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CASE NUMBER	DATE RECEIVED	REQUESTOR TYPE	REQUEST	DECISION
FOI/Req/24/068	13/03/2024	Media	<p>1 A copy of any briefings/news digests sent from the DFA's Perm Rep office in Brussels, to DFA head office in Dublin, between 1st January and 12th March 2024.</p> <p>2. Correspondence (sent and received including attachments) between Perm Rep Ambassador Aingeal O'Donoghue and either director general Alma Ní Choighligh or secretary general Joseph Hackett, between 1st February and 12th March 2024.</p> <p>3. A copy of any internal DFA audits related to the Perm Rep office in Brussels, completed between 1st January 2023 and 12th March 2024</p> <p>4. A copy of any briefings prepared for Tánaiste Micheál Martin, related to the Perm Rep office in Brussels, or European Union affairs, between 1st January and 12th March 2024.</p>	Part granted
FOI/Req/24/089	12/04/2024	Other	<p>Under the Freedom of Information Act 2014, I am seeking the release of records relating to commercial jet travel of the Minister from June 2020 to date. By this I mean, any invoices or booking confirmations for commercial jet travel undertaken by the Minister for the time period requested.</p>	Part granted
FOI/Req/24/113	09/05/2024	Media	<p>Under the FOI Act 2014, I am seeking copies of the invoices associated with the following along with a record of how much was spent in total by DFA on "items of artistic value" during 2023; - ITEMS OF ARTISTIC VALUE (& ancillary costs - ASU) PMU Property Development RHYME STUDIO 11/05/2023 369583 6,374.65 - ITEMS OF ARTISTIC VALUE (& ancillary costs - ASU) PMU Property Development SOTHEBYS 21/12/2023 392935 24,218.79 - ITEMS OF ARTISTIC VALUE (& ancillary costs - ASU) PMU Property Development Lasalle College of the Arts 27/12/2023 394334 5,136.28 - ITEMS OF ARTISTIC VALUE (& ancillary costs - ASU) PMU Property Development William Neal Greig 28/12/2023 393749 9,566.16 - ITEMS OF ARTISTIC VALUE (& ancillary costs - ASU) PMU Property Development Chimera Gallery Westmeath 28/12/2023 393750 5,462.41 I would prefer to receive this information electronically, ideally in its original electronic format.</p>	Part Granted

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FOI/Req/24/114	09/05/2024	Media	Under the FOI Act 2014, I am seeking the following: - a spreadsheet/database/record of the current SubHead & Descriptions in use for the financial management system for Vote 28 and Vote 27 of the DFA. I would prefer to receive this information electronically, ideally in its original electronic format.	Granted
FOI/Req/24/115	16/05/2024		What are the current summary statistics for the length of time taken for the passport office to issue expedited and non-expedited first-time applications. By summary statistics I am also referring to those parameters that describe the statistical distribution of the data. For example, it might take an average of 3 months to issue a passport, but the added data that 95% of passports are issued in 4 months speaks to the distribution of the data.	Refused
FOI/Req/24/118	22/05/2024	Other	I wish to make the following request for the indicated records held by the Department: 1. All records relating to all submissions or observations provided to the Department of Justice by the Department of Foreign Affairs relating to the designation of Algeria as a safe country under section 72 of the International Protection Act 2015.	Part Granted
FOI/Req/24/119	22/05/2024	Media	I would like to request access to the following document under the Freedom of Information Act 2014. "The Department of Foreign Affairs Feedback to the IPO on potential designation of Algeria as a safe country of origin for the purposes of the International Protection Act 2015"	Part Granted
FOI/Req/24/120	22/05/2024	Other	I wish to make a request for records held by the Department of Foreign Affairs under the Freedom of Information Act. The records are: Briefing notes, email correspondence, letters and meeting minutes in relation to a meeting between AstraZeneca and Barbara Cullinane, as detailed on the lobbying register https://www.lobbying.ie/return/111249/astrazeneca-pharmaceuticals-ireland-dac	Part Granted

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FOI/Req/24/121	22/05/2024	Media	I request access to the following records which are non-personal and which I believe are held the Department of Foreign Affairs, dated between December 1, 2023, and the date of this request: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Records of correspondence, letters, emails, text messages, reports and memos, meetings, meeting minutes, and the like, between the Department's Secretary General, Ministers and Meta/Facebook regarding digital policy, taxation and online safety. 	Part Granted
FOI/Req/24/123	23/05/2024	Other	I am submitting an FOI request for records discussing how the decision of the Irish Government to recognise the State of Palestine may impact on the role of Ireland providing Irish soldiers to the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon and on the perception that Ireland is a neutral nation.	Refused
FOI/Req/24/125	23/05/2024	Other	Will you provide me with the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 1) Copy of the diary of just Irish Ambassador to Singapore for the period of 1st January 2024 to date in 2024.	Part Granted
FOI/Req/24/126	23/05/2024		I wish to make a request for records held by the Department of Foreign Affairs under the Freedom of Information Act. The records are: Minutes of meetings, notes from phone calls and any accompanying letters and emails from Aughinish Alumina to the Tanaiste and the Department where the company provided further update of the ongoing risks to employment as a result of the Russian invasion of Ukraine. The details of the correspondence are outlined on the lobbying register: https://www.lobbying.ie/return/112047/aughinish-alumina-limited	Refused
FOI/Req/24/127	23/05/2024	Media	I wish to request access to the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copies of any internal correspondence/memos to the Minister regarding the decision to recognise the state of Palestine. Copies of minutes of meetings attended by the Minister regarding the decision to recognise the state of Palestine. I want this request to cover the period from March 1st, 2024 to May 22nd, 2024. 	Refused

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FOI/Req/24/128	24/05/2024	Other	I wish to request access to the following records that I believe to be held by your organisation: 1. The itinerary for the ministers trip to Israel in November 2023 2. Communications between the minister and Taoiseach on Israel & Palestine between 13/03/2024 until 25/05/2024.	Part Granted
FOI/Req/24/131	29/05/2024	Media	I am seeking the following: - A record, spreadsheet, database detailing all costs associated with the furnishing of the official accommodation for the Consulate General of Ireland in San Francisco. - A copy of the invoices/receipts associated with the purchase of any items related to the furnishing of the above property.	Part- Granted
FOI/Req/24/133	29/05/2024	Other	Táim ag scríobh chun iarratas a chur isteach faoin Acht Saorála Faisnéise. Tá an t-iarratas le fáil thíos: Sonraí an Iarrthóra Sloinne: Sardina Ainm: Seathrún Seoladh: 24 Newmarket Sq, Cnoc Mhic an Bhaire, BÁC 8 Uimhir fhóin: 089 263 6737 Sonraí Pearsanta Ba mhaith liom an t-eolas seo a fháil ar seachadadh trí ríomhphost agus é i nGaeilge amháin. Sonraí na hIarrachta I gcomhréir le hAlt 12 de chuid an Acht um Shaoráil Faisnéise, iarraim rochtain ar thaifid neamh-phearsanta. Seo iad na taifid atá iarraidh agam ná: An meid airgead a caitheadh ar earraí, ar sheirbhísí, ar bia nó ar eile ó na comhlachtaí seo a leanas: AXA Insurance, Puma, Carrefour, Caltex, Siemens, Hewlett Packard, Chevron, RE/MAX, Texaco, AHAVA, sodastream, McDonalds, Domino's, Burger King, Papa John's, Wix. Ba mhaith liom an t-eolas seo a fháil ón tréimhse 1 Eanáir 2024 - 25 Bealtaine 2024. Ba mhaith liom an t-eolas caiteachais airgid a fháil mar scarbhileog mhiondealaithe de réir na gcomhlachtaí. Muna bhfuil aon airgead ar bith íoctha chun comhlachta ar bith ar an liosta thuas, ba maith liom ráiteas a dheimhniú é sin mar PDF i nGaeilge.	Granted
FOI/Req/24/136	30/05/2024	Other	Minutes of meetings and related email correspondence and submissions in relation to a meeting between Ibec and Eugene Lennon from the Department of Health regarding the European Health Data Space and the Medical Device Regulation, as outlined on the lobbying register https://www.lobbying.ie/return/108663/ibec	Granted