

FOI Disclosure Log

Quarter 1 2020

Case ID	Requester Type	Request	Decision
20-001	Journalist	The total amount of money spent by the Department on flights and the total number of flights taken by the Department in 2017, 2018 and 2019 broken down by year. A breakdown of all flights made by the Department's Ministers during 2017, 2018 and 2019 and the destinations travelled to.	Grant
20-002	Journalist	Any correspondence to/from the Minister with Premier Lotteries Ireland or Hume Brophy on behalf of Premier Lotteries Ireland since 1 May 2019.	Part Grant
20-003	Journalist	All correspondence in relation to ministerial approval to pay fees to the chairman of the Irish Sports Council/Sport Ireland in 2010/2011. A copy of all correspondence between the Minister (and/or advisors) and Kieran Mulvey (Chairman of Irish Sport Council) between Jan 1st 2010 to Dec 31 2010 When conducting your search and retrieval please consider official information held on non-official systems, emails accounts and devices, for example WhatsApp groups etc.	Refused
20-004	Journalist	All correspondence between the Minister for Finance/PER and Minister Shane Ross between the period 01 June 2019 and the present day. All correspondence between the Minister for Finance/PER and Minister Finian McGrath between the period 01 June 2019 and the present day. All correspondence between the Minister for Finance/PER and Minister John Halligan between the period 01 June 2019 and the present day. All correspondence between the Minister for Finance/PER and Minister Seán Canney between the period 01 June 2019 and the present day.	Part Grant

20-005	Journalist	All correspondence between Deputy Michael Lowry and Ministers in the Department between the period 01 January 2019 and the present day.	Refused
20-006	Journalist	A list of all submissions made to the Minister or Ministers of State at your department using the e-submissions system (or whatever relevant similar system is in place at your Department) in the period 8 October 2019 to the date of receipt of this request 8 January 2020.	Part Grant
20-007	Journalist	Overall PMDS figures for the civil service under the two-point system for the years 2018 and 2019. Please indicate the overall percentage of employees rated 'acceptable' / 'satisfactory' and those rated 'unsatisfactory' / 'unacceptable'. I also wish to request, under FOI, a breakdown by Department / Agency, if available, including a breakdown of the ratings for the Department of Public Expenditure & Reform.	Handled Outside
20-008	Journalist	Correspondence between the Department and other Departments regarding recent circular requiring departments to calculate and record the value of carbon emissions every time their officials use air transport. My request should include all correspondence to the department regarding the circular, and may cover requests for advice calculating emissions or comments on its implementation. Additionally, I am requesting the release of any correspondence between the Minister and his advisors, and the department's secretary general regarding the introduction of the new measure, as well as any meetings between these (Minister, sec gen and advisors) regarding the same.	Grant
20-009	Journalist	A list of all Twitter accounts/users blocked by the Department's Twitter account @IRLDeptPER. A list of all Twitter accounts/users muted by the Department's Twitter account @IRLDeptPER.	Handled Outside
20-010	Journalist	The figures showing a breakdown of pension payments to former TDs, senators and ministers in 2019. Amended to the aggregate total amount of pension payments to former Ministers in 2019.	Grant

