

FOI Disclosure Log Quarter 4 2022

| Case ID | Requester Type | Request | Decision |
|---------|----------------|--|------------|
| 22-169 | Journalist | Records of bilateral meetings between the Minister for Education and the Minister for Public Expenditure and/or senior officials from assistant secretary level upwards in relation to the education budget for 2023, from June 2022 to September 27th, 2022. | Part Grant |
| 22-170 | Journalist | A list of all submissions to the Minister in the period 1 March to 31 September 2022 | Part Grant |
| 22-174 | Journalist | I would like to request, under Freedom of Information legislation, all correspondence from any member, representative, or chairperson of the Companies Law Review Group and Department of Public Expenditure and Reform in the last two weeks. The Companies Law Review Group is an expert group which advises on company law. So the subject matter of the records concerned would be on company law. | Refused |
| 22-175 | Journalist | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Correspondence between Minister Michael McGrath and Minister Heather Humphreys regarding Budget 2023 between August 1 2022 and the date of this request (to include the Minister's office and advisers) <i>CLARIFICATION: I am referring to Minister Humphries' Social Protection portfolio</i> • Correspondence between officials in the DPER with the rank principal officer and above regarding the social protection budget for Budget 2023 between August 1 2022 and the date of this request • Correspondence between officials in the DPER with the rank principal officer and above and officials in the Department of Social Protection regarding the social protection budget for Budget 2023 between August 1 2022 and the date of this request | Refused |

| | | | |
|--------|----------------------|---|-----------|
| 22-177 | Journalist | <p>Please confirm if your Minister uses WhatsApp for official government business and/or for exchanging messages with officials and colleagues.</p> <p>Please confirm if your Minister stores or deletes WhatsApp messages relating to government business or to and from officials and colleagues.</p> <p>Please confirm if your Minister has downloaded Signal on their work mobile phone.</p> <p>Please confirm if your Minister uses Signal for official government business and/or for exchanging messages with officials and colleagues.</p> <p>Please confirm if your Minister uses a private email account for official government business and/or exchanging messages with officials and colleagues.</p> <p>Please provide any guidance that has been issued to your Minister on the use of messaging systems, such as WhatsApp or Signal.</p> <p>Please send screengrabs of all WhatsApp messages in relation to government business sent to and from your Minister's work phone on September 27, 2022.</p> | Refused |
| 22-178 | Journalist | <p>I request the following records relating to Shannon Heritage sites in county Clare.</p> <p>(i) Any records, correspondence, memos and briefing documents prepared for/by members of the Department regarding the proposed transfer of the management of Shannon Heritage sites to Clare County Council (Namely Bunratty Castle & Folk Park, Knappogue Castle & Craggaunowen) between January 1, 2021 and up to and including the date of this request.</p> | Withdrawn |
| 22-179 | Member of the Public | Copies of all internal correspondence – including but not limited to emails, memos, PowerPoint presentations – within D/PER (as well as | Refused |

| | | | |
|---------------|----------------------|--|---------|
| | | correspondence to and from the Office of the Government Chief Information Officer and the Office of Government Procurement), from 1 October 2021 to 12 October 2022, regarding the proposed “Microsoft Whole of Government Agreement” (which is referenced in the publicly available minutes of the D/PER Management Board meeting of 19 September). This request includes (in addition to internal correspondence between officials, political advisors and Ministers) any legal advice that D/PER may have received, either from its own legal advisor, the Office of the Attorney General, or external legal counsel, on the “Microsoft Whole of Government Agreement”. | |
| 22-180 | Member of the Public | Copies of all correspondence (including but not limited to emails, letters, memos and commercial documentation) between D/PER (including the Office of Government Procurement and the Office of the Government Chief Information Officer) with Microsoft from 1 October 2021 to 13 October 2022, regarding the proposed “Microsoft Whole of Government Agreement” (which is referenced in the publicly available minutes of the D/PER Management Board meeting of 19 September). | Refused |
| 22-181 | Journalist | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copies of all correspondence between Minister Patrick O'Donovan and representatives of Aughinish Alumina. • Copies of the minutes of all meetings between Mr O'Donovan and representatives of Aughinish Alumina. • The time period can be limited to 1/5/2022 to 13/10/2022. | Refused |
| 22-182 | Journalist | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copies of all correspondence to/from the secretary general related to the return to office working at the Department following the Covid-19 pandemic. • The correspondence can be limited to items to/from the following: ministers; unions. • The time period for the correspondence can be limited to | Refused |

