

## FOI Disclosure Log

### Quarter 3 2017

Case ID	Requester Type	Request	Decision
17 - 093	Journalist	I wish to request, under the Freedom of Information Act, access to any minutes / briefings / memos related to the meetings as outlined in the following lobbying return between Google, Ministers Donohoe and Murphy, and Conor Gouldsbury.  <a href="https://www.lobbying.ie/return/17905/google-ireland-limited">https://www.lobbying.ie/return/17905/google-ireland-limited</a>	Refused
17 - 094	Journalist	Any correspondence or documents relating to performance related payments in the commercial semi-states, including Irish Water. Could I alter the FOI request to relate it purely to records in relation to CEOs at the commercial semi states since the start of 2016?	Part Granted
17 - 095	Journalist	A list of all current serving chief executives of Commercial State Companies known by the Department to have attained Contract of Indefinite Duration status.	Refused
17 - 096	Journalist	A copy of all correspondence to/from the DAA and the Department/ministers on the subject of the recruitment of a new chief executive for the DAA between January 1, 2017 and June 2, 2017.	Refused
17 - 097	Business/ Interest Group	information for tenders issued for Dept of Defence and Dept of Transport (Cost Guard issued 5th September 2016) 1. For each tender issued, supply the names of application for each tender and for which lot. Confirm that all applicants did qualify for the tender. Should contracts not be finalised, provide details of preferred tenderers; 2. For each tender (or preferred contractor) awarded supply the name of the successful tenderer for each tender and/or lot. 3. With names of the successful tenderers, listed in section 2, provide the total value of the contract/lot at the time of awarding; 4. For each of the tender, provide the total value of all additional items added to contracts, both in total value and as a percentage of issued value of contract.	Part Granted
17 - 098	Oireachtas/ Public Representatives	1. Can you advise which if any Departments have sought weavers of pension abatement for public servants returning to the public service having retired and availed of their pension lump sums and pensions? 2. How many weavers have been approved by the Department of Public Expenditure and reform? 3. Which Departments have had employees approved for abatement weavers? 4. Please specify the positions held prior to retirement of those who have had an abatement weaver applied and the appointments they have been re-employed into.	Withdrawn

<b>17 - 099</b>	Journalist	1. Copy of all correspondence between the Minister for Public Expenditure and the Minister for Health since 01 May 2017 2. 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 May 2017	Granted in Full
<b>17 - 100</b>	Journalist	Copy of correspondence between the Central Bank and the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform regarding pay for staff in the Central Bank since January 1, 2017	Withdrawn & Handled outside FOI.
<b>17 - 101</b>	Journalist	Copy of submission 00453 Approval of the Terms and Conditions for the appointment of the new CEO of Ervia	Part Granted
<b>17 - 102</b>	Journalist	Copy of submission 00918 Travel and Subsistence Review	Granted in Full
<b>17 - 104</b>	Journalist	Copy of submission 00233/17 – Appointment of Kathyann Barrett as a Political Coordinator	Granted in Full
<b>17 - 105</b>	Journalist	Copies of submissions 00413/17 Obs on Memo for decision to reimburse Orkambi and Kalydeco and 00294/17 Briefing Note for Minister on Orkambi	Part Granted
<b>17 - 106</b>	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.	Part Granted
<b>17 - 107</b>	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.	Refused
<b>17 - 108</b>	Journalist	Copies of any request from the Office of the Director of Corporate Enforcement seeking additional staff or additional budgetary capacity and the response that issued from the Department in each case. This request to cover the period 1 January 2011 to the current date.	Granted in Full
<b>17 - 110</b>	Journalist	Copy of the submission 00476/17 – acceptance of voluntary property offers made by religious congregations	Granted in Full
<b>17 - 111</b>	Member of the Public	Under FOI and Data Acts can you release to me the documents surrounding that referral by Ms Sullivan, all related communications with the D/Finance and any reply that was issued by Justice to that referral.	Granted
<b>17 - 112</b>	Journalist	Briefing on Garda Modernisation and Reform	Refused
<b>17 - 113</b>	Journalist	Memo for information on Gender Balance on State Boards	Part Granted
<b>17 - 114</b>	Journalist	RTÉ- proposed sale of lands at Montrose	Part Granted
<b>17 - 115</b>	Journalist	Pension Increases for Eir Staff	Part Granted

