

FOI Disclosure Log

Quarter 4 2017

Case ID	Requester Type	Request	Decision
17 - 164	Journalist	<p>I am writing to request access to records held by DPER under the Freedom of Information Act, 2014.</p> <p>In accordance with section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2014, I wish to request access to the following records/details:</p> <p>- All queries/complaints from the public concerning the expansion of the Public Services Card for additional state services dating from 1 January 2017 until 11 September 2017</p> <p>I would request that this information be provided in digital format, although if this is not possible any other format is also acceptable.</p>	Granted
17 - 165	Journalist	<p>I wish to request access to the following records under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Correspondence between the office of the Secretary General and the office of the Secretary General of the Department of Social Protection from August 2016 to date regarding meetings with the Data Protection Commissioner, or concerns raised by the DPC, regarding the public services card project. 2. Internal correspondence and correspondence with DSP in August and September 2017 regarding media coverage of the public services card. 3. Any correspondence in August and September 2017 between the office of the Secretary General and the Department of the Taoiseach regarding media coverage of the public services card. 	Part Granted
17 - 167	Journalist	<p>In accordance with section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act, 2014, I wish to request access to the following records that I believe to be held by the Department:</p> <p>A list of the cost incurred by the department to pay for Irish translation of documents, speeches, online content, bills, contracts etc. for the years 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, and for the first six months of this year</p> <p>Could I please have the above information sent to this email address in tabular form and in a digital format, preferably a workable excel spreadsheet.</p>	Granted

17 - 168	Journalist	I would like to apply, under the terms of the freedom of Information Act, for copies of any correspondence relating to 1. The granting of State aid to the Leuven Institute for Ireland in Europe; 2. The monitoring, or overseeing, by the State of the use to which that aid was put; 3. Any matters sought by the State, such as appointments to the Board of the Institute, so that the public interest would be protected with regard to the granting of public monies and the use to which such funding was put; and 4. Copies of any accounts furnished to your office by the Institute and/or Malachy Vallely. By way of explanation, this request relates primarily to the provision, some 10 years ago, of some €11 million from this State, accompanied by some €3m from the Northern Ireland Executive, for restoration works at the Irish College in Leuven, Belgium, leased by the Franciscan Order to the Institute.	Part Granted
17 - 169	Journalist	Under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2014, can I request the following: All emails and memos, internal and external relating to the departure of Garda Commissioner Noirin O'Sullivan from her post, specifically dealing with her pension.	Granted
17 - 170	Journalist	I wish to request, under the Freedom of Information Act, access to any correspondence, internal or external, or memos regarding the retirement / pension entitlements of Garda Commissioner Noirín O'Sullivan since the start of 2017, including any files / correspondence relating to how her time as Acting Commissioner should be included for the purpose of calculating her retirement / pension entitlements.	Granted
17 - 171	Journalist	All correspondence – including letters, emails, records, memos and notes of phone calls and meetings – between the Department of Public Expenditure and the Department of Justice, and between the Department of Public Expenditure and An Garda Síochána, on the retirement arrangements for former Garda Commissioner Noirín O'Sullivan.	Granted
17 - 172	Journalist	1. All minutes arising from meetings of the 'Implementation and Policy Group for Public Service Identity Steering Group' formed to oversee the roll out of the PSC. * 2. All documented correspondence (eg email or hard copy letter) to members of the 'Implementation and Policy Group for Public Service Identity Steering Group', concerning the roll out of the PSC. 3. All minutes arising from meetings of the "SAFE Committee" which had previously been charged with the rollout of the PSC. 4. All documented correspondence (eg email or hard copy letter) to members of the 'Safe Committee', concerning business pertinent to the roll out of the PSC.	Part Granted
17 - 173	Journalist	copies of correspondence between Activision Blizzard and Secretary General Robert Watt as outlined in lobbying return	Part Granted
17 - 174	A Member of the Public	Since 1 January 2015, general records and inputs, consultations, hand written notes of conversations and meetings, regarding the Constitutional Rights of serving Civil Servants, in relation to employment Terms & Conditions, regarding (i) Transfer (ii) Membership Professionals & separate Codes of Ethics (iii) Disciplinary Code and (iv) Political Participation.	Part Granted