| | | | |
|---------------|----------------------|--|------------|
| | | <p>1/8/2022 to 18/10/2022.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The records should include copies of any documents attached or enclosed with the correspondence. • Details of the total number of staff employed by the Department as of 18/10/2022 and a breakdown of how many are working from home; working in the office; working in a hybrid arrangement. • Copies of any internal publications/reports on remote working/return to the office drawn up since 31/1/2022. | |
| 22-183 | Journalist | <p>Records (specifically meeting minutes, briefing papers, letters, reports or documents provided by the lobbying entity, presentations at the meeting and/or specific records directly mentioned in the meeting minutes not already publicly available) related to the following meetings as outlined in the following lobbying returns:</p> <p>- Letters from, and meetings with RHH International / Backup Power Limited as outlined in this lobbying return: https://www.lobbying.ie/return/28943/rhh-international</p> <p>*In all the above, please exclude all correspondence in relation to the setting up or organising of physical or virtual meetings.</p> | Refused |
| 22-184 | Member of the Public | <p>I request access to all non-personal records relating to the concurrence of the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform to the increases to pensions of transferred civil servants in payment under the An Post Main Superannuation Scheme, 1990 which were authorised by the Minister for Communications, Energy and Natural Resources during 2022 including, but not limited to, records relating to the “not less favourable” guarantee in section 46(4) of the Postal and Telecommunications Services Act 1983. I would prefer to receive copies of the records electronically.</p> | Part Grant |
| 22-185 | Member of the Public | <p>I request access to all non-personal records relating to the issue and implementation of Circular 16/2021 “Code of Practice for the</p> | Part Grant |

| | | | |
|---------------|----------------------|--|------------|
| | | Governance of State Bodies - Amendments to the Annex on Remuneration and Superannuation” including, but not limited to, records relating to the necessity for the amendments, the definition of “discretionary benefits”, guidance to NewERA on the scope of any review / advice, and measures to ensure adherence to the “not less favourable” guarantee in section 46(4) of the Postal and Telecommunications Services Act 1983. I would prefer to receive copies of the records electronically. | |
| 22-186 | Member of the Public | I request access to all non-personal records relating to the advice of the attorney general that all ex-Department of Posts and Telegraphs pensioners of An Post and Eircom should have their pensions aligned with civil service pay as reported in the Sunday Times 5 January 2014, and the implementation of that advice. I would prefer to receive copies of the records electronically. | Part Grant |
| 22-187 | Journalist | A list of all e submissions sent to the cabinet minister in this Department during August, September and October of 2022 | Part Grant |
| 22-188 | Journalist | The Departmental risk register | Part Grant |
| 22-189 | Journalist | The following esubs to the minister: PER 00899-22, PER 00877-22, PER 00872-22, PER 00875-22, PER 00723-22, PER 00865-22, PER 00838-22, PER 00712-22 | Part Grant |
| 22-190 | Member of the Public | I request access to all non-personal records relating to any disputes that have been received by the Minister for his determination under Section 41(7) of the Irish Aviation Authority Act 1993 relating to compliance with the statutory guarantee contained in Section 41(5) of the said Act. I would prefer to receive copies of the records electronically. | Refused |
| 22-191 | Member of the Public | All records in relation to the cuts to Residential Tenancies Board (RTB) Adjudicators and Mediators pay, under FEMPI or otherwise, since 2013. In particular I am looking for records in relation to | Part Grant |