17 - 116	Oireachtas/Public Representative	Can I request any details or information/correspondence regarding the proposed merger of the department of public expenditure and department of finance and the affects of this or any changes planned.	Part Granted
		This should include any emails or documents to and from the department, since April of this year to the current date.	
17 - 119	Oireachtas/ Public Representatives	copies of all documentation (letters, emails, reports etc) related to the high level forum on the community and voluntary sector established by Brendan Howlin and led by the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform	Withdrawn & Handled outside
17 - 120	Member of the Public	<p>I request all available information on Irish government planning for a UK Government led by Jeremy Corbyn. This should include ongoing policy formulation to manage the likely economic and security implications for Ireland. Clearly, the outcomes of a Jeremy Corbyn victory can already be anticipated as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Catastrophic economic mismanagement and/or economic collapse in the United Kingdom akin to Venezuela’s recent turbulence. Leading British aerospace, pharma and defence companies who conduct commercially driven, for profit, research and innovation will likely be side-lined in favour of collective work camps and crafter circles, which produce only dream catchers and hemp based products.</li> <li>· Forcible requisitioning of private property as occurred in Zimbabwe under Robert Mugabe. The recent Grenfell Tower fire has been cited by Jeremy Corbyn as a potential pretext for such activity.</li> <li>· Mandatory collectivisation of agriculture, similar to Chairman Mao’s Great Leap Forward, with mass starvation on the British Isles for the first time since the mid-1840s.</li> <li>· Emasculation and dismemberment of the British Armed Forces followed by the arrival in the British Isles of external, adversarial and predatory nation states. This scenario is similar to Venezuela’s ongoing actions and intentions in Costa Rica.</li> <li>· Eruption of an Islamic emirate or emirates in the north of England with the UK government losing control of several British cities. An invasive and hostile culture, which is solely focused on rapid global domination, will certainly seek to capitalise on an idle and self-hating British government.</li> <li>· Destabilisation of Northern Ireland owing to a clear and well documented fetish for violent extremism. Jeremy Corbyn’s preference for primitive, regressive and evil groupings, should actually be interpreted as an ignorant and offensive slight upon Ireland.</li> <li>· Perversion of information, distortion of truths, and a staggering intellectual dishonesty on the part of authority as has occurred in all other communist regimes.</li> <li>· Substitution of parliamentary democracy at Westminster with a thuggish brand of street based activism. Extensive evidence exists – with Jeremy Corbyn and his associates on the record – showing Labour leaders actively promoting street fighting as alternative form of government.</li> </ul>	Refused

- Division and disorder that is at the heart of left wing, identity politics driven, electoral strategies. These campaigns seek to secure power by setting LGBT people, immigrants and angry unmarried women against the rest. Consequently, there is enormous potential for destabilisation in Britain.
- Purging and imprisoning of dissenters, whose numbers will inevitably grow, in order to combat what Jeremy Corbyn has already branded as “factionalism.” This may severely impact Irish passport holders in Britain. Please include documents that are chiefly concerned with the above AND documents that refer, only in part, to the above. For example, please include all relevant documents relating to particular elements Brexit planning, and its potential implications and consequences, i.e. ushering Jeremy Corbyn to power.

