

FOI Disclosure Log

Quarter 2 2018

Case ID	Requester Type	Request	Decision
18 - 038	Journalist	<p>Under the FOI Act 2014, I am seeking the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - copies of all correspondence between your Department and either the Department of Business or the IAASA with regard to staffing shortages at the IAASA. This request to cover period 1 January 2013 to the current date. I would prefer to receive this information electronically, ideally in its original electronic format. <p>Under the FOI Act 2014, I am seeking the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - copies of all correspondence between your Department and either the Department of Business or the IAASA with regard to staffing shortages at the IAASA. This request to cover period 1 January 2013 to the current date. I would prefer to receive this information electronically, ideally in its original electronic format. <p>Under the FOI Act 2014, I am seeking the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - copies of all correspondence between your Department and either the Department of Business or the IAASA with regard to staffing shortages at the IAASA. This request to cover period 1 January 2013 to the current date. 	Part Grant
18 - 040	Oireachtas/ Public Representative	<p>I wish to request, under the Freedom of Information Act, all correspondence between the Department of Defence and the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform regarding PESCO.</p> <p>I also wish to request, under FOI, access to any correspondence between the Department of the Taoiseach and the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform regarding PESCO.</p> <p>I also wish to request, under FOI, access to any internal reports / memos relating to PESCO.</p> <p>I wish to request, under the Freedom of Information Act, all correspondence between the Department of Defence and the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform regarding PESCO.</p> <p>I also wish to request, under FOI, access to any correspondence between the Department of the Taoiseach and the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform regarding PESCO.</p> <p>I also wish to request, under FOI, access to any internal reports / memos relating to PESCO.</p>	Part Grant
18 - 041	A Member of the Public	<p>The following request is made under the Freedom of Information Act</p> <p>I request the information by email.</p> <p>Please inform me if there is to be any charge for the request.</p> <p>In this request I have used FEMPI as an acronym for the various Financial Emergency Measures in the Public Interest Acts</p>	Withdrawn

Please note that a similar request is being made to the Department of Finance as I am unsure which record may be held by your Department and which record held by Finance. (It may be the case that all the records may be held by DPER, in which case a single reply may suffice).

* Exemption (or Direction or similar action) made under Section 8 of FEMPI Act 2013

* Direction or Determination (or similar action) made under Section 6B of FempI No2 Act 2009 as inserted by FEMPI 2015

* Direction made under Section 16A of the Minister and Secretaries (amendment) Act 2011 as amended by FEMPI

* Direction, exemption, modification or similar action by (or on behalf of) the Minister under Section 8 of FEMPI 2009

* Determination, or Direction (or similar action) made by (or on behalf of) the Minister under Section 15 of FEMPI 2009

* Direction (or similar action) made under Section 2.7 of FEMPI No 2 2009

* Certificate (or other instrument) made under Section 4.2.c of FEMPI No 2 2009

* Exemption, Decision, Direction or Modification made under Section 7 of FEMPI No2 2009

* Direction, exemption, modification or similar action by (or on behalf of) the Minister under Section 6 of FEMPI No 2 Act 2009

* Direction, exemption, modification or similar action by (or on behalf of) the Minister under Section 6 of FEMPI 2010

* Any other Direction, Exemption, Modification, or similar action by (or on behalf of) the Minister related to the FEMPI Acts which modified the reductions in pay (or the rates of pay or the rates of deductions to pay) in respect of classes of employees - where those actions resulted in reductions or rates which were different to the standard rates or reductions set out in the FEMPI Acts