| | | | |
|---------------|----------------------|--|-----------|
| | | restoration of those cuts to Adjudicator's pay under the FEMPI restoration process, but I require all relevant records since 2013 in relation to the subject matter of this request. | |
| 22-192 | Member of the Public | I request access to non-personal records on any disputes that have arisen in the implementation or interpretation of Section 44 (4) and (5) of The Forestry Act 1988 relating to the amount of benefits payable to pensioners covered by the statutory guarantee. | Refused |
| 22-193 | Member of the Public | I request a copy of the Revised Local Authority Scales Operative from 2nd February 2022 and 1st October 2022 Circular. If the info could be sent by email. I believe the circular corresponds to Letter EL 05/2022 but having search on the gov.ie website I cannot find any record of the circular. | Refused |
| 22-194 | Journalist | All correspondence between officials in the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform and officials in the Department of Further and Higher Education about the shortfall in the pension control accounts of universities identified by the Higher Education Authority between September 1 2021 and December 31 2021. All correspondence between officials in the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform and officials in the Department of Further and Higher Education about the €56 million in once-off funding is being made available in 2022 for pension liabilities between September 1 2022 to present. | Withdrawn |
| 22-195 | Journalist | Any records or correspondence involving the minister/senior officials/AG's office relating to legal advice or concerns raised regarding the restoration of pay to grades with basic pay of more than €150,000 from July 1 this year. | Refused |
| 22-196 | Journalist | Any records or correspondence relating to caps on bankers' pay and a so called ban on bonuses/taxation of bonuses involving the minister/senior officials in the last six months. | Refused |

| | | | |
|---------------|----------------------|---|------------|
| 22-197 | Journalist | Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF) Operational Arrangements between the European Commission and Ireland | Withdrawn |
| 22-198 | Member of the Public | I wish to apply for electronic records concerning the WRC determination in the Geraghty v Revenue Commissioner 2021 (a case concerning non-consensual retirement of a women at 65) including appeal(s) that were created after 20th June 2022 to 1st December 2022. | Refused |
| 22-199 | Member of the Public | Matter: Freemasons in the Public/Civil Service - General This is a Freedom of Information access request [Reference: DOPEAR-001]. Please provide a full, accurate and complete list of records, including the date of the record, held by the 'Department of Public Expenditure and Reform' or under your authority, which showcases public/civil servants ¹ as members of the Fraternal Order of Freemasonry. If any records in the 'Department of Public Expenditure and Reform' or under your authority match the above description, please provide enough information so that I may identify and access each record with certainty. Please also provide the title, author, date, journal, web link etc. of any document, online or otherwise, held on record by the 'Department of Public Expenditure and Reform' or under your authority, which describes the current number of employed public/civil servants as Freemasons by District, Job/Office Description, Role & Responsibilities and Position ² . The term, Freemason is to mean any individual who is a member of any national or international lodge/order of Freemasonry | Refused |
| 22-200 | Journalist | I am seeking copies of the following records: - PER 01084-22: Approval of terms for the CEO of the Health Service Executive. - PER 01037-22: Letter to MinHealth re: Expenditure Concerns - PER 00859-22: .Tailte Éireann – CEO | Part Grant |

| | | | |
|---------------|----------------------|--|------------|
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PER 00681-22: Appointment of a Special Adviser to the Minister of State at the Department of Education - PER 00409-22: Consent request to enable Horse Racing Ireland (HRI) to sell access to the usage of an asset and use the windfall gains arising to part-fund turf irrigation systems refurbishment at Leopardstown racecourse | |
| 22-201 | Journalist | Copies of any records held by D/PER referring or relating to the setting of salary level for Minister Donohoe's special adviser Fiona O'Connor. Copies of any records held by D/PER referring or relating to the setting of salary level for Minister O'Brien's special adviser Kevin Dillon. | Refused |
| 22-203 | Member of the Public | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)/agreement between the Government of Ireland and Microsoft Ireland as announced by Minister McGrath on November 25th. 2. Correspondence between Microsoft Ireland, their agents and representatives and Minister McGrath, Minister Smyth, their special advisors and any employee of the Department of Public Expenditure from 1 January 2022 and today's date. 3. Records of any meetings between Microsoft Ireland, their agents and representatives and Minister McGrath, Minister Smyth, their special advisors and any employee of the Department of Public Expenditure from 1 January 2022 and today's date. 3. Any internal correspondence/departmental records relating to the agreement mentioned above. | Refused |
| 22-204 | Journalist | A copy of all ministerial mileage expense claim forms submitted to the department from 1 July 2020 to 30 November 2022. | Part Grant |