17 - 175	Journalist	Any records held by the Department relating to possibility that payment of whip allowance as well as junior ministerial allowance to Regina Doherty may not be allowed for under legislation. This request can obviously exclude any such records already released to me.	Part Granted
17 - 176	Journalist	Copies of any records held by the Department relating to the calculation of lump sum payment and/or annual pension for the former Garda Commissioner Noirin O'Sullivan.	Refused
17 - 177	Journalist	Copies of any briefings, submissions, memoranda, reports prepared for the Minister relating to the setting of a new salary level for the Garda Commissioner.	Refused
17 - 178	Journalist	copies of all records relating to the Departmental decision to eliminate the so-called "fresh start" that applied to mileage claims made by ministers in an election year.	Granted
17 - 179	Journalist	(a) - access to any correspondence with Minister Regina Doherty since the start of July 2017 in relation to the payment of a "super junior" allowance to her while she was Chief Whip, including any correspondence in relation to repaying the money (b) - access to any correspondence with Minister Mary Mitchell O'Connor in relation to the payment of a "super junior" allowance to her in her role as Minister of State with Responsibility for Higher Education since the start of July 2017. (c) - access to any internal correspondence / memos / reports created since the start of July 2017 into the payment of "super junior" allowances	Part Granted
17 - 180	Journalist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any correspondence to the Minister and/or the Department from the Association of Judges of Ireland since January 1, 2015; Any replies issued in response to such correspondence. 	Granted
17 - 181	Journalist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any correspondence to the Minister and/or the Department from the Law Society of Ireland since January 1, 2015; Any replies issued in response to such correspondence. 	Granted
17 - 182	Journalist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any correspondence to the Minister and/or the Department from the Bar of Ireland since January 1, 2015; Any replies issued in response to such correspondence. 	Granted
17 - 183	Journalist	access to details of redundancy and severance payments during 2016 to four staff members who were formerly employed as ministerial staff. Please detail the names of the staff and how much they received each in respect of redundancy / severance.	Part Granted
17 - 184	A Member of the Public	information in electronic form held by the Department in relation to the Department of Housing and local government bodies for specific staffing approvals issued by D/PER for staff above PO level and equivalent for the year 2015.	Withdrawn

17 - 185	A Member of the Public	<p>I wish to apply under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Acts for a copy of the rules, regulations and relevant circulars and correspondence governing promotions on the basis of seniority and suitability within your Department and relating to the retention or the abolition of promotion on the basis of seniority and suitability within your Department.</p> <p>I wish to receive a copy of any circular, correspondence or instructions issued by the CPSA, the Department of Finance or the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform, or any of their predecessors, to your Department concerning promotions on the basis of seniority and suitability within your Department and the retention or abolition of promotion on seniority and suitability within your Department.</p> <p>Please state whether your Department currently allows promotion on the basis of seniority and suitability. If your Department does not currently allow promotion on the basis of seniority and suitability please state when your Department abolished it and on what basis it abolished it. Please confirm if your Department was obliged to abolish Seniority and Suitability or whether it took the decision to do so of its own accord. Please provide all relevant documentation concerning this decision.</p> <p>If your Department allows promotion on the basis of seniority and suitability please state whether the promotions for those officers promoted are paid through the 1% PCW allowance or whether they are paid through the normal exchequer funding as per all other promotions. Please note I am not referring to uplifts under the 1% PCW allowance but to promotions on the basis of seniority and suitability outside of the 1% PCW allowance; i.e. paid out of normal exchequer funding.</p> <p>Please state whether your Department has ever discussed the abolition of promotion on seniority and suitability with the trade unions and if it has reached and signed an agreement with any of the trade unions in this regard. If it has signed such an agreement, please provide the details of this agreement and the name of the trade union with whom the agreement was signed.</p>	Part Granted
17 - 186	Journalist	<p>access to a copy of the correspondence between Coca Cola and Minister Donohoe from May 1, 2016 to date. Details of some of this correspondence is referred to in the following lobbying return:</p> <p>https://www.lobbying.ie/return/21391/coca-cola-hbc-ireland-and-northern-ireland</p>	Granted
17 - 187	Journalist	<p>I wish to request, under the Freedom of Information Act, access to any briefings / memos / minutes arising out of the meeting between Ryan Meade (on behalf of Google) and Minister Murphy (in his role with DPER) relating to the following lobbying return:</p> <p>https://www.lobbying.ie/return/21736/ryan-meade</p>	Part Granted