18 - 042	Journalist	Access to any correspondence by the organisers of the World Meeting of Families with Minister Donohoe's office since the start of 2017.	Refused
18 - 043	Journalist	All correspondence received and sent by Tom Heffernan referring to the Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan. 14 September, 2017 - 13 November, 2017. Any minutes of meetings which reference the Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan. 14 September, 2017 - 13 November, 2017. Any ministerial briefings which reference the Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan. 14 September, 2017 - 13 November, 2017.	Part Grant
18 - 044	Journalist	Copies of the latest batch of internal audits from your department.	Part Grant
18 - 046	Journalist	All correspondence between department officials and the European Commission regarding section 42 (section 43 now, following amendments) of the Data Protection Bill 2018, between 1 January 2018 and 21 March 2018 - All correspondence between Minister Breen and the European Commission regarding section 42 (section 43 now,	Refused

		following amendments) of the Data Protection Bill 2018, between 1 January 2018 and 21 March 2018 - All correspondence between Minister Donohoe and the European Commission regarding section 42 (section 43 now, following amendments) of the Data Protection Bill 2018, between 1 January 2018 and 21 March 2018	
18 - 047	Journalist	a copy of all cost benefit analysis reviews of public private partnerships that have yet to be published by your department or organisation	Refused
18 - 048	Journalist	I wish to make an application under the Freedom of Information act. The request is for all correspondence with the Lottery Regulator since January 1, 2017	Part Grant
18 - 049	Journalist	Copies of all the business cases made to DPER by the DPP in 2017 and 2018 for permission to pay for legal advice in excess of agreed rates.	Refused
18 - 050	Journalist	Under the FOI Act 2014, I am seeking the following: - details of how much money was spent on legal advice by your organisation regarding pension issues involving a former Irish Water employee - the names of the individuals/firms who provided that legal advice. I would prefer to receive this information electronically, ideally in its original electronic format.	Refused
18 - 051	Journalist	Under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 I wish to obtain a copy of all records of correspondence and communications (to include but not limited to e-mails and all attachments therein) between the DPER and the Department of Agriculture over funding for the Haulbowline Remediation Project since January 1, 2016 to date. My preference is to receive all replies and correspondence in relation to this non-personal request in electronic format to this e-mail address.	Withdrawn
18 - 052	A Member of the Public	I am making a request under Freedom of Information legislation for Minister of State for Financial Services, eGovernment and Public Procurement Patrick O'Donovan's appointments diary from June 2017 to March 31st 2018.	Refused
18 - 053	A Member of the Public	I am submitting a Freedom of Information request under the 2014 Freedom Of Information Act for records in relation to payments made to Institution of International and European Affairs (IIEA) for the calendars years 2015, 2016 ,2017 and any payments made thus far in 2018.	Grant
18 - 054	Business / Interest Group	Request for feedback on how other applications performed in regard to RE RPT 127116 – FSU043F- 25 – Mini Competition for Lot 3 for the Provision of Records Management Services on behalf of Limerick City and County Council. Request for evidence of the international standards (e.g. ISO 9001 and/or ISO 27001), or equivalent being presented by Iron Mountian as these standards have been a requirement to date for the various mini competitions in Lot 3.	Part Grant
18 - 055	A Member of the Public	Statistics in relation to the prices of legal services that are procured by government agencies through the Office of Government Procurement. For example, in 2017; · the number of contracts awarded for legal services · the number of separate legal firms awarded contracts	Part Grant

- the average term of the contracts
 - the average hourly rates in awarded contracts for legal services for junior and senior solicitors and associates
 - the lowest hourly rates in awarded contracts for legal services for junior and senior solicitors and associates
 - the highest hourly rates in awarded contracts for legal services for junior and senior solicitors and associates
- I appreciate that issues of commercial confidentiality may arise in relation to individual contracts. However I am not interested in individual contracts but rather the statistical information that results from the awarding of all the contract for legal services in 2017.