20-011	Journalist	Copies of any correspondence between the Department and IDA Ireland relating to signing of a new contract by CEO Martin Shanahan last autumn. Copies of any briefings/submissions or other such documents prepared for Minister Donohoe with regard to the reappointment and/or conditions of service for Mr Shanahan.	Refused
20-012	Journalist	Any departmental memos/briefings/correspondence/minutes from 2019 relating to raising the State pension age to 68. Any correspondence/briefings/memos from 2019 between this department and the department of welfare relation to raising the State pension age to 68.	Refused
20-014	Journalist	I would like to seek under FOI any email correspondence in 2019 where 'GDPR' is referenced in either the body or the subject line of any email relating to the Dept. of Public Expenditure.	Part Grant
20-016	Journalist	Expenses incurred by the Minister and Department's Junior Minister(s) during their visits abroad for St Patrick's Day last year, specifically the cost of travel and accommodation for the Minister. The cost of travel and accommodation for any advisers or other staff for the Minister, the cost of any gifts (including shamrock) incurred by the Department for the trip and any other costs associated for the trip.	Part Grant
20-017	Journalist	Copies of the actual mileage claim forms submitted by each minister, minister of state at your department for the calendar year 2019. A spreadsheet/table indicating how much paid in mileage to each minister and minister of state at your department for the calendar year 2019.	Part Grant
20-018	Journalist	According to the Lobbying register, Mark Redmond of the American Chamber of Commerce held a number of meetings with Minister Patrick O'Donovan "To discuss the importance of the Irish-US economic relationship; with a particular emphasis on the economic relationship between Ireland and California".	Grant
20-019	Member of the Public	All documents, to include all research papers, minutes of meetings, advisory papers and policy documents, in respect of planning for a referendum on Irish unity. All documents, to include all research papers, minutes of meetings, advisory papers and	Transferred Out

		policy documents, in respect of planning for a united Ireland. All documents, to include all research papers, minutes of meetings, advisory papers and policy documents, in respect of all risk assessments conducted in respect of a referendum on Irish unity. All documents, to include all research papers, minutes of meetings, advisory papers and policy documents, in respect of all risk assessments conducted in respect of planning for a united Ireland.	
20-020	Journalist	Copies of all correspondence between your Department and the Association of Judges in Ireland to cover period 1 January 2018 to date of receipt of this request.	Grant
20-021	Journalist	Copies of all correspondence – both written and electronic – between the Department and the following organisations in the period 1 January 2018 and the current date: Senior Civil Service Association. Copies of the minutes of any meetings held between the Department and the following organisation during the same time period: Senior Civil Service Association.	Grant
20-022	Journalist	According to the Lobbying Register, Amazon Web Services met with a senior department official (CIO) “To provide a briefing on AWS' investment and commitment to Ireland and share AWS' recommendations relating to cloud policy”. Can I please obtain any records relating this meeting, including briefing notes, follow-up memos, submissions etc.?	Handled Outside
20-024	Member of the Public	How many members of the Oireachtas, who previously worked in the public sector, are exempt from abatement, as outlined in Section 52 of the Public Services Pensions (Single Scheme and Other Provisions) Act 2012 and for what types of reasons was their abatement exemption granted?	Refused
20-025	Journalist	Access to all correspondence / minutes / memos relating to the meeting between Amazon Web Services and your Department during 2019.	Handled Outside
20-026	Journalist	All correspondence between the Department and political parties and individual politicians regarding budget item costings as part of their preparation of general election manifestos. This should also include any internal deliberations within the	Withdrawn

		Department on items submitted for costing by political parties and individual politicians.	
20-027	Journalist	Access to all correspondence with the Office of the Regulator of the National Lottery during 2017, 2018, 2019 and to date in 2020 regarding unclaimed prize money left over from the previous An Post National Lottery contract.	Refused
20-028	Journalist	Copies of any records discussing the possibility of ending/reforming the daily telephone allowance system for Oireachtas members since a new system of roaming charges was introduced within the European Union (only since the date of my last such similar request).	Refused
20-029	Member of the Public	I have been informed that you awarded on 21 January 2020 your Cleaning Supplies and Equipment Framework tender to five companies, and those nine companies in total submitted bids for evaluation. Please could you supply the names and registration numbers (Companies House numbers) for all four of the unsuccessful companies, excluding any commercial details of the tender outcome? If you could supply this information electronically, it would be appreciated. I understand you will be able to reply to this FOI request within 20 days.	Refused
20-030	Journalist	Any email correspondence in 2019 where 'GDPR' is referenced either in the body or the subject line of any email relating to the Dept. of Public Expenditure (subsequently amended to Records on email correspondence relating to GDPR and pensions paid to former ministers for the period 1st January 2018 to 19 June 2019).	Refused
20-031	Journalist	Copies of any briefings/submissions/reports or other such review/explanatory documents prepared for either the Secretary General or the Minister with regard to the new government policy on carbon offsetting for official travel. This request to cover the period 1 January 2019 to date of receipt of the request.	Part Grant
20-032	Journalist	All briefing notes relating to the National Children's Hospital prepared for Minister Donohoe - either internally by department officials/advisers or externally - during the period of November 6, 2019 to February 3, 2020.	Part Grant

