## FOI Disclosure Log

## Quarter 1 2019

Case ID	Requester Type	Request	Decision
19-01	Member of the Public	The Department's Records Management Policy. Any guidelines, procedures or manuals compiled as part of the Department's Records Management programme, including File Plans and Records Retention/Disposal Schedules. The minutes of meetings held during 2018 by any records management committee, steering group or similar body operating within the Department.	Part Grant
19-02	Journalist	<ol> <li>Copy of correspondence between the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform and the Department of Health regarding the cost of the planned new National Children's Hospital from 1 July 2018</li> <li>Copy of correspondence between the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform and the Minister for Health since 01 September 2018</li> <li>Copy of correspondence between the secretary general of the Department of Public Expenditure and the secretary general of the Department of Health since 01 September 2018</li> </ol>	Part Grant
19-03	Journalist	Copies of all correspondence between your department and the Department of Foreign Affairs regarding:  - The administrative burden at the DFA given the significant rise in passport applications in recent years  - Calls for the DFA to hire more full time staff to the passport office to deal with this surge in applications	Part Grant

		<ul> <li>The cost and logistics of printing so many passports each day</li> <li>Additional DFA funding to meet this rise in demand</li> </ul>	
19-04	Journalist	How much was spent by the Department in 2017 and 2018 on bottled water.	Grant
19-06	Member of the Public	All briefing material including memos, background papers, preparatory advice, and minutes of meetings, reports, correspondence, documents and publications shared between the Department of Health and/or the Health Service Executive and the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform between April 2018 and October 2018 in relation to the cost of the National Children's Hospital.	Refused
19-07	Member of the Public	All briefing material including memos, background papers, preparatory advice, minutes of meetings, reports, correspondence, documents and publications shared between the Department of Health and/or the Health Service Executive and the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform between October 2018 and now in relation to the cost of the National Children's Hospital.	Part Grant
19-10	Member of the Public	Any documents that explain the basis on which the Assistant Principal Officer was upgraded in 2016 and the two Assistant Principal Officers were upgraded in 2018? Any documents that explain the basis of these upgrading or outline or relate to whether these upgrading were just a simple matter of upgrading the officers after a given period of time or otherwise, or any documents that outline or relate to whether or not the officers in question needed to sit and pass an interview or any other competition or evaluation process before being upgraded? Any documents that outline or relate to the holding of and the results of any such interview, competition or	Part Grant

evaluation process, including any documents that outline or relate to the number of officers who participated in any such interview, competition or evaluation process?

- 3. Any documents that outline or relate to whether or not the three officers in question had previously transferred into the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform from another Government Department or Office as Assistant Principal Officers Standard; and any documents that outline or relate to the basis on which these officers were upgraded, whether on the basis that they were performing the same functions and duties as their Assistant Principal Officer Higher Scale colleagues, or on some other basis? This to include any documents that relate to the assignment and performance of functions and the need to treat staff who perform the same duties and functions equally and fairly.
- 4. Any documents that relate to the salary paid to these officers including the authorisation to pay the extra salary (the difference in the amount paid between the Assistant Principal Officer Standard and the Assistant Principal Officer Higher), and any records relating to whether the extra salary was to be paid directly from Central Exchequer funds or was to be paid from the 1% PCW Allowance?
- 5. Any documents that contain information on any discussions undertaken or decisions taken on how such upgrades are allowed and operated, including any process of 'Assimilation' that is in place, and the basis on which they are to be paid, i.e. central exchequer funding or 1%PCW.