18 - 056	A Member of the Public	My request pertains to the North/South Pension Scheme which applies to the six North/South Bodies and Tourism Ireland. All correspondence pertaining to the discussion and final decision to exclude Core and Core Tapered Protected Pensions from the Circular and National Pay Agreement. The relevant legislation and circulars that show where the Core and Core Tapered Protected Pension has been excluded from the National Pay Agreement and circulars.	Grant
18 - 057	Iriseoir	Is mhian liom iarratas a dhéanamh faoin Acht Um Shaoráil Faisnéise ar aon taifead a bhaineann le hearcaíocht daoine le Gaeilge do ranna agus oifigí rialtais ón 1 Eanáir 2016 go dáta. Translation is: I wish to apply under the Freedom of Information Act any record that relates to the question of the Irish language or the Irish language areas 'Na Gaeltachta' during the National Development Plan and the National Adaptation Framework.	Part Grant
18 - 059	Iriseoir	Is mian liom iarratas a dhéanamh faoin Acht Um Shaoráil Faisnéise aon taifead a bhaineann le hullmhú leagan Gaeilge den leagan críochnúil den phlean forbartha náisiúnta. Translation is: I wish to apply under the Freedom of Information Act any records relating to the preparation of an Irish version of the final version of the national development plan.	Part Grant
18 - 060	Iriseoir	Is mian liom iarratas a dhéanamh faoin Acht Um Shaoráil Faisnéise ar aon taifead a bhaineann le ceist na Gaeilge nó na Gaeltachta le linn don Phlean Forbartha Náisiúnta agus an Creat Náisiúnta Pleanála bheith á n-ullmhú. Translation is: I wish to apply under the Freedom of Information Act any record that relates to the question of the Irish language or the Irish language areas 'Na Gaeltachta' during the National Development Plan and the National Adaptation Framework.	Grant
18 - 061	Business / Interest Group	All documents/reports/minutes of meetings/briefing materials/emails/letters/correspondence between the Department of Public Expenditure and the HSE Acute Hospitals Division, concerning University Hospital Waterford, from 2016 to present.	Refused
18 - 062	A Member of the Public	all records, emails, notes on meetings/phone conversations etc., in both D/Finance and D/PER; (i) since 19 March 2018, relating to the legislative fact that under Schedule 1, Part 2 of the SWCA 2005, as amended in 2013 (amended both retrospectively and prospectively), that majority Company Shareholders statutorily fall within the same PRSI Class as do certain Family Employments (employees) and also along with some other Employments (employees) - one example being, i.e. as to being under same social insurance (or none) as do	Refused

'...employee spouses/civil partners of sole traders...'

(ii) in 2013, similar records relating to the enactment of Section 16 of the SWMP Act, 2013

18 - 063	Journalist	Copies of any records held by the Department relating to the possibility of a review, examination, or abolition of the daily telephone allowance for members of the Oireachtas when travelling within the European Union. This request to cover the period 1 July 2017 to the current date. This request specifically includes any material generated when dealing with press queries relating to this matter.	Grant
18 - 064	Journalist	copies of all records held in the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform relating to the awarding of the licence to operate the national Lottery to Premier Lotteries Ireland in 2014, including copies of records relating to the decision to allow the successful bidder to use unclaimed lottery prizes for marketing and promotion purposes.	Refused
18 - 065	Journalist	I'm making this request under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act. 1) I request a copy of the advice given to the department by Davy Corporate Finance regarding the tendering process in 2013 for the National Lottery Licence. 2) I further request a copy of all correspondence between Premier Lotteries Ireland (PLI) and the department between the dates when it was nominated as the preferred applicant for the licence and when it began operating the Lotto (October 2013 – 2014). 3) I further request a copy of all correspondence held at the department regarding the subject of the "unclaimed prize fund" or "unclaimed Lotto prize fund" from the period of the tendering process. I would appreciate if you could send me these records in electronic format.	Refused
18 - 066	Journalist	all records held by your department relating to Benefacts also known as The Irish Non Profit Project Limited.	Refused
18 - 067		I am requesting access under the Freedom of Information Act to the "business case" for Gsoc referred to by Minister Charlie Flanagan at the Justice Committee on April 18th, 2018 (see below). Minister Flanagan: Members will be aware of the urgent need to ensure revised resourcing for GSOC. I am very anxious to ensure that GSOC is equipped with the necessary resources to carry out its work at all times. Funding is constantly kept under review. I am very keen to ensure that GSOC works effectively and efficiently. A process is under way and I received a business case some weeks ago. It is under active consideration by my Department and the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform and I expect an early decision on the matter.....A few weeks ago a business proposal was submitted seeking 37 additional staff at a cost of €1.7 million. This matter is under active consideration at the moment.	Refused
18 - 068	Journalist	A list of all submissions made to the Minister at your Department using the e-submissions system (or whatever relevant/similar system is in place at your Department) in the period 1 February 2018 to the date of receipt of this	Part Grant

