

Non-personal FOI requests answered in May 2024

CASE NUMBER	DATE RECEIVED	REQUESTOR TYPE	REQUEST	DECISION
FOI/Req/24/069	13/03/2024	Media	1. A copy of correspondence sent and received by Tánaiste Micheál Martin, related to organisations or companies lobbying on EU legislation, reforms, directives, between 1st January and 12th March 2024.	Part granted
FOI/Req/24/086	02/04/2024	Other	I wish to request access any record which assesses / recommends payment or refund (or recommends non-payment or non-refund) of education fees in respect of any single training / education course undertaken by a member of staff in your Department/ Office (including staff serving abroad) which cost more than €3,000 per annum in the years 2023 and 2024.	Granted
FOI/Req/24/088	10/04/2024	Other	Under FOI law, I would like records of minutes, correspondence and applications relating to the decision by the DFA to award media organisations finance under the Media Challenge Fund. I would like records of assessments of applications by the Expert Advisory Panel and any correspondence relating to the decisions to award funding to RTE, Virgin, The Journal, Reach Media, the Business Post, Bauer and the Irish Examiner. I would also like any records relating to assessments of journalistic output produced with support of this funding so far or any assessment of how the funding has been used to date.	Part Granted

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FOI/Req/24/091	15/04/2024	Other	The information I request concern a mediation and decision-making company called Raise a Concern Ltd. This company is the agreed arbitrator to investigate allegations of bullying in all departments of the civil service. It is agreed between the CS and the unions. I am requesting information since 2015 if available. The information I request is the final adjudication page i.e. if the allegation was upheld and the respondent found guilty of bullying. I do not want the names of the parties just the result, allegations upheld or not. These records should be held in the HR office who receive the final report.	Granted
FOI/Req/24/092	15/04/2024	Other	Under the freedom of information act 2014 I wish to request access to information relating to passport applications processed through the TD fast track channel. Please provide me with the number of applications that have been expedited on the request of a member of the Dail between 2018 - present date.	Refused
FOI/Req/24/094	16/04/2024	Media	Please find below a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 for: 1. The most recently updated Department Brief for an incoming Minister, either signed off and delivered to a new senior minister or minister of state following the 2024 April reshuffle, or a draft prepared for a possible change of minister but never delivered as the minister wasn't changed	Part Granted
FOI/Req/24/095	19/04/2024	Other	Can you supply me with the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 1) The amount that was spent by each Embassy and Consulate General Office spent on business class flights for staff travelling for work related business in the years of 2023 and to-date in 2024 in tabular form 2) The criteria that must be met prior to booking business class flights eg The flight duration must be over 5 hours in length and approved by official within DFA at the grade of Principal Officer and above	Granted

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FOI/Req/24/097	26/04/2024	Oireachtas	Under the Freedom of Information Act 2014, please provide any information, figures, etc, regarding the estimated number of refugees, asylum seekers and new migrants that Ireland is expected to take in once it opts-in to the EU Migration Pact. Please also provide any information about provisions or plans that Ireland must deal with new migrants following its implementation.	Part Granted
FOI/Req/24/099	29/04/2024	Media	I am writing under the Freedom of Information Act 2014, I request the following information; All communications from ministers and civil servants on the UK's The Safety of Rwanda (Asylum and Immigration) Act 2024 and its impact. The communications should have taken place between 1st November 2023 and 29 April 2024.	Part Granted
FOI/Req/24/102	30/04/2024	Media	under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request the following documents on the European Peace Facility: 1. Conceptual framework for financing support to the UAF (Council of the EU working document; WK 3022/2022 REV 9) 2. Audit Report of the annual accounts of the European Peace Facility – Assistance Measures – Financial Year 2022, of September 2023 3. Audit of weapons supplied by member states since Russia’s full-scale invasion of Ukraine in February 2022, as requested by Germany and presented to member states on Feb 1, 2024. The commissioning of the report was reported by the Financial Times on January 16, 2024: <a href="https://www.ft.com/content/af95ad49-2529-48d4-9a2b-8e10dbc28eeb">https://www.ft.com/content/af95ad49-2529-48d4-9a2b-8e10dbc28eeb</a>	Refused
FOI/Req/24/103	25/04/2024	Media	I am making a Freedom of Information request under the FOI Act 2014 that you provide me with: - Internal departmental memorandums, briefing notes, or emails (i.e. precluding foreign missions, precluding general news briefs/cables, and excluding emails) that mention the National Party of Ireland or Irish Freedom Party between 2023 to date in 2024	Refused
FOI/Req/24/104	26/04/2024	Other	I wish to request access to the following records under the Freedom of Information Act: - a copy of the health and safety report in respect of issues at the ambassador's former residence at 2244 S Street, Washington, DC Access to this was refused previously on grounds of commercial sensitivity, but I note that the department has since disposed of the property.	Part Granted

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FOI/Req/24/106	01/05/2024	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 01-04-2024 - 30-04-2024.	Part Granted
FOI/Req/24/109	02/05/2024	Media	1. A copy of any briefings prepared for the Minister of State for EU Affairs, between 7th April and 1st May 2024.	Part Granted
FOI/Req/24/110	07/05/2024	Other	I wish to make a Freedom of Information application in relation to all documents and records, including records in electronic format, held by your Department concerning repatriation of Irish citizens to Ireland during the years 2019-2021. In particular, such records should include details of funding provided to citizens by the DFA to support their repatriation, including flights and accommodation as part of their return, details of which countries repatriation flights were arranged or supported by the DFA, and cases in which commercial flights were utilised and financial contributions were made by the DFA to same.	Refused
FOI/Req/24/111	07/05/2024	Media	I wish to apply under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 for the following information: 1.Details/records of any payments made by the Department to (a) Irish Training Solutions/ITS; (b) Global Risk Solutions; (c) Danny Cluskey and/or Nigel McCormack and/or Darren Kelly for services including (but not limited to) hostile environment training, from January 2014 to the present day.” (d) SOF Training 2. Details/records of any invoices received by the Department from any of the above parties. I request the information dating back to 2015.	Refused
FOI/Req/24/116	20/05/2024	Media	Records of correspondence, letters, emails, text messages, reports and memos, meetings, meeting minutes, and the like between the Minister’s office and the Olympic Federation of Ireland about the television coverage of the Olympic Games in Ireland and Northern Ireland.	Granted
FOI/Req/24/122	22/05/2024	Other	I am submitting an FOI request for records recording discussions by Minister Michael Martin and the department as to : 1. Whether the state of Taiwan should be given recognition in general terms in view of its history of operating as an independent self-sustaining coherent entity 2. Whether Taiwan should be given recognition given the consideration of and the granting of recognition of the State of Palestine and given Palestine's lack of a history of operating as a coherent independent entity and given Palestine is divided into two unconnected physical geographical areas	Refused