I hope this clarifies the matter. Please note that I am seeking copies of records that exist in relation to practice and procedure

		followed, and the basis on which appointments are made, at Assistant Principal Officer Standard and Higher levels, in the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform. I am also seeking for the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform to provide any documentation it holds on the justification for the existence of the two separate grades of Assistant Principal Officer Standard and Assistant Principal Officer Higher and on the differentiation in the roles and duties to be assigned to each of these grades, given the difference of €7,000 plus per annum paid in respect of them.	
19-11	Journalist	All records relating to correspondence between the Department and the IDA concerning data centres	Refused
19-12	Oireachtas/Public Representative	<ol> <li>Please confirm that the Department of Defence Report to the Public Service Pay Commission (PSCP) was sent to your Department for review before being submitted to the Public Service Pay Commission.</li> <li>The date on which the Department of Defence Report to the Public Service Pay Commission was received by your Department</li> <li>All correspondence between the Department of Defence and the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform relating to the submission.</li> <li>All correspondence between DPER and the PSPC relating to the submission by the Department of Defence</li> <li>The date on which the Department of Defence Submission was forwarded by DPER to the PSPC.</li> <li>If the Submission has not yet been sent to the PSPC, any correspondence indicating when it will be sent.</li> </ol>	Handled Outside
19-13	Oireachtas/Public Representative	All correspondence, documents and minutes of meetings held by the Government Reform Unit in relation to the Data Sharing and Governance Bill between November 1, 2018 and the present.	Part Grant

19-14	Journalist	Copies of all records held relating to the overpayment of pensions to retired members of An Garda Síochána in period 1 January 2018 to date of receipt of this request.	Part Grant
19-15	Journalist	All records of correspondence between the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform and the Department of Justice between 1 December 2017 and 1 December 2018 concerning the retention by the Department of Justice of private sector legal firms to investigate protected disclosures (as per the Protected Disclosures Act 2014) in the Irish Prison Service.	Refused
19-16	Journalist	All correspondences including emails, letters and attachments between the office of Minister Paschal Donohoe and Dublin City Council in relation to the planned Dublin City Library on Parnell Square.  This can be dated between January 1 2016 and January 1 2019 and can be delivered to this email address.	Refused
19-17	Journalist	All records associated with this entry in the lobbying database: <a href="https://www.lobbying.ie/return/36958/ibm">https://www.lobbying.ie/return/36958/ibm</a>	Grant
19-19	Journalist	The release of details regarding expenses incurred by the Ministers' visits abroad last year for St Patrick's Day, specifically The cost of travel and accommodation for the Minister and Junior Minister The cost of travel and accommodation for any advisers or other staff for both Ministers. The cost of any gifts (including shamrock) incurred by the	Grant
		Department for the trips	
19-20	Member of the Public	A copy of the minutes of the Civil Service Personnel Officers' Network meeting held in December 2016.	Refused

19-21	Journalist	Copies of any records held relating to the appearance (or non-appearance) of Robert Watt or any officials of your Department at the Oireachtas Health Committee in January 2019.  Copies of any correspondence between your department and the above committee relating to the appearance of official(s) from D/PER at its hearings in January 2019.	Grant
19-22	Journalist	All correspondence between the Dept. Public Expenditure and Reform and the Dept. Housing referencing the Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan. Dates - 1 January 2018 - present.  All minutes of meetings, ministerial briefings and other briefing documents relating to the Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan. Dates - 1 January 2018 - present.	Part Grant
19-23	Journalist	All electronic correspondence including email, texts, WhatsApp messages and any other form of electronic communications between Ministers in the department and the secretary general of the Department between 01 January to 01 February 2019.	Part Grant
19-24	Journalist	The written invitations sent to framework participants, asking for competitive bids for "Provision of Lot 2 -Organisational Change Management & Leadership for the University of Limerick (UL)" The bids received for "Provision of Lot 2 -Organisational Change Management & Leadership for the University of Limerick (UL)" I believe this mini competition was run from this previous framework: RFT 98981 - PAS007F - Request for Tender for All of Government Framework Agreement for the Provision of Business & Management Consulting & Advisory Services.	Part Grant
19-25	Member of the Public	Copies of all correspondence to/from minister Paschal Donohoe on the topic of the National Children's Hospital between July 1, 2018 and February 6, 2019.	Part Grant