17 - 188	Journalist	I wish to request, under the Freedom of Information Act, access to any minutes of the meeting detailed in the following lobbying return between Minister Donohoe and RTE.	Refused
		https://www.lobbying.ie/return/20989/raidi%C3%B3--teif%C3%ADs-%C3%A9ireann	
17 - 189	A Member of the Public	The details of when and on what basis promotion on seniority and suitability was first established in the Irish Civil Service. Under what legislative act or Ministerial Order or otherwise it was established. The circulars or memos that notified Departments of its establishment and the rules on which it is and was based.	Withdrawn and Handled outside FOI
17 - 190	Journalist	records relating to RTE's current redundancy programme? This would include correspondence to and from RTE on the matter, briefing notes, minutes etc.	Part Granted
17 - 191	Journalist	Briefing material prepared for bi-lateral meetings between the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform and the Minister for Education relating to Budget 2018, between May 2017 up to the date of receipt of this request.	Part Granted
17 - 192	A Member of the Public	Any and all records (including drafts thereof) generated or held by the Department in respect of any determination on or consideration of administration and/or non-statutory methods of discharging any legal fees in relation to any Commission of Investigation established pursuant to the Commission of Investigation Act 2004, from 2016 to date, is requested	Granted
17 - 193	Journalist	I would like copies of correspondence between the Taoiseach's Office and the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform and Department of Finance relating to the Strategic Communications Unit? I would like any correspondence to the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform and Department of Finance seeking funding for the Strategic Communications Unit? I would also like copies of all costing relating to the Strategic Communications Unit. I would also like all copies of correspondence between the department and John Concannon relating to the Strategic Communications unit.	Part Granted
17 - 194	Oireachtas/Public Representative	All electronic and written correspondence within the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform involving senior officials, including any meetings, emails, discussions, reports and memos on the €5million allocation made to the Strategic Communications Unit in Budget 2018, including emails to the Department of An Taoiseach in relation to this budget allocation in the period to October 13th 2017.	Part Granted
17 - 195	Business/ Interest Group	non-personal records created since 1st January 2016 of the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform (DPER) relating to any requirement for the Health Service Executive (HSE) or Department of Health to notify it, DPER, or seek its approval, for expenditure on medicines or a group of medicines by the HSE.	Refused
17 - 196	Business/ Interest Group	I would like to request a copy of all records of communications received or created by the Department, Minister and/or advisors relating to pension changes introduced in the 2012 Budget in the time period beginning on the 11 th of September 2017 up to and including the 10 th of October 2017.	Part Granted