20-033	Journalist	All correspondence between Minister Donohoe or Sec Gen Robert Watt and Minister Simon Harris or Department of Health Sec Gen Jim Breslin related to the National Children's Hospital. The timeframe should cover the period November 1, 2019 to February 3, 2020.	Refused
20-034	Journalist	Copies of any records held referring or relating to the setting of the salary level for the chief executive of Fáilte Ireland. This request to cover the period 1 September 2019 to date of receipt of the request. When considering this request, I would ask that you pay close attention to the following decision of the Information Commissioner: https://www.oic.ie/decisions/right-to-know-clg-and-dep-5/	Grant
20-035	Journalist	Copies of any records held referring or relating to a/ the setting of the salary level or b/ payment of a bonus to the chief executive of the Dublin Port Company. This request to cover the period 1 September 2019 to date of receipt of the request. When considering this request, I would ask that you pay close attention to the following decision of the Information Commissioner: https://www.oic.ie/decisions/right-to-know-clg-and-dep-5/	Part Grant
20-036	Member of the Public	A copy of all correspondence/records relating to The IAA Act 1993, The IAA Staff Superannuation Scheme 1996 and The IAA Staff Superannuation Amendment Scheme 2012 during the period 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2019.	Refused
20-037	Journalist	Copies of any correspondence between DPER and Department of Finance with regard to payment of relocation expenses following query from Irish Fiscal Advisory Council to DOF in November [explanatory email is attached]. Copies of any correspondence between DPER and DCU, UCC, or any other third level institution with regard to payment of relocation expenses on foot of this query. Both parts of this request to cover the time period between 1 November 2019 and date of receipt of request.	Part Grant
20-038	Member of the Public	All information your department have in relation to the port tunnel contracts and the 900m it cost to build. I request this under the freedom of information. Can you please forward this to all your depart section heads to provide any information on	Refused

		IRISHENCO CONSTRUCTION LTD, JOHN MOWLEM CONSTRUCTION LTD AND MOWLEM PLC. All information your department have in relation to the port tunnel contracts and the 900m it cost to build. I request this under the freedom of information. Can you please forward this to all your depart section heads to provide any information on IRISHENCO CONSTRUCTION LTD, JOHN MOWLEM CONSTRUCTION LTD AND MOWLEM PLC.	
20-039	Journalist	Copies of the following ministerial submissions (FOI/P0006/2020 refers): - Memo: RTÉ Financial Situation - RTÉ financial difficulties: NewERA update - Memo for Information on the Replacement of Casa Maritime Patrol Aircraft - New Children's Hospital (01109-19) - Discuss with DOF: Exits from Direct Provision - Potential Use of Rent-a-Room Relief. - Contribution by the Sisters of Bon Secours Ireland (01210-19) - Judicial Pay Restoration and PSPP Act 2017	Part Grant
20-040	Journalist	Copies of any correspondence between the Department and DBEI relating to signing of a new contract by CEO Martin Shanahan last autumn. This request to cover the period 1 January 2019 to date of receipt of request.	Part Grant
20-041	Member of the Public	I have been informed that you awarded on 21 January 2020 your Cleaning Supplies and Equipment Framework tender to five companies, and that nine companies in total submitted bids for evaluation. Please could you supply the names and registration numbers (Companies House numbers) for all four of the unsuccessful companies, excluding any commercial details of the tender outcome?	Withdrawn
20-042	Member of the Public	This is about your Accounting Officers or Department and or discussions about the modus operandi of dealing with Bus Éireann's profits from school transport and from what date. Mr Ó'Foghlú referenced a reserve. Mr Ó'Foghlú General Secretary in Education told the Public Accounts Committee that he had discussions with officials in your department referenced below. A Supreme Court appeal is over but the courts were told Bus Éireann made no profit at all since 1975 and now this narrative about Mr Ó'Foghlú probably spoke to the Secretary General or even the Minister for	Refused