		Copies of all correspondence to/from secretary general Robert Watt on the topic of the National Children's Hospital between July 1, 2018 and February 6, 2019.	
19-26	Oireachtas/Elected Representative	All submissions received by the Department from other government Departments or the HSE to the National Development Plan	Part Grant
19-28	Journalist	All correspondence between senior procurement official Paul Quinn using his departmental email address or any other email address with other senior officials within the Department of Finance, Department of Public Expenditure and Reform or the Department of Health regarding the National Children's Hospitals since January 2017. Copies of any correspondence between Mr Quinn and the ministerial offices in the Department of Finance, Department of Public Expenditure and Reform or the Department of Health regarding the hospital.	Part Grant
19-30	Oireachtas/Elected Representative	All correspondence between the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform and the Department of Health related to the National Children's Hospital from the period 01 June 2018 to the present day.	Refused
19-31	Oireachtas/Elected Representative	All briefing material including memos, background papers, preparatory advice, and minutes of meetings, reports, correspondence, documents and publications shared between the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform and officials in the Central Expenditure Policy and Reporting division between April 2018 and 31 December 2018 in relation to the cost of the National Children's Hospital.	Refused
19-32	Journalist	All copies of any communication or correspondence, both written and electronic, along with any memos or notes of meetings	Refused

		between Minister Paschal Donohoe and Sec Gen Robert Watt relating to the National Children's Hospital. 1st of August 2017 to present	
19-33	Journalist	Access to all correspondence during 2018 and 2019 between Paul Quinn, Assistant Secretary, and Robert Watt, Secretary General, about the National Children's Hospital.	Part Grant
19-34	Member of the Public	Records and documents relating to the recent dispute with the INMO in 2019.	Refused
19-35	Journalist	All correspondence over the nursing strike and pay dispute from official grade level of assistant general secretary and above (note: this includes the Minister and secretary general) since January 1 2018. All correspondence between Finance Minister Paschal Donohoe and the Department of the Taoiseach/Taoiseach Leo Varadkar on the same issue since January 1 2018. All correspondence between Finance Minister Paschal Donohoe and Health Minister Simon Harris on the same issue since January 1 2018. All correspondence between the Department's secretary general and the secretary general of the Department of Health on the same issue since January 1 2018	Refused
19-37	Journalist	Copies of all records that were refused in FOI P014/2018. These records no longer form part of a deliberative process and are no longer exempt under the FOI Act	Part Grant
19-39	Journalist	All correspondence between Minister Patrick O'Donovan and Minister Paschal Donohoe or other senior Department of Finance/Department of Public Expenditure and Reform officials regarding ministerial pay, costs of overnight stays in Dublin for politicians or any other expenses relating to being a minister/TD since 2016.	Refused

19-40	Oireachtas/Elected Representative	Internal correspondence between the Office of Government Procurement and the Minister's office, and the Department of Health from September 2017 to December 2018 pertaining to the National Children's Hospital, including -  Correspondence from or to Mr Paul Quinn;  Correspondence from or to Mr Paschal Donohoe;  Correspondence from or to Mr Simon Harris;  Correspondence from or to members of the National Paediatric Hospital Development Board; Minutes of meetings held by the Office for Government Procurement or Department of Public Expenditure and Reform regarding the National Children's Hospital between April and December 2018.	Refused
19-41	Journalist	All correspondence dated 2010 to now between the department and the Cork County Board/GAA pertaining to the reconstruction of Páirc Uí Chaoimh stadium. This is to include all details concerning the €30 million Government funding provided for its rebuild and the estimated reconstruction costs provided by the Cork County Board/GAA to the department.	Withdrawn
19-42	Journalist	All correspondence between Finance Minister Paschal Donohoe and the Department of Finance's secretary general about capital project costs and deferrals due to the national children's hospital overrun, since July 1 2018.  All correspondence on the same subject between Finance Minister Paschal Donohoe with other Government departments since July 1 2018. All correspondence on the same subject between Finance Minister Paschal Donohoe with the Department of the Taoiseach/Taoiseach Leo Varadkar since July 1 2018.	Refused