17 - 97/	Business/ Interest Group	All records generated between the Dept. of Defence and DPER relating to the spending review 2017 Defence Vote Group Report as published in July 2017.	Granted
17 - 198	Business/ Interest Group	Clear comparative numbers on Civil Service promotions/competitions since 2010, and for comparison, since the statement of 2015.	Granted in Full
17 - 199	Journalist	Copy of all correspondence between the Minister for Public Expenditure and the Minister for Health since 01 July 2017 Copy of all correspondence between the secretary general of the Department of Public Expenditure and the secretary general of the Department of Health since 01 July 2017	Part Granted
17 - 200	Journalist	Copy of the report carried out by the Institute of Public Administration for the Department of Public Expenditure on "a critical review of the applicability of the performance related remuneration approach to the Irish Public Service " and submitted to the department earlier this year.	Granted
17 - 201	Business/ Interest Group	'Representative Association of Commissioned Officers requests copies of all records generated from 01/01/10 - 31/12/12, held by DPER pertaining to Commissioned Officers. Seeking records relating only to the question of application or non-application of supplementary pensions type arrangements to PDF personnel joining the SPS on or after 01/01/13.'	Part Granted
17 - 202	Business/ Interest Group	The number of instructions to provide Legal Services which have issued under the provisions of the F.A. to solicitors in the WR. In providing his information kindly furnish us with a breakdown of the number of firms of solicitors and/ or individual solitors to whom instructions were furnished in the period 1st January 2015 to 30th September 2016, ("The Period").	Part Granted

The number of instructions to provide Legal Services which have issued under the provisions of the F.A. to solicitors in the NR. In providing this information kindly furnish us with a breakdown of the number of firms or solicitors and/or individual solicitors to whom instructions were furnished in The Period.

Details of the number of supplementary requests for tender, if any, under part 5 of the F.A. by Local Authorities in the WR for The Period.

Details of the number of supplementary requests for tender, if any, issued under part 5 of the F.A. by Local Authorities in the NR in The Period.

Details of the number of contracts awarded on foot of requests for supplementary requests for tender in the WR in The Period.

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Details of the contracts for the provisions of Legal Services awarded to firms not included in the F.A. in the WA for The Period.

Details of the contracts for provision of Legal Services awarded to firms not included in the F.A. in the NA for The Period.

17 - 203	Journalist	All records from 2013 to date where the State Claims Agency, the Chief State Solicitors's Office or the Attorney General has sought sanction from DPER to increase the rates of legal fees paid to lawyers representing those bodies in litigation.	Refused
17 - 204	Journalist	All written requests to the Department for salaries (in respect of persons with salaries above €80,000) in excess of agreed rates, relocation expenses, car allowances, bonus payments or performance-related pay. This request to cover all such applications, which are made to the Dept, which would require sanction from Minister i.e. from other Dept & State bodies and to include all communications to and from the Dept, and other bodies/Depts related to the request - the original application letters, any reports/memos made internally on the application, submission that would have gone to Minister and response that issued. This request to cover only the period since my last such request (10/08/2017 - 31/10/2017).	Refused
		- Copies of any correspondence between your Department and any other Government Department relating to the appointment of new special advisers, where these new appointments were not made at the lowest point on the agreed salary scale. This request to cover only the period since my last such request (10/08/2017 - 31/10/2017).	
17 - 205	Journalist	Copies of all internal audit reports completed by or on behalf of the Department since 1 January 2017 to date. All and any briefing notes/report prepared for the Minister arising from the completion of any such internal audit report, if such exists.	Part Grant
17 - 206	Business/ Interest Group	A copy of the winning tender, for the following procurement: RFT # 115073 : 1 Mini Competition for Lot 3 the provision of Record Management Services on behalf of Limerick IT and Department of Social Protection.	Refused
17 - 207	A Member of the Public	Copies of all instructions, directions, notifications, clarifications, correspondence (including email) etc issued to any or all Government Departments by DPER in the period January 2015 to date as follows: (a) in relation to the operation of Circular 13/1975 and (b) in particular any instruction, direction, notification, clarification, correspondence (including email) etc issued to any or all Government Departments by DPER to the effect that applications for retention beyond normal retirement age under Circular 13/1975 would not be sanctioned from a particular date and,	Part Grant