17 - 121	Journalist	I wish to apply under the Freedom of Information Act for (1) all correspondence, electronic or otherwise, between the holder of the office of Minister for Public Expenditure & Reform or his officials and/or advisers and John Moran and/or Mr Moran’s corporate lobbying entity, RHH International between August 2014 and June 2017, and(2)A copy of all internal memos, correspondence, interdepartmental emails or diary entries referencing Mr Moran and/or RHH International between August 2014 and June 2017.	Refused
17 - 123	Oireachtas/ Public Representatives	<p>I would like to raise the following FOI with respect to your departments answer of 15th Jan 2017 to an earlier FOI.</p> <p>In answer to question 2 of that FOI your department advise that there have been nine abatement waiver application requests made to the Minister and 2 have been granted. I would be obliged if under the FOI legislation you could provide answers to the following questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Please outline the rationale provided in each of the nine requests.</li> <li>2. were all of the nine returning to a job previously held in their respective departments.</li> <li>3. Why were the seven refused what rationale was used to refuse.</li> <li>4. Why were two successful and what rationale was used to justify the waiver.</li> <li>5. What period of time is covered by the nine requests.</li> <li>6. Where a retired public servant has been appointed to a state board are abatement rules applied.</li> <li>7. Where a former public servant is appointed to a semi-state organisation are abatement rules applied.</li> </ol>	Granted
17 - 124	Oireachtas/ Public Representatives	projection of total amount of fiscal space that will be used in Budget 2018 by (1) demographic pressuring including inflation, (2) carryover and (3) pre-committed expenditure	Granted
17 - 125	Member of the Public	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) A copy of all statements/invoices relating to the Minister visit to Japan for St Patrick's Day Events in 2017</li> <li>2) A copy of all statements/invoices relating to any staff member travelling with the Minister to Japan for St Patrick's Day events in 2017</li> <li>3) The robust steps that the Department take to ensure that any costs incurred by either Minister and or Departmental staff travelling with the Minister to Japan for St Patrick's Day was best value for the taxpayer</li> </ol>	Granted

4) Of all receipts relating to the Minister's visit to Japan being received by the Dept of Public Expenditure and Reform  
 5) The name and grade of staff member within the Department that approved the payments for the Minister's trip.

<b>17 - 126</b>	Journalist	I would like records showing correspondence where the DPP has sought to increase the normal rates of fees paid to barristers or solicitors in court cases and the response of the Department from 2013 to date.	Refused
<b>17 - 127</b>	A member of the Public	Details of staff numbers for the NSSO from 2014 to 2017 (Latest available). The Grade breakdown of these staff for the years 2014 and 2016. The NSSO Includes PeoplePoint.	Granted in Full
<b>17 - 129</b>	Journalist	Under the FOI Act 2014, I am seeking the following: - Copies of any records held by your Department relating to the payment of a super-junior or additional allowance to Minister Mary Mitchell O'Connor. I would prefer to receive this information electronically, ideally in its original electronic format.	Part Granted
<b>17 - 130</b>	Journalist	I wish to request, under the Freedom of Information Act, access to any correspondence with Minister Regina Doherty since the start of 2016 in relation to the payment of a "super junior" allowance to Ms Doherty while she was Chief Whip. I also wish to request, under the Freedom of Information Act, 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. I also wish to request, under FOI, any internal correspondence / memos / reports created since the start of 2016 into the payment of "super junior" allowances.	Part Granted
<b>17 - 131</b>	Journalist	correspondence, phone calls, records of meetings with representatives and lobbyists from the drinks industry in Ireland	Grant
<b>17 - 132</b>	Journalist	Copy of the report titled "Economic assessment of issues raised in relation to the tendering process for the supply of printing devices" carried out by Peter Bacon and associates	Refused
<b>17 - 133</b>	Journalist	I would like to make a freedom of information request in relation to pay for special advisers to ministers, ministers of state, taoisigh and the Tanaiste. The time frame on my request is from March 2016 to the present. Please can you provide me with: - Any records relating to decisions by secretaries general to approve increments on the PO scale. - Records relating to requests to pay salaries above the PO scale (e.g. justification/business case, correspondence, records relating to decisions to approve these decisions). - Records relating to the notification to DPER of salaries of advisers to taoisigh and the Tanaiste. - Records relating to DPER's decision(s) to approve any discretionary increases, e.g. internal correspondence, correspondence with other departments.	Grant