19-43	Journalist	Copy of correspondence between the Department of Public Expenditure and the Department of Health since 01November 2018 regarding the salary to apply for the post of chief executive/director general of the HSE.	Refused
19-44	Journalist	All correspondence between the Department of Finance (DPER) and PwC relating to the national children's hospital since December 1 2018	Refused
19-45	Member of the Public	Documents and records created since 1 January 2019 relating to the Irish Nurses and Midwives Organisation dispute.	Refused
19-46	Journalist	All written requests to the Department for salaries in respect of persons with salaries above 80k in excess of agreed rates, relocation expenses, car allowances, bonus payments or performance-related pay. This request to cover all such applications, which are made to the Dept., which would require sanction from Minister i.e. from other Dept. & State bodies and to include all communications to and from the Dept., and other bodies/Depts. related to the request. This request to cover only the period since my last such request on November 12. The original application letters, any reports/memos made internally on the application, submission that would have gone to Minister and response that issued. This request to cover only the period since my last such request.	Part Grant
19-47	Journalist	Copies of any correspondence between your Department and any other government Department relating to the appointment of new special advisers, where these new appointments were not made at the lowest point on the agreed salary scale. This request to cover only the period since my last such request.	Part Grant

19-48	Journalist	All correspondence between Finance Minister Paschal Donohue and Health Minister Simon Harris relating to the national children's hospital since July 1 2018. All correspondence between Finance Minister Paschal Donohue and Taoiseach Leo Varadkar/the Department of the Taoiseach relating to the national children's hospital since July 1 2018. All correspondence between Finance Minister Paschal Donohue and the Department of Finance's secretary general relating to the national children's hospital since July 1 2018.	Refused
19-49	Journalist	Records of all public procurement contracts where the company Huawei are listed as a contractor. A summary of each project the company Huawei are listed as a contractor on and the total value of each contract and the fee Huawei is receiving.	Refused
19-50	Member of the Public	Details of all correspondence associated with a meeting that was held (Details supplied) at which Stephen Lynam Special Adviser (Department of Public Expenditure and Reform)was in attendance; any follow up emails or correspondence that were sent in relation to this meeting; agenda and meeting minutes associated with the meeting details: <a href="https://www.lobbying.ie/return/18187/ibec">https://www.lobbying.ie/return/18187/ibec</a> Meeting with IBEC on Proposed Sugar-Sweetened Drink Tax	Refused
19-51	Journalist	Any correspondence between your Department and Forensic Science Ireland relating to the following: a/ construction of a new headquarters for FSI, b/ delays in construction of the new headquarters, and c/ the diversion of €10 million from the FSI budget for the NCH project. All parts of this request to cover the period 1 January 2018 to current date.	Refused

19-53	Member of the Public	All electronic and written correspondence (including any follow on internal correspondence in the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform) between December 15th 2018 and February 12th 2019 between the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform (at Assistant Secretary level and above, and to Ministerial Offices) and  1. The Department of Education and Skills; 2. The Office of Public Works; 3. The Department of Justice and Equality; 4. The Department of Health; 5. The Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht; 6. The Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport; and 7. The Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government in relation to the reallocation of capital expenditure announced by the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform on February 12th 2019 (details supplied).	Part Grant
19-54	Journalist	A list of all submissions made to the Minister or Ministers of State at your Department using the e-submissions system (or whatever relevant/similar system is in place at your Department) in the period 1 December 2018 to the date of receipt of this request. This request is to include the date of the submission and its title. I am not seeking copies of the submissions themselves.	Part Grant
19-55	Journalist	Copies of any reports, submissions, memos, or other such documents prepared for either the minister (or his office) or the secretary general (or his office) relating to concerns over governance of the NCH project. This request to cover the period 1 Jan 2017 to 30 December 2017. Copies of any correspondence between the Department and the board of the NCH project in the same period.	Refused