		(c) where any instruction, direction, notification, clarification, correspondence (including email) was issued under (b) , any further instruction, direction, notification, clarification, correspondence (including email) etc issued by DPER to any or all Government Departments rescinding, modifying, clarifying or varying in any way any such instruction, direction etc already issued under (b).	
17 - 208	Journalist	Copies of all correspondence between your Department and the Association of Judges in Ireland since the date of my last such request	Refused
17 - 209	Business/ Interest Group	Regarding the Bespoke Tailored made to measurement Irish Army Band and Motorcyclist of Honour Uniform. Information received from Office of Government Procurement. There was one (1) additional item added to this Contract Valued at €75,416.00. 1. Please provide list all the NPS number together with their full description of the items purchased under the above "additional item". 2. If there was further additional items add to this contract, please supply list of all POs including details of the NPS number together with their full description of the items purchased.	Part Grant
17 - 210	Business/ Interest Group	All Gov. Depts, State & Semi State bodies & Local Authorities who had a requirement for clothing items & or uniforms, which resulted in a tender NOT being issued but were referred to one or more suppliers, to whom the OGP referred their procurement projects requirements since 2014. 1. Supply the name of all the Depts or entity requesting such information. 2. List of all items and description items each Dept or entity required. 3. Estimated value of items required. 4. List of suppliers who OGP has recommended or put forward to each Government Dept. State & Semi State bodies, Local Authority requiring clothing items and or uniforms. 5. In relation to the requests received, please supply all letters, emails and correspondence entered into with each Department or entity. 6. Names of suppliers who OGP have on their books,who been capable of supplying clothing items and or uniforms. 7. Can you advise me under which European Directive or European legislation enables a public body to place orders without using the public tendering process.	Refused
17 - 211	Oireachtas/ Public Representative	All records related to the appointment of Special Advisers since 20 October 2017.	Part Granted
17 - 212	Journalist	Copies of all records relating to the calculation and setting of a €43 million estimate for the purposes of holding three referendums and a presidential election next year.	Granted
17 - 213	Journalist	Copies of any records held by your Department relating to the contractual entitlement or calculation of pension benefits for the former managing director of Irish Water John Tierney. Copies of any letters received from Irish Water relating to pension arrangements for Mr Tierney. This request to cover the period 1 July 2012 to the current date	Part Granted

17 - 214	Journalist	Copy of the IMF 2017 Public Investment Management Assessment (PIMA) Report / Copies of all correspondence between Dept. Fin & DPER & the IMF re PIMA between 1/1/2017 & 11/11/2017 / seeking copies of all docs enclosed incl. letters & email attachments.	Granted
17 - 215	Journalist	Copy of representations & submissions made by lobbyists or others to DPER & any subsequent correspondence in relation to the drafting of the Public Service Pay & Pensions Bill 2017.	Withdrawn
17 - 216	Oireachtas/ Public Representative	All records incl. correspondence related to analysis or discussion of increasing the 10% cap of the overall capital funding that can be used by Public Private Partnerships in the year 2017.	Part Granted
17 - 217	A Member of the Public	All payments/(or fees charged) made either directly to the National Shared Services Office or indirectly through the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform for financial years ending 31st December 2014, 31st December 2015 and 31st December 2016 in respect of services provided for the Department of Business (formerly Jobs), Enterprise and Innovation for the processing of Annual Leave/Pensions/Worksharing arrangements for staff employed by that Department.	Withdrawn
17 - 218	Journalist	Copy of briefing material prepared by officials of the Department of Public Expenditure for the bi-lateral meetings between the Minister for Public Expenditure and the Minister for Health relating to Budget 2018 from May 2017	Granted
17 - 219	Journalist	2. Copy of briefing material prepared by officials of the Department of Public Expenditure for the bi-lateral meetings between the Minister for Public Expenditure and the Minister for Transport relating to Budget 2018 from May 2017	Refused
17 - 220	Oireachtas/Public Representative	*All documentation – including correspondence, as well as memos of meetings, records of phone calls, etc, with other departments, state agencies and external organisations - on Ireland’s bid for the Rugby World Cup 2023.	Withdrawn
17 - 221	A Member of the Public	1. Records relating to the establishment of the Assistant Principal Officer 1 grade in the Dept. Finance / DPER etc. 2. Records relating to the establishment of the Assistant Principal Officer 1 grade in other Gov Depts and Offices. 3. Records relating to the establishment of the Assistant Principal Officer 1 grade in the Houses of the Oireachtas. 4. Records relating to any contact the Dept. Finance / DPER has had with the Houses of the Oireachtas Service concerning the employment of both AP1 and AP2 grades.	Withdrawn
17 - 222	Journalist	1. All memos issued by DPER to Government departments about the issue of advisors pay and conditions. 2. All correspondence between DPER / Minister Paschal Donohoe and other Government departments/ministers on the issue of advisors pay. 3. Details of all requests for advisors pay to breach the relevant pay gaps. Timeframe of request is 01/07/17 - 22/11/2017	Part Granted
17 - 223	Journalist	Copies of all records relating to the creation of a shortlist of public relations companies for the provision of services on Government projects where the public relations contract is worth more than €25,000.	Granted