| | | | |
|---------------|----------------------|--|------------|
| 22-205 | Member of the Public | I wish to apply for records since 15 December 2021 regarding the election observation roster recommendations PAC Periodic Meeting No 4 of the 4 July 2018 | Refused |
| 22-206 | Member of the Public | I request to access to records related to the PROJ000005305 - Multi Supplier Framework Agreement for the Provision of Business Process Support Services. I request to have a count and an amount of how many contracts were tendered and awarded frame works since June 2020 with in Lot 3 - Data Management and Data Processing and Related Administrative Services. This is since the framework was updated during June 2020. | Withdrawn |
| 22-207 | Journalist | 1. The following Esubs, detailed in the attached list: a. PER 01350-22 b. PER 01356-22 c. PER 01322-22 d. PER 01323-22 e. PER 01243-22 f. PER 01221-22 g. PER 01209-22 h. PER 01167-22 i. PER 01160-22 | Part Grant |
| 22-208 | Member of the Public | Any records held by Department of Public Expenditure and Reform covering the following 1. Name of company who currently supplies your print equipment (multi-functional devices) 2. How many devices do they supply* 3. Start and end date of the contract 4. Details of any extension options 5. What route to market used – i.e. framework or open | Withdrawn |

| | | | |
|---------------|----------------------|---|------------|
| | | <p>competition process*</p> <p>6. Is this arrangement shared with any other organisation/s? If yes, please name the organisation that heads the contract*</p> <p>7. Estimated total value of contract, or your annual spend if the contract is shared</p> <p>8. Primary contact name</p> | |
| 22-209 | Member of the Public | All records in relation to Ireland's application process for funding under the RRF. More specifically, around Ireland's decision to apply including the timing of such a decision | Part Grant |
| 22-210 | Member of the Public | I would like to make an FOI on who was the supplier for pens DPER gave out at an event I visited a while ago | Refused |
| 22-211 | Journalist | All briefing notes prepared by the Department for incoming Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform Paschal Donohoe, on the appointment of Mr Donohoe to the role arising from the cabinet reshuffle on 17 December 2022 | Part Grant |
| 22-212 | Member of the Public | <p>In accordance with the FOI Act, I request access to the following records which are to be provided in electronic format. For the years 2017 – 2021 that the Department provide the following information in tabular form:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Total Number of FOIs received by the Department 2. A Breakdown of the number of Personal v. Non-personal v Mixed 3. The Number of FOIs that received a charge per year or had the applicant pay a cost 4. The Total cost per year for Search, Retrieval and Copying Charges. | Grant |
| 22-213 | Member of the Public | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A copy of the selection criteria used in the most recent procurement and/or selection process or competition for the | Refused |

| | | | |
|---------------|----------------------|--|------------|
| | | <p>appointment of External Appeals Officers, including essential and desirable experience, skills and qualifications of people applying for the role.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A copy of the current panel of External Appeals Officers that Civil Service organisations can call from when appointing an External Appeals Officer to specific cases. • A copy of the contract of service or contract for services that sets out the terms and conditions that apply to persons either performing the role of or providing their services as External Appeals Officer. | |
| 22-214 | Member of the Public | Under the FOI Act 2014, I am seeking a copy of the current Corporate Governance Assurance Agreement between the Office of the Regulator of the National Lottery and DPER. | Grant |
| 22-215 | Member of the Public | A list of applicants to the OGP by Facilities Management companies in Ireland. Clarification: <i>The framework we are referring to is "Facilities Management, Maintenance".</i> | Withdrawn |
| 22-216 | Member of the Public | Copies of all briefing material prepared for the new Minister for Public Expenditure Paschal Donohoe. | Refused |
| 22-217 | Member of the Public | The submission entitled 'Approval of terms for the CEO of the Health Service Executive'. As this appointment has now been confirmed, the exemptions applied in a previous decision are unlikely to apply anymore | Part Grant |
| 22-218 | Member of the Public | The most recently updated Department Brief for an incoming Minister, either signed off and delivered to a new minister following the 2022 December reshuffle, or a draft prepared for a possible change of minister but never delivered as the minister wasn't changed | Refused |