19-56	Member of the Public	In respect of the period 1st July 2018 to 31st December 2018, inclusive, all information, in written or electronic format, including but not limited to documents, notes of conversations or calls, submissions, emails, attachments, letters, text messages, WhatsApp messages or any other form of messenger, etc. sent or received, concerning or in any way related to requests for legal services/ advice by the Tax Appeals Commission or anyone working on their behalf. This request also covers requests by the Tax Appeals Commission to use any legal services framework in place by the Office of Government Procurement.	Refused
19-57	Journalist	All correspondence between the Department of Public Expenditure and Amazon UK Services for 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018.	Part Grant
19-58	Journalist	A copy of the technical review of a revised cost benefit analysis for the Cork Event Centre project completed by the IGEES unit within the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform (DPER) in July 2018.	Refused
19-60	Journalist	Copies of all internal and external correspondence within the department and with other departments in relation to: the €100m savings requested from all Departments arising from the cost over-run at the children's hospital and the "re-profiling" which this caused a need for.	Part Grant
19-61	Journalist	All 18 September – 11 October 2018 correspondence between the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform and the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment (including correspondence between respective Ministers) where the National Broadband Plan is the main subject. Administrative	Part Grant

		records, including meeting confirmations, are included, but duplicate records are excluded.	
19-62	Oireachtas/Elected Representative	Given the presence of department officials and the Secretary General of the department, all documentation shared between DPER officials and Fianna Fáil TDs during and pertaining to the Confidence and Supply review. Correspondence between the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform and Fianna Fáil TDs during and pertaining to the Confidence and Supply review. Correspondence between the DPER officials Reform and Fianna Fáil TDs during and pertaining to the Confidence and Supply review.	Refused
19-63	Member of the Public	Records referring to the tender submitted by BAM for the contract for the construction of the New Children's Hospital, St James's Hospital Campus, Dublin 8 (the Contract)  2 Records referring to other tenders for the Contract  3 Records referring to the conclusion of the Contract  4 Records referring to the process of ascertaining the guaranteed maximum price for the Contract  5 Records referring to instructing or deciding to instruct BAM to proceed with the Phase B Works (as defined by the Contract)  6 Records referring to the cost or projected cost of the New Children's Hospital project  7 Records referring to BAM's performance on the Contract  8 Records relating to RAM's performance on the Phase A Works (as defined by the Contract)  9 Records relating to BAM's safety performance on the Phase A Works  10 Records referring to RAM's performance on the contract for the New Children's Hospital, Satellite Centres at Tallaght Hospital	Handled Outside

		Campus, Dublin 24 and Connolly Hospital Campus, Dublin 15 (the Satellite Contract)  11 Records comprising or referring to communications with the Department of Health, the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform, the Department of the Taoiseach, Children's Health Ireland or the National Paediatric Hospital Development Board which contain any reference to any of the following:  (a) the tender submitted by BAM for the contract for the Contract (b) other tenders for the Contract  (c) the conclusion of the Contract  (d) the process of ascertaining the guaranteed maximum price for the Contract  (e) instructing or deciding to instruct BAM to proceed with the Phase B Works  (f) the cost or projected cost of the New Children's Hospital project  (g) BAM's performance on the Contract  (h) RAM's performance on the Phase A Works  (i) BAM's safety performance on the Phase A Works  O) BAM's performance on the Satellite Contract	
19-65	Journalist	· A copy of any correspondences, meeting minutes, notes, or memos between the Minister for Public Expenditure/Department Officials and the Valuation Office relating to the valuation of Aviva Stadium and/or Croke Park between 2011 and present day. · A copy of any correspondences, meeting minutes, notes, or memos between the Minister for Public Expenditure/Department Officials and the IRFU; and/or FAI; and/or GAA relating to the valuation of Aviva Stadium and/or Croke Park between 2011 and present day. · A copy of any correspondences, meeting minutes, notes, or	Grant

		memos between the Minister for Public Expenditure/Department Officials and the Taoiseach/Department officials and/or Sports Minister/Department Officials relating to the valuation of Aviva Stadium and/or Croke Park between 2011 and present day.  · A copy of any correspondences, meeting minutes, notes, or memos between the Minister for Public Expenditure/Department Officials and Dublin City Council relating to the valuation of Aviva Stadium and/or Croke Park between 2011 and present day. When conducting your search and retrieval please consider official information held on non-official systems, emails accounts and devices, for example WhatsApp groups etc.	
19-66	Member of the Public	Request in respect of records relating to the proposed construction and development of an event centre in Cork (the Cork Event Centre). All records that are in possession or power of procurement in respect of all documents or records mentioning the Cork Event Centre.	Withdrawn
19-67	Journalist	Copies of any records held by your department relating to the purchase of a property on Massachusetts Avenue in Washington DC by the Department of Foreign Affairs in 2018.	Part Grant
19-68	Journalist	Access to any minutes / memos / briefings relating to the recent meeting between the Minister and the Regulator of the National Lottery.	Withdrawn
19-70	Journalist	All correspondence from the chief procurement officer Paul Quinn in relation to the National Children's Hospital/National Paediatric Hospital Development Board from the period 01 May 2018 and the 01 December 2018.	Part Grant
19-71	Member of the Public	Internal all-staff communications/emails on Data Protection awareness in the last 12 months	Grant

		<ul> <li>Internal Data Protection awareness campaign strategy/planning documents if available (from 2017 to current)</li> <li>Internal Data Protection awareness posters used within Department offices (in original format).</li> </ul>	
19-72	Member of the Public	The most recent dated documentation held by the Department that explains and outlines the regulations that govern 'the justification for the existence of the two separate grades of Assistant Principal Officer Standard and Higher and the differentiation in the roles and duties to be assigned to each of these grades, given the difference of €7,000 plus per annum paid in respect of them. As this is a Civil Service policy matter it comes within the remit of the Department of Public Expenditure & Reform' and if no such document or regulations exist then the whole basis for the different salary paid to the two grades must be called into question.	Grant
19-73	Journalist	I seek all documentation, (including but not limited to external and internal correspondences, emails, letters, meeting minutes, memos, reports, circulars, and briefing notes) relating to correspondences, communications, and meetings between officials from the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform, and representatives from the National Lottery Regulator concerning third party operators who offer betting on the outcome of lottery draws. My request covers from January 1 2017 up to and including today, March 11, 2019.	Part Grant
19-74	Journalist	Copies of any records held referring or relating to reported comments by Robert Watt of "controlling the mob" in advance of his appearance before an Oireachtas committee. Copies of any records held referring or relating to whether or not Paul Quinn would attend an Oireachtas committee hearing on NCH costs.	Refused

19-75	Journalist	Copies of all records held relating to the decision making process that led to an increase in the overnight subsistence rates that were put in place on 1 October 2018.	Part Grant
19-77	Journalist	All correspondence, both electronic and written, including any attachments, relating to a meeting between the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform and Intel representatives that took place on 18 January 2019. Any reports, briefing notes, internal memos or minutes that relate to this meeting.	Part Grant
19-78	Journalist	I note that there a record at www.lobbying.ie of the AA lobbying the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform: <a href="https://www.lobbying.ie/return/10629/the-aa">https://www.lobbying.ie/return/10629/the-aa</a> I wish to request all records, including minutes and notes, of this instance of lobbying, all records of contacts regarding this lobbying be they before or after the fact, all records of advice (be it to ministers, the government or any other party) or decisions following this lobbying	Refused
19-79	Member of the Public	The release of information about the compensation scheme for women affected by the non-disclosure of the Cervical Check audit. I am specifically seeking the release of internal correspondence between the Minister and his advisers, internal Department memos, correspondence between Department officials and officials from the Department of Health (at the level of the Ministers and their advisors), and minutes of any meetings where the compensation scheme was the main subject of discussion, all between 1 October 2018 and 11 March 2019.	Refused
19-80	Member of the Public	In respect of the period 1st January 2019 to 26th March 2019, inclusive, all information, in written or electronic format, including but not limited to documents, notes of conversations or	Part Grant

		calls, submissions, emails, attachments, letters, text messages, WhatsApp messages or any other form of messenger, etc. sent or received, concerning or in any way related to requests for legal services/ advice by the Tax Appeals Commission or anyone working on their behalf. This request also covers requests by the Tax Appeals Commission to use any legal services framework in place by the Office of Government Procurement.	
19-81	Journalist	A database of the pensions paid to all former constitutional/ministerial/judicial office holders for the calendar year 2018. To be clear, I am seeking the actual payment made after any deductions made by way of Haddington Road agreement or any such similar cuts to the rate.	Part Grant