		Finance. This is not clear from what he told PAC referenced below. https://www.oireachtas.ie/en/debates/debate/committee_of_public_accounts/2018-12-13/3/	
20-045	Journalist	All minutes of board meetings held during 2019 - If you do not have a board, the board-equivalent body will suffice, i.e., governing authority, management committee, etc.	Refused
20-046	Journalist	Copies of all internal correspondence, briefing notes and representations made to the Department and the Minister regarding the introduction of a tax break and/or tax incentive scheme for so called "cargo bikes", or any other electric commercial vehicles. The documentation should include approaches/suggestions on the above as well as the Department's position/decision/response.	Refused
20-047	Member of the Public	Any correspondence and meeting minutes between the department and An Post regarding the An Post Money services, between March 1 2019 and February 18 2020.	Refused
20-048	Member of the Public	All correspondence between the FOI Central Policy Unit and individual FOI Units concerning the process, policies and procedures for publishing FOI Unit Disclosure Logs	Grant
20-049	Journalist	Copy of all correspondence between the Budget Oversight Group in the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform and the Department of Health (including submissions from the Department of Health) since 01 January 2020. Copy of minutes of meetings of the Budget Oversight Group since 01 January 2020. Copy of correspondence between the secretary general of the Department of Public Expenditure and the secretary general of the Department of Health since 01 December 2019. Copy of correspondence between the Minister for Public Expenditure and the Minister for Health since 01 December 2019.	Part Grant
20-050	Member of the Public	Records in relation to the Office of the Ombudsman, and the Office of the Information Commissioner. I am not sure if this request would theoretically produce a lot of records or none. If the former, let me know, and I will see if we can narrow the scope. For now I wish to keep the scope as broad as possible. I am looking for any	Refused

		<p>correspondences sent or received between your Department and either the Office of the Ombudsman, and separately, the Office of the Information Commissioner, since the start of 2016 that raises issues, questions, proposals, problems, concerns, or ideas for improvements or changes, about or around either the Ombudsman Act 1980 [or related legislation] and the Freedom of Information Act 2014 [or related legislation], or about the way the two Offices carry out their various administrative functions. If there were any face-to-face meetings on these topics between the respective Offices and your Department, I would also like any minutes of such meetings. For a little context and clarity, Mr Peter Tyndall issued a press release on 20 January 2020 suggesting improvements and changes to the Offices under his remit. He produced similar in the past when he first took up the post. It suggests that he makes similar representations and suggestions on an on-going basis and I assume he would carry out this activity, at least partially, in correspondences and possible meetings with the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform.</p>	
20-051	Journalist	<p>An update, if provided in text/document form, or materials relating to an update, provided to the management board on 11 Feb on accommodation matters arising in Spencer Dock. It is referenced in the attached minutes for that date.</p>	Refused
20-052	Journalist	<p>Copies of any briefings, reports, reviews, submissions, or other such review or explanatory documents prepared for Minister Donohoe or Minister O'Donovan with regard to the Second Statutory Review of the Regulation of Lobbying Act 2015.</p>	Part Grant
20-053	Member of the Public	<p>Records showing the number of employee/official mobile devices - to include smartphones, laptops and tablets - reported lost by or stolen by employees/officials in 2017, 2018 and 2019. Breakdown of same by device and year. Whether devices were encrypted or not. If it is necessary for any reason to redact any information, please redact the minimum necessary and send me the rest of the material, explaining the legal grounds for each redaction.</p>	Grant
20-054	Journalist	<p>A copy of the update provided by Mr Menton as mentioned in most recent management board meeting where it relates to Oireachtas expenses reform [as per image pasted below]. Copies of any records held in Mr Menton's email account</p>	Refused

