 1/1/2016 were awarded additional increments on commencing with the Department of Agriculture in respect of role relevant previous experience in the Irish Public service?</p>	
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