17 - 224	Journalist	A copy of all reports, memos and correspondence relating to overpayments to civil servants. The records should be confined to those relating to the general issue of overpayments to civil servants.	Withdrawn
17 - 225	Journalist	Any correspondence between the minister, secretary general, assistant sec gens and union leaders since the start of the year.	Part Granted
17 - 226	Journalist	·Details of all payments made by the Department to staff or former staff who have made claims against the Department through the courts, Workplace Relations Commission or Employment Appeals Tribunals in each of the years 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and to date in 2017. ·Please provide a breakdown of the payments ordered by the individual authorities - ie the High Court, Circuit Court District Cort, WRC, EATs etc. ·Please provide a breakdown of the reason for the claims and resulting payments eg. assault, sexual harrassment, bullying personal injury etc. ·Details of the legal fees paid by the Department in relation to claims made by former or current staff in the same years. ·Please provide a breakdown that includes the name of the solicitors/law firms used in the Department's defence and the sums paid to them.	Refused
17 - 227	Journalist	Any records and correspondence relating to the RTE voluntary severance / redundancy scheme in 2017.	Part Granted
17 - 228	Journalist	All correspondence, directives, reports, emails and electronic communication between the Department of Public Expenditure and the Department of Justice on the issue of the Charleton Tribunal liaison committee between February 14 and November 30 2017.	Granted
17 - 230	Journalist	1. Copy of correspondence between the Department of Public Expenditure and the Department of Health from 01 October 2017 regarding the supplementary estimate for the health service in 2017 2. Copy of correspondence between the Department of Public Expenditure and the Department of Justice from 01 October 2017 regarding the supplementary estimate for An Garda Síochána in 2017	Part Granted
17 - 231	Journalist	I am seeking access to all submissions made in response to the Public Consultation on the Review of the Protected Disclosures Act 2014. My preference is to receive access electronically - publication on your website would be great.	Part Granted
17 - 232	Journalist	Records and correspondence from the Fiscal Advisory Council relating to the PSSA or public service pay bill	Granted
17 - 235	Journalist	I would like to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act related to the recruitment policy for the Irish Language of the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform.I am currently searching for information on how the Department settled on the number of roles which had proficiency in the Irish Language as a requirement and the efforts which have been made by the Department to assess the demand on services through the medium of Irish and how to promote these services.	Granted

17 - 243	A Member of the Public	all information relating to tender IPS001F from the Office of government procurement. This is titled "Multi supplier framework for the provision of external ICT technical support". The RFT number is 107504 and the OJEU number is 2016/S 210-381346.	Handled outside FOI
17 - 245	Journalist	records and correspondence in relation to the new performance management systems for staff and separately, secretaries general, exchanged at a high level ie ministerial, sec gen, asst sec level since the new scheme and pilot programme were introduced.	Part Granted