<b>17 - 136</b>	Journalist	I would like copies of all correspondences (emails, letters, details of telephone calls or minutes of meetings) between department officials, the minister or his staff and representatives of Diageo or Proctor & Gamble for the period while Paschal Donohoe was Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform. I would also like correspondences (emails, letters, details of telephone calls or minutes of meetings) between department officials, the minister or his staff and representatives and drinks industry during the same period.	Granted
<b>17 - 137</b>	Journalist	Copies of any records relating to payments, other than standard salary or routine travel and subsistence expenses, made to assistant secretaries in the Houses of the Oireachtas Service in period since 5 August 2013. This should include, but is not limited, to the following records: - any record in which any person or persons applied for or requested any type of additional payment (to include bonus payments, higher duties allowances, extra attendance allowances, performance payments or any other payment in the nature of a supplement to standard salary) - any record in which any person considered or assessed the merit of, or made a recommendation for or against such a payment, or a portion of such a payment. - any record in which any person identified alternative methods of payment which would achieve the same, or a similar, result, to a payment sought at item 1 above. - any record which relates in any way, or is similar, to any of the records described above, but which on a technical interpretation might not perfectly match the type of record described but would achieve the same aim as outlined above.	Refused
<b>17 - 138</b>	Journalist	copies of all correspondence between your Department and the Association of Judges in Ireland to cover period 2 November 2016 and date of receipt of this request.- copies of all correspondence - both written and electronic - between the Department and the following organisations in the period 1 January 2016 and the current date: Senior Civil Service Association.- copies of the minutes of any meetings held between the Department and the following organisation during same time period: Senior Civil Service Association	Granted in Full
<b>17 - 139</b>	Journalist	copies of any correspondence between your Department and the board/chair of RTE in the period 1 January 2017 to the current date. - copies of the minutes of any meetings held between your Department and the board/chair or management of RTE in the same period.	Granted in Full
<b>17 - 140</b>	Journalist	copies of all correspondence between the Minister (and his officials, including junior minister) of Public Expenditure and the Minister (and his officials, including junior minister) in the Department of Sport about or in relation to: the allocation of sports grants. It should include but not be limited to: memos, notes of phone calls, emails, letters, text messages, notes, any formal or informal correspondence. The timespan for this material is from 2011 to May 2016.	Granted in Part

<b>17 - 141</b>	Journalist	copies of any reports, emails, letters received notifying the Department of breaches of the 'one person, one salary' rule in the period 1 January 2012 to the current date. - copies of any reports, briefing documents, submissions, recommendations, or other such similar documents prepared for the Minister related to breaches of the 'one person, one salary' rule during the same period.	Refused
<b>17 - 142</b>	A Member of the Public	A copy of the Dept response to the request by the Bar Council and the Law Society last year seeking an increase in rates of pay for lawyers under the Criminal Legal Aid scheme. Any correspondence between the Dept and other Government departments on the Bar Council's and Law Society's request for an increase in rates in criminal legal aid rates. Any correspondence between the Dept and the Bar Council and Law Society's on their request for an increase in rates in criminal legal aid rates. The date of my request is from December 1st to the present.	Granted
<b>17 - 143</b>	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. - 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.	Refused
<b>17 - 144</b>	Business/ Interest Group	A copy (in either electronic or hard copy format as available) of submitted tenders applicable to Lot 3 QQI Level 5 Award Occupational First Aid (including defibrillator use) Training; A copy (in either electronic or hard copy format as available) of submitted tenders applicable to Lot 11 Health and Safety Consultancy and Advisory Services.	Part granted
<b>17 - 145</b>	Journalist	1. How much has the Department spent on social media in 2016 and 2017? Is there a breakdown of that spend available? 2. How much was spent on boosting posts on social media in 2016 and 2017? 3. Does the Department have a social media team? If so, how many people are on it and how much do they cost the Department per year? 4. How much has the Department spent on photography or videos making costs in 2016 and 2017? Is there a breakdown of that spend available? 5. How much money has the Department spent on advertising (print, radio, TV or online) in 2016 and 2017? Is there a breakdown of that spend available?	Granted in Full