request. This request is to include the date of the submission and its title. I am not seeking copies of the submissions themselves.

18 - 069	Journalist	Copies of all records relating to the provision of leave for divorce or marriage separation leave in the public service. This request to cover the period 1 January 2018 to the current date.	Grant
18 - 070	Journalist	Under the FOI Act 2014, I am seeking the following: - copies of any records held by the Central Policy Unit or press office relating to the issue of public bodies deleting the emails of former employees as a matter of policy. - copies of any correspondence between the Central Policy Unit and any other public body relating to the above. This request to cover the period 1 January 2018 to date of receipt of this request.	Part Grant
18 - 071	Journalist	Under the FOI Act 2014, I am seeking the following: - copies of any correspondence between the Department and the Commission for Energy Regulation in relation to the bonus scheme in place for staff at the Commission. This request to cover the period 1 January 2016 to date of receipt of this requests. I would prefer to receive this information electronically, ideally in its original electronic format.	Refused
18 - 072	A Member of the Public	Under the Freedom of Information Act 2014, I would like to request the following information: A breakdown, by Government Department, of: - the number of permanent appointments made at Assistant Principal Officer and Principal Officer level since 07 July 2015; whether these appointments were made from an 'Open' panel i.e. through the Public Appointments Service; a 'Confined' panel i.e. a Departmental or inter-Departmental competition; or filled through mobility; the sequence these appointments were made in. - the current status (if possible, to date of request) in the sequencing of appointments for each Department for appointments to Assistant Principal Officer and Principal Officer i.e. whether liabilities currently lie to open, confined or inter-Departmental panels in terms of future appointments to Assistant Principal Officer and Principal Officer.	Refused
18 - 073	Journalist	1. The amount spent by the government and its department on Facebook advertisements in 2017 2. The amount spent by the government and its department on Facebook advertisements in the first 5 months of 2018 3. The amount spent by the government and its department on Google advertisements in 2017 4. The amount spent by the government and its department on Google advertisements in the first 5 months of 2018	Handled Outside
18 - 074	Journalist	Any documents/correspondence relating to exceptions made to the general pay ceiling of €200,000 for appointments to positions in the public service or the caps for appointments to CEO posts in the commercial state companies from January 2017 to date.	Refused
18 - 075	Journalist	Any documents/correspondence relating to official policy on or potential changes to the general pay ceiling of €200,000 for public service appointments or caps up to €250,000 for CEOs of commercial state companies from January 2017 to date.	Refused

