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CASE NUMBER	DATE RECEIVED	REQUESTOR TYPE	REQUEST	DECISION
FOI/Req/23/206	03/10/2023	Other	Under the Freedom of Information Act, I request copies of all records relating to grants made to: a) the International Planned Parenthood Federation; b) Purposeful; and c) the Clinton Health Access Initiative during the years 2019 - 2022 inclusive.	Part Granted
FOI/Req/23/221	19/10/2023	Media	A list of all e submissions sent to the cabinet minister in your Department during the period July 01-Oct 10 of 2023	Part Granted
FOI/Req/23/225	23/10/2023	Other	I am requesting copies of all information held by you which refers "Mountmellick Gaa club" and/or "Mountmellick GAA" and/or "CLG Mòinteach Milic" and/or "Mointeach Milic CLG". Please provide a copy of all information held by you, from 1st September 2022 to the date of this email, that relates to the above.	Refused
FOI/Req/23/226	26/10/2023	Other	Under the Freedom of Information Act 2014, I am seeking the release of all records relating to the 2023 Ireland-Wales Forum. This should include but is not limited to, records of any meeting minutes, meeting notes, a list of attendees, briefing material, associated reports, presentations and correspondence shared and/or referenced during the trip. I also request 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 of Foreign Affairs. Finally, please also include a copy of the itinerary for the trip, a list of all those who had travelled with the Minister and records relating to their expenses, such as copies of actual receipts, invoices and claim forms, as well as a table of costs for the trip	Part Granted

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FOI/Req/23/232	31/10/2023	Other	Can you please look for records related to IT devices deployed by your organisation and IT/ICT budgets for current and future years?	Refused
FOI/Req/23/235	01/11/2023	Media	Under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 I am seeking the following documents: Copies of the following submissions and associated records: - DFA 00551-23 - DFA 00567-23 - DFA 00571-23 I wish for my request to cover the period from 1/8/2023 - 31/10/2023.	Part Granted
FOI/Req/23/236	01/11/2023	Media	Under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 I am seeking a list of esubmissions submitted to the Minister for Foreign Affairs through the e-submissions channel. I wish for my request to cover the period from 01-10-2023 - 31-10-2023.	Part Granted
FOI/Req/23/239	06/11/2023	Media	Under the Freedom of Information Acts, I wish to request access to the following records – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any record created since March 2022 which proposed or recommended the discontinuation of Covid19 safety measures such as masking or the use of social distancing.</li> <li>• Any record created since March 2022 which records a decision to discontinue Covid19 safety measures.</li> <li>• Any record created since March 2022 instructing staff to discontinue Covid19 safety measures. My request is intended to relate to records created in your own department / office / body, and also only relating to measures taken / proposed in your own department / office / body. I am not seeking records relating to national policy, nor am I seeking records relating to instructions given to bodies under the aegis of government departments (e.g. IDA in Department of Enterprise).</li> </ul>	Part Granted
FOI/Req/23/242	09/11/2023	Media	A copy of all internal briefings prepared for the Minister between 25t September and 9th October 2023. (Note: I am not specifying topics the briefings relate to, this would be for briefings on topics or issues for the Minister, however I do not believe there would be a huge volume in this short period, as such I am not refining it to a specific topic. If you have any queries on this FOI contact me by email)	Part Granted

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FOI/Req/23/243	10/11/2023	Media	Under the FOI Act 2014, I am requesting the release of details of all gifts received by the Minister during his official engagements abroad since 1 January 2023, as well as information about whether they were kept by him or otherwise disposed of (and how).	Granted
FOI/Req/23/247	14/11/2023	Media	All documents relating to the Department's social media monitoring/analysis including any reports supplied to the department as a result of social media and media monitoring/analysis from December 2022 to date. Any documents showing the cost associated with social media/media monitoring	Granted
FOI/Req/23/249	17/11/2023	Other	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. All correspondence between the Minister for Foreign Affairs and officials within the Department of Foreign Affairs at the level of Principal Officer and above regarding or making reference to referring the Russian Federation to the International Criminal Court, between 24th February 2022 and 7th March 2022;</li> <li>2. All correspondence between the Minister for Foreign Affairs and the Minister for Justice regarding or making reference to referring the Russian Federation to the International Criminal Court, between 24th February 2022 and 7th March 2022;</li> <li>3. All correspondence between the Minister for Foreign Affairs and the Taoiseach regarding or making reference to referring the Russian Federation to the International Criminal Court, between 24th February 2022 and 7th March 2022;</li> <li>4. All correspondence between officials within the Department of Foreign Affairs at the level of Principal Officer and above regarding or making reference to referring the Russian Federation to the International Criminal Court, between 24th February 2022 and 7th March 2022;</li> <li>5. All correspondence between officials within the Department of Foreign Affairs at the level of Principal Officer and above and officials within the Department of Justice at the level of Principal Officer and above regarding or making reference to referring the Russian Federation to the International Criminal Court, between 24th February 2022 and 7th March 2022;</li> <li>6. All correspondence between officials within the Department of Foreign Affairs at the level of Principal Officer and above and officials within the Department of An Taoiseach at the level of Principal Officer and above regarding or making reference to referring the</li> </ol>	Part Granted

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			Russian Federation to the International Criminal Court, between 24th February 2022 and 7th March 2022; 7. Any minutes of meetings at which the Minister for Foreign Affairs was in attendance, regarding or making reference to referring the Russian Federation to the International Criminal Court, between 24th February 2022 and 7th March 2022.	
FOI/Req/23/250	17/11/2023	Other	Under the FOI Act 2014, I am seeking the following: Documentation relating to the flights and landing of the following US Military aircraft in Ireland for the month July and August 2023. Registration: 84-0087 165352 168298 168303 168323 168333 I request that a redacted copy of documentation relating to these flights be made as actual proof the document and correspondence exists.	Part Granted
FOI/Req/23/252	22/11/2023	Other	Under the Freedom of Information Act I am seeking access to the following records; A copy of any correspondence between Bono and Tánaiste Micheál Martin dated between October 1st and November 20, 2023.	Refused
FOI/Req/23/253	22/11/2023	Other	Under the FOI Act 2014, I am seeking the following: Briefing documents prepared by the International Security Policy Section for Divisional Meetings held with the Secretary General of The Department of Foreign Affairs for years 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020 and 2019.	Refused
FOI/Req/23/254	22/11/2023	Other	-Actual average first-time passport processing times for each of the months since January 2022, as grouped by date of receipt of the application (not date of closing the application); - Share of first-time passport applications where additional documentation was requested from the applicant by the Passport Office for each of the months since January 2022; - Results of any benchmarking or comparison studies/comparisons/correspondence/analysis between Ireland and other countries of the EU and the World as to how processing times of first-time passport applications in Ireland compare to other countries that the Department/its leadership or the Minister have either commissioned or considered during 2020-2023; - Number of complaints received by the passport office for each of the months since January 2022 via official complaint routes; - Number of judicial reviews or any other judicial proceedings filed against the Passport Office OR Department of foreign affairs related to passport	Granted

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			processing (since January 2021); - Number of passport applications for which TD's liaised with the passport office on behalf of their constituents passport applications for each of the months since January 2022; - Number of recorded GDPR violations by the Passport office (e.g. personal data/document loss, negligent personal information disclosure, mishandling of personal information, etc.) for each month since January 2021, broken down by category	
FOI/Req/23/256	23/11/2023	Other	Dear Sir/Madam, Under the Freedom of Information Act 2014, I am seeking a copy of all Bills or Acts (for both primary and secondary legislation) that have been initiated in and/or passed through the Dáil and Seanad in the last 5 years which have sought to amend existing legislation in a manner that (a) interprets, or (b) amends, or (c) removes, the words 'woman' or 'mother' in/from the existing legislation in question.	Refused
FOI/Req/23/258	28/11/2023	Media	Under the FOI Act 2014, I am seeking the following data to cover the period 2022, and Q1 & Q2 2023: 1. The total number of representations for passports Oireachtas TDs made in 2018. 2. The total number of representations for passports Oireachtas Senators have made in 2018. 3. The number of passport representations each TD made in 2018. 4. The number of passport representations each Senator made in 2018. Please list numbers 3 and 4 with the name of the TD/Senator and how many representations they made.	Part Granted
FOI/Req/23/262	30/11/2023	Media	Under the FOI Act 2014, I am seeking the following: - a copy of all inspection reports (inclusive of draft reports) of residences/chanceries and/or mission reviews that were completed in 2023.	Part Granted

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FOI/Req/23/265	01/12/2023	Other	<p>- Volume of phone calls received by the customer service of the Passport Service of Department of Foreign Affairs since January 2023 broken down by month and taxonomy/category of the issues customers were calling with; - [Since January 2023] Any measures that Department uses to track customer satisfaction with the customer service they received during customer support calls to Passport Service of Department of Foreign Affairs (such as standard for customer support industry CSAT score - customer satisfaction score or similar) broken down by month; - Any documentation, guidance, policy, letters, instructions, correspondence, notes, process maps, formal description or similar as to methodology the Department (incl. the Minister) uses for tracking and calculating customer satisfaction with customer service inquiries in customer service/support calls to Passport Service of Department of Foreign Affairs and description of how the Department ensures the customers are receiving customer service of appropriate standard.</p>	Granted
FOI/Req/23/270	08/11/2023	Other	<p>I am making here a separate new request under freedom of information legislation to have copies of all and any notes/briefings or information in whatever form given to such journalists concerning the substance, political or diplomatic nature of the Minister's visit to Israel. I hope this is clear. I have no interest in the lunch, travel or cloakroom details of the visit. I do want to know why the Minister went, what the intended political/diplomatic purpose of the visit was, and in what way the Minister or his officials sought to twist and spin the journalistic coverage of the visit, as undoubtedly and evidently occurred.</p>	Refused
FOI/Req/23/276	13/12/2023	Business/Interest Group	<p>In the Annual Report 2022 (page 25), it is written that “almost 1.1 million passports were issued in 2022” by the Irish Passport Service office. Could you please provide the number of passport books and cards separately?</p>	Granted