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CASE NUMBER	DATE RECEIVED	REQUESTOR TYPE	REQUEST	DECISION
FOI/Req/23/152	24/07/2023	Other	Under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2014, I wish to request access to: All records relating to the decision by Irish Aid in 2006 to provide a grant of €100,000 to the Life Home Project Foundation, Phuket, Thailand to include related disbursements.	Part Granted
FOI/Req/23/174	29/08/2023	Other	<p>I wish to make a request to DFA under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 for access to the following records:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A copy of the contract(s) signed by the Consulate General of Ireland. São Paulo, Brazil, in mid-December 2022 with VENTURA Artes Gráficas Ltda., Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and any subsequent contract(s), to provide design and related services for a DFA exhibition in Rio entitled “Irish in Brazil” (2023): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * The full value of that contract in tabular form, with related invoices or receipts; * All subsequent itemized payments to VENTURA in 2023, with related invoices or receipts. * Itemised payments in 2023 to any printing company in Rio for the exhibition in question. 2. Copies of all files and records held referring or relating to a payment by the Consulate General of Ireland, São Paulo, under the title of “Curator Honorarium - Irish in Brazil” (DFA exhibition, 2023); <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * An explanation of the “government process” or criteria involved in determining the value of that fee / honorarium; * Name of the DFA HQ section responsible for approving that payment; * Date that the said payment was approved. 3. Did DFA’s diplomatic and consular missions in Brazil use a DFA software or DFA platform to issue invitations for the 2023 St. Patrick’s Day celebrations in Brasília and São Paulo, as well as for the opening of DFA’s “Irish in Brazil” exhibition in Rio (15.03.2023)? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * What, if any, technical problems arose? If so, a copy of any relevant records would be welcome. 	Part Granted

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FOI/Req/23/180	06/09/2023	Other	I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2014. 1. The number of civil servants who had their probationary contract terminated from 1 January 2018 to 5 September 2023 2. Any records the Secretary General has issued regarding the termination of probationary contracts from 1 January 2018 to 5 September 2023 3. Any policies or guidelines that the DFA has regarding the termination of probationary contracts.	Part Granted
FOI/Req/23/182	12/09/2023	Other	Under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 I am requesting the following information: the number of applications made for Irish passports from British citizens for the following years, 2010, 2011, 2020, 2021.	Refused
FOI/Req/23/187	18/09/2023	Media	Under the FOI Act 2014, I am seeking the following: - a spreadsheet/database/record of the following information for each of 2021, 2022, and the first half of the year: the number of passports reported missing, the number of passports reported stolen, the number of passports reported damaged beyond use, the number of passport applications refused, the number of passport applications refused by the department due to concerns over fraud, the number of cases of passport fraud referred to the Gardaí.	Granted
FOI/Req/23/188	18/09/2023	Other	In accordance to the right of access to public information, I am writing to request access to public records concerning the salaries at the Embassy of Ireland in Romania, namely the complete list of monthly gross salaries for all employees at the embassy, both diplomats and local staff, for the current fiscal year.	Part Granted
FOI/Req/23/189	19/09/2023	Media	I request the following records under the 2014 Freedom of Information Act: Records of any meetings, email correspondence, and/or reports from the Assistant Secretary, Ireland, United Kingdom, Americas division about cooperation between the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland, with a specific focus on hydrogen and natural gas production, consumption and/or trade.	Refused

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FOI/Req/23/190	19/09/2023	Other	Could you provide me with the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 1) As of 18th September 2023 The Date each Ambassador and Deputy Ambassador (or equivalent) were allocated to each of their respective Embassy and the date when each Ambassador and Deputy Ambassador term will end and return to DFA HQ. To be further assistant what I am seeking e.g. Irish Ambassador to Germany will end at 31st December 2024 etc. in tabular form as of 18th September 2023 The date in which each Irish Consul General and Deputy Consul General or equivalent term and they will return to DFA in tabular form. To be further assistant what I am seeking e.g. Irish Consul General based in Sydney will end on 31st December 2023 in tabular form.	Refused
FOI/Req/23/191	20/09/2023	Other	Under FOI legislation, I would like to see copies of all or any briefing notes given by your department to the media contingent accompanying the Minister on his recent trip to Israel.	Part Granted
FOI/Req/23/192	20/09/2023	Media	Copies of any applications for approval of the terms of conditions of chief executives of commercial State bodies, under the Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies, sent to the Minister for approval, between 1st January 2021 and 19th September 2023.	Refused
FOI/Req/23/194	25/09/2023	Media	I would like to put in a freedom of information request for the points below. 1. A copy of the lease agreement for the new Irish Consulate in New York office location on 200 Park Avenue in the Pan Am Buildings Manhattan. 2. Relevant extracts from the accounts of the Irish Consulate New York showing the costs associated with moving to the new Irish Consulate and the costs of any refurbishment or refit work needed in the new office. 3. A copy of the lease agreement of the former Irish Consulate on 345 Park Avenue, and all records related to the reasons for leaving the location.	Part Granted
FOI/Req/23/196	26/09/2023	Media	I wish to apply under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 for two reports commissioned by the DFA. 1. Review of Domestic Implementation of Restrictive Measures (sanctions) (2022) carried out by Conan McKenna. <i>(See FOI/Req/23/198 below)</i> 2. Review of Ireland's Humanitarian demining programme (2022) carried out by the institute for Social and Environment Transitions. (ISET International)	Part Granted <i>(Part 2 of Request)</i>

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FOI/Req/23/197	27/09/2023	Other	I am seeking the release of all records relating to correspondence, both internal and external, relating to the recent 'unscheduled' meeting between Ukrainian President, Volodymyr Zelenskyy, and Sudanese army general Abdel Fattah al-Burhan. This should include, but is not limited to, any letters, emails, text messages, WhatsApp messages, memos, notes, reports, draft reports and any other relevant records that were created, sent or received by the Department related to this correspondence.	Part Granted
FOI/Req/23/198	26/09/2023	Media	I wish to apply under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 for two reports commissioned by the DFA. 1. Review of Domestic Implementation of Restrictive Measures (sanctions) (2022) carried out by Conan McKenna. 2. Review of Ireland's Humanitarian demining programme (2022) carried out by the institute for Social and Environment Transitions (ISET International). <i>(See FOI/Req/23/196 above)</i>	Refused <i>(Part 1 of Request)</i>
FOI/Req/23/199	28/09/2023	Media	Under the FOI Act 2014, I am requesting the release of any records sent to the Minister by DAA concerning the North Runway. I'm specifically requesting the correspondence referred to in this entry on the Lobbying Register.	Granted

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FOI/Req/23/202	27/09/2023	Media	<p>I wish to request access to the following records under the Freedom of Information Act:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A copy of the health and safety report in respect of issues at the ambassador's former residence at 2244 S Street, Washington, DC. - Copies of correspondence sent to the department by the ambassador, her office or the mission regarding issues with the building at 2244 S Street, Washington, DC between January 1, 2021 and the present date. - Copies of records showing the amount of rent paid in respect of 2221 30th Street, Washington, DC since the department or mission began renting the building. - Copies of records showing all expenditure on fixtures, fittings, decoration, renovation and furniture at 2221 30th Street since the department or mission began renting the building. 	Part Granted
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