<b>17 - 146</b>	Journalist	The number of staff in the civil service (broken down by department and agency) earning below €65,000, over €65,000, over €100,000, over €150,000, over €200,000, over €250,000 and over €300,000, with a breakdown by sex, and the total number in the sector.	Granted in Full
<b>17 - 147</b>	A Member of the Public	Under FOI details are requested in electronic form of approvals from the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform of sanctions from the Department for senior staff (administrative and professional) in the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government and in local authorities bodies over the past year. By senior I mean staff over PO and equivalent grades.	Granted in Full
<b>7 - 148</b>	Business/ Interest Group	the successful tender submitted by FreightSpeed for Pharmacy that resulted in the award of the contract for the "Provision of Transport Distribution Services for the HSE National Distribution Centre" (Reference number TTT015C; External reference 2016-272661; and TED reference 2016/S 209-378638) (the Successful Tender); any records relating to post-tender clarifications and responses concerning the Successful Tender submitted by FreightSpeed for Pharmacy; and the contract together with any post-contract variations concluded with FreightSpeed for Pharmacy arising from the Successful Tender.	Refused
<b>17 - 149</b>	Journalist	Records and correspondence between the minister/sec gen/senior officials and others in relation to the €200,000 cap on pay in the public service, the varied caps on pay in the commercial semi states, or €250,000 overall cap on pay in the commercial semi-states over the last 12 months.	Refused
<b>17 - 150</b>	Journalist	Records and correspondence in relation to applications to exceed the pay caps for CEOs at semi-state companies over the last 12 months.	Refused
<b>17 - 151</b>	Journalist	Records and correspondence /analysis in relation to the projected cost of the public service pay bill and pensions bill this year and beyond.	Refused
<b>17 - 152</b>	Journalist	Records and correspondence/analysis in relation to the impact of the PSSA (draft pay deal) on the fiscal space/expenditure available for Budget 2018, to include any correspondence between the minister and Leo Varadkar.	Refused
<b>17 - 153</b>	Oireachtas/Public Representative	all correspondence, documents, memos or text messages concerning the top-up salary for super junior ministers or pay in general for junior ministers at Cabinet? This should be from the beginning of the year. It should include any consideration or reference to Regina Doherty, Joe McHugh as well as the newly made super junior post for Mary Mitchell-O'Connor. The period requested is since February of last year.	Part Grant
<b>17 - 154</b>	Journalist	Records and correspondence from the Public Appointments Service in relation to the lack of incentives and barriers to recruitment in the public service over the last 12 months, as well as the value of public service pensions in recruiting staff in senior executive and specialist grades, including details of roles that could not be filled.	Refused
<b>17 - 155</b>	Journalist	All correspondence regarding the salary arrangements and so-called top ups for 'super' junior ministers or Ministers of State who sit at cabinet from the period 06 May 2016 to 28 August 2017.	Part Grant



<b>17 - 156</b>	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.	Part Grant
<b>17 - 157</b>	Journalist	Under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 I wish to obtain a copy of all records of communications and correspondence (to include but not be limited to e-mails and all attachments therein) over the salary to be paid to John Concannon, the head of the Government's strategic communications unit.	Granted in Full
<b>17 - 158</b>	Journalist	I would like copies of all correspondence between the Department and Minister Mary Mitchell O'Connor and/or her officials relating to her salary.	Granted
<b>17 - 159</b>	Journalist	I would also like details of any additional staff requested by the Taoiseach and his ministers or their officials to the Department of Finance or Department of Public Expenditure and Reform. Please include detailed requests for additional staff, responses from the Department and invoices relating to costs incurred if additional funding was granted.	Part Grant
<b>17 - 160</b>	Journalist	Under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 I wish to obtain a copy of all records relating to a submission by the Irish Marine Energy and Research Cluster (IMERC) for approