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CASE NUMBER	DATE RECEIVED	REQUESTOR TYPE	REQUEST	DECISION
FOI/Req/24/013	15/01/2024	Other	<p>I am making a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 regarding the following;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The number of feedback from the public to the Department of Foreign Affairs regarding Ireland's decision not to join South Africa's case of genocide against Israel in the International Court of Justice. • Examples of correspondence from the public to the Minister for Foreign Affairs Micheál Martin regarding Ireland's decision not to join South Africa's case of genocide against Israel in the International Court of Justice. 	Refused
FOI/Req/24/019	22/01/2024	Media	<p>Under the FOI Act 2014, I am seeking the following: All records related to Micheál Martin's November 2023 trip to Israel, Palestine and Egypt. Please also include any correspondence or records related to planning the trip. This includes but is not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Correspondence, emails, and memoranda related to the planning, coordination, and execution of Micheál Martin's visit to Israel, Palestine and Egypt in November 2023. - Official itineraries, schedules, and agendas for the trip, including details of meetings, events, and engagements attended by Martin. - Briefing documents, reports, and any background materials provided to Micheál Martin or his delegation in preparation for the visit to Israel, Palestine and Egypt. - Communications between the Department of Foreign Affairs and any governments, political organisations or proscribed groups in relation to the trip. This can include text messages, WhatsApp etc. - Any agreements, memoranda of understanding, or joint statements signed or discussed during the visit, including documents related to diplomatic, economic, or cultural cooperation. 	Part Granted

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FOI/Req/24/028	26/01/2024	Other	<p>I wish to receive the following under the Freedom of Information Act 2014:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A schedule of flights, both commercial and use of private aircraft, and costs of same taken by the Minister in 2023 • A schedule of all hotels the Minister stayed in in 2023, including hotel name and cost per night while on official State business outside of the State. • All discretionary spending (meals, transport etc.) by the Minister on each trip. • The same information as above (flights, hotels, discretionary spending) in respect of all accompanying staff and advisers. 	Part Granted
FOI/Req/24/034	01/02/2024	Other	<p>Any emails to and from the department and/or staff, between Monday 15 January 2024 and Tuesday 30 January 2024, that reference the Cork GAA stadium Páirc Uí Chaoimh, or Super Valu.</p>	Part Granted
FOI/Req/24/038	06/02/2024	Media	<p>Under the FOI Act 2014 I am requesting access to the following records; -Records relating to persons working within the Department who have been the subject of disciplinary action between January 1, 2019, and February 6, 2024. Can I request that this information be broken down by year and include the specific disciplinary action taken, the outcome of that action, and the reason for the person being disciplined.</p>	Granted

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<p>FOI/Req/24/040</p>	<p>02/02/2024</p>	<p>Other</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. "Request for copies of any documents, including memos, emails, or reports, from the year 2023 to the present, that detail the rationale and guidelines behind the Department of Foreign Affairs' decisions to allow foreign military aircraft into Irish airspace." 2. "Request for access to records or documentation from 2023 to the present that outlines the specific decision-making processes employed by the Department of Foreign Affairs regarding the entry of foreign military aircraft into Irish airspace, including any relevant policies or procedures." 3. "Request for information identifying the individual(s) or committee(s) within the Department of Foreign Affairs responsible for decisions related to the entry of foreign military aircraft into Irish airspace from 2023 onwards, including their roles and responsibilities." 4. "Request for a list of civil servants within the Department of Foreign Affairs, from 2023 to the present, who are involved in monitoring and managing the entry of foreign military aircraft into Irish airspace daily, along with their respective roles and departments." 5. "Request for records of instances from 2023 to the present where foreign military aircraft have been permitted to enter Irish airspace, including for refuelling purposes, with details on dates, reasons for entry, and any relevant authorizations or agreements." 6. "Request for any reports, investigations, or findings from 2023 to the present regarding instances of foreign military aircraft suspected or found to be transporting weapons through Irish airspace, including craft details, dates, and outcomes of investigations." 7. "Request for any records, correspondence, or documentation from 2023 to the present that detail lobbying attempts by the Ireland Israel Alliance to the Department of Foreign Affairs, including any meetings, communications, or proposals." 	<p>Refused</p>
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FOI/Req/24/042	12/02/2024	Media	<p>I wish to receive copies of the following records under the Freedom of Information Act to cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copies of observations to the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment on dual-use export license applications to Israel in 2023 and 2024 • Any internal reports, briefings or assessments prepared about dual-use export license applications to Israel in 2023 and 2024 	Refused
FOI/Req/24/043	12/02/2024	Media	<p>I am requesting the following records under the Freedom of Information Act 2014: • A copy of Minister Fleming's mileage expense claims (showing actual kilometres claimed) for the period 1 August 2023 to 31 August 2023 • A copy of Minister Fleming's ministerial diary for the period 1 August 2023 to 31 August 2023.</p>	Granted
FOI/Req/24/044	15/02/2024	Other	<p>I wish to make a request for records held by the Department of Foreign Affairs under the Freedom of Information Act. The records are: All emails between Access Partnership, on behalf of Iridium Communications, to the Department of Foreign Affairs relating to EU space regulations, sent between 1 Sep 2023 and 31 Dec 2023.</p>	Refused
FOI/Req/24/049	21/02/2024	Other	<p>Under the Freedom of Information Act 2014, I am requesting access to all records in the possession of the Department of Foreign Affairs relating to foreign language tests, which were required as a condition for the role of Third Secretaries to complete their probationary period successfully. Could you provide records from 2018 until the present, please?</p>	Refused
FOI/Req/24/050	22/02/2024	Other	<p>I would like to raise a new FOI request for the FBR office. From 1st Dec 2020 - 30th June 2023, can you advise how many applications have been received (i.e. email from DFA to confirm application numbers and receipt of application fee) but still await submission of documents (so do not have the second email from DFA confirming receipt of the documents against the relevant application numbers). Information provided broken down in a tabular year-by-year format would be helpful.</p>	Granted

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FOI/Req/24/052	22/02/2024	Other	I note there were a total of 45,909 FBR applications in the defined period. Could I request a breakdown of the 45,909 FBR applications between adult and child applications?	Granted
FOI/Req/24/053	23/02/2024	Other	Under the FOI ACT 2014, can I please have a copy of all emails and letters received from Irish TD in relation to the 29,000 plus Palestinians killed by the Israeli army for the year following timeframe? Timeframe: Oct 23 - 22nd Feb 2024	Refused
FOI/Req/24/057	29/02/2024	Media	Under the Freedom of Information Act 2014, I am seeking Copies of the following esubmissions and attached documents: - Letter of condolences to Iran FM, following the bombing in Kerman I wish for my request to cover the period from 1/1/2024 - 27/2/24.	Refused
FOI/Req/24/058	28/02/2024	Other	I would like to request the minutes of meetings between Micheál Martin and US Senator Christopher Murphy and US Congressman Pat Fallon which I believe took place on Friday 25th August 2023.	Refused
FOI/Req/24/059	01/03/2024	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 01-02-2024 - 29-02-2024.	Part Granted

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<p>FOI/Req/24/061</p>	<p>26/02/2024</p>	<p>Business/ Interest Group</p>	<p>I am contacting you in relation to your passport photo acceptance rates for those aged over 70 and if you could provide me with some information. We have received a number of notices regarding photos not being accepted for passport renewal, as there was not a strong contrast between the subject and the background. This can be a number of days after being initially accepted. Individuals in contact with us are noting that, due to having grey hair and pale complexion, they cannot provide a strong contrast between themselves and a light-coloured background and therefore photos are not being accepted. A call to the passport office confirmed that this does happen; therefore, in order to get an idea of the scale of the issue can you provide me with the number of photos submitted by people 70+ that are rejected and the grounds for same?</p>	<p>Refused</p>
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