18 - 076	Journalist	Any documents relating to the potential reintroduction of performance related award schemes in the public sector, or for CEOs of commercial state companies from January 2017 to date.	Refused
18 - 077	Journalist	<p>I am requesting the following information under the Freedom of Information Act, which is held by the Office of Government Procurement and comes under the remit of DPER.</p> <p>A copy of all submissions made to the Office of Government Procurement in response to its advertisement in March 2017 for new methods of collecting the TV licence fee</p> <p>I am making this request on public interest grounds, given that over €40 million is being lost each year due to evasion of the TV licence.</p> <p>I note that those submitting expressions of interest were told that "submissions received will be treated in confidence by the OGP but that they may be subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act. Accordingly, respondents should clearly indicate in their submissions any information which is considered to be commercially sensitive."</p>	Refused
18 - 078	Journalist	<p>Please find below a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 for:</p> <p>1. All records relating to the following entry in the lobbying database: https://www.lobbying.ie/return/27103/rio-tinto-plc</p>	Refused
18 - 079	Journalist	<p>In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2014, I wish to request access to the following:</p> <p>1. Copies of any correspondence (emails, letters, memos, etc) dating from January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2012 between the then Department of Finance secondary secretary general Donal McNally and the then Department of Defence secretary general Michael Howard relating to the awarding of the contract to Babcock Marine for the purchase of vessels for the Irish Naval Service.</p> <p>2. Copies of any records dating between January 1, 2009 and May 1, 2018 showing the cost of the contracts awarded to Babcock Marine for the purchase of vessels for the Irish Naval Service and details of the tenders submitted by unsuccessful bidders.</p> <p>In relation to the second category, to avoid issues of commercial sensitivity, the department does not need to identify the unsuccessful bidders, only the amounts they bid for the contracts. If the records are voluminous and could lead to prohibitive costs being imposed on this FOI Act request, perhaps the department could provide the amounts for the successful and unsuccessful bids in the case of each contract awarded to Babcock and not the records, though my preference would be to obtain copies of records.</p>	Part Grant
18 - 080	Journalist	I wish to request, under the Freedom of Information Act, access to any minutes / briefings / memos relating to the meeting between an RTE delegation and Patricia Coleman during 2018.	Part Grant

		The meeting is referred to in the following lobbying return: https://www.lobbying.ie/return/29346/raidi%C3%B3--teilif%C3%ADs-%C3%A9ireann	
18 - 081	Journalist	Details of severance payments made to secretaries general during 2017 to date, under TLAC terms, to include job description, date of departure and payments made (with reference to individual payments eg special severance pay, pension etc)	Grant
18 - 082	Journalist	I wish to request, under the Freedom of Information Act, access to any minutes / briefings / memos relating to the meeting between Amazon and Robert Watt during 2018.	Grant
		The meeting is referred to in the following lobbying return: https://www.lobbying.ie/return/29393/amazon-uk-services-ltd	
18 - 083	A Member of the Public	1) If the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform has penalise any state agency that receive Exchequer funding in the years 2017 and to-date in 2018 in respect to the state agency failing to submit for accounts to be audited by C&AG within the timeframe for the years 2015 or 2016; if so name of that agency that was penalised 2) If the answer to Q1 is no has the DPER any powers to issue any penalty financial or otherwise to any state agency that has filed to submit their accounts to be audited by C&AG 3) Also are all CEO and or equivalent officers to each state agency fully accountable to the Secretary General of Department of Public Expenditure and Reform; or are just CEOs of each state agency just accountable to the House of Oireachtas.	Handled Outside
18 - 084	Business / Interest Group	Copy of all tender documents submitted by Maxol Limited. All analyses, assessments and evaluations conducted by the Department/OGP in evaluating the tender submitted by Maxol Limited; and All analyses, assessments and evaluations conducted by the Department/OGP in evaluating the tender submitted by Topaz Energy Limited.	Refused
18 - 085	Journalist	access to any minutes / briefings / memos relating to the meeting between Amazon and Barry Lowry during 2018. The meeting is referred to in the following lobbying return: https://www.lobbying.ie/return/29400/amazon-uk-services-ltd	Refused
18 - 086	A Member of the Public	A copy of all internal audits completed within the department between 1st May 2017 and 7th June 2018.	Part Grant
18 - 090	A Member of the Public	Please provide any information on directions, instructions and guidance to departments on the application of abatement under the Public Service Pensions (Single Scheme and Other Provisions) Act 2012 in relation to the daily rates payable to retired civil servants for consultancy services. I wish to establish the rates which can be paid in the year 2018 to any retiree who had formerly held the following grades on retirement. Secretaries General Deputy Secretaries General Assistant Secretaries Principal Officers	Handled Outside

18 - 096

Journalist

A copy of the following ministerial submission:
Review of D/PER High Level Risks 2018.

Refused