		relating to Oireachtas expenses reform in period 1 October 2019 to date of receipt of the request. Copies of any notes, memos, submissions, or other such documents prepared by Mr Menton ahead of management board meeting regarding Oireachtas expenses reform.	
20-055	Member of the Public	Correspondence/documents in relation to funding assessments/requests in relation to a coronavirus outbreak.	Refused
20-056	Member of the Public	All Circulars dealing with Mileage rates and Rules for Civil Servants, any Policy Documents relating to same.	Grant
20-057	Member of the Public	Information on any grants provided from EU to the Dublin port tunnel/ Dublin City council for years 2000 to 2002. I need any letters from minister for trade and enterprise to Mowlems PLC and Dublin City Council manager during same period all in relation to Dublin Port Tunnel.	Refused
20-058	Journalist	Copies of all records relating to the plan by the Arts Council to move from Merrion Square to a different property. This request to cover the period 1 January 2019 to date of receipt of the request.	Part Grant
20-059	Journalist	Copies of any correspondence between your department and the C&AG with regard to staffing requirements or budgetary issues for the C&AG in the period 1 January 2019 to date of receipt of this request.	Grant
20-060	Journalist	copies of all records referring or relating to the issue of former TDs and Senators retaining Leinster House passes and whether this should be restricted as part of the review of the lobbying legislation.	Part Grant
20-061	Journalist	Copies of all records held referring or relating to the handling of FOI/P208/2018. Copies of all records held referring or relating to the Information Case Number OIC-53318-Z7T4L9. Copies of any records held referring or relating to a meeting between Minister Donohoe and a group of eight junior ministers with regard to expenses. This part of the request to cover only the period 2 March 2020 to date of receipt of the request.	Grant

20-062	Journalist	<p>Records of all costs associated with the General Election count for the Sligo-Leitrim-North Roscommon - South Donegal constituency in February 2020 at the Sligo Park Hotel? Records of all costs associated with the General Election count for the Longford-Westmeath constituency in February 2020 at AIT?</p> <p>Records of all costs associated with the General Election count for the Roscommon - Galway constituency in February 2020 at the Hyde Centre? This may include wages, food, cost of count staff, cost of venue, hire of any additional resources associated with events connected to the count centres named above.</p>	Refused
20-064	Member of the Public	<p>A breakdown of the data related to the Coronavirus, specifically for the dates of 12th and 13th of March when 27 and 20 new cases were announced respectively. I would like a breakdown of the provinces and gender of the new cases confirmed on those dates, similar to the press releases given in subsequent days. I have given an example of this format for the 5th March below:</p> <p>Statement from the National Public Health Emergency Team</p> <p>The Health Protection Surveillance Centre has this evening been informed of 7 new confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Ireland:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 are travel related from Northern Italy, 4 males from the east country • 2 are associated with close contact with a confirmed case, 2 females in the west of the country • 1 case of community transmission, a male from the south of the country, is associated with Cork University Hospital and a risk assessment is underway 	Transferred Out
20-065	Member of the Public	<p>I am currently studying for a Masters. Part of my thesis requires me to look at the numbers of women working in the civil service and as a result I would like to request some information in respect of your Department and those bodies under the aegis of. Could you please complete the attached spreadsheet which will give the numbers of staff serving in your Department by grade and gender? The number of staff at each grade availing of reduced hours and shorter working year by grade and gender</p> <p>Follow up email: A number of Departments have pointed me in the direction of your</p>	Handled Outside

		Department as the body that collates Civil service statistics and as the body with responsibility for NSSO. Can you please advise if you can provide the information	
20-067	Journalist	Correspondence between Cork City Council and DPER in relation to requesting funding for or support for flood defences from 01 Jan 2010 to 31 Dec 2013.	Withdrawn
20-068	Journalist	All documents submitted by the OPW to DPER in 2018, on foot of the refinement of the Lower Lee Flood Relief Scheme.	Withdrawn
20-069	Journalist	All reports in relation to the Arterial Drainage Act from 2015 to date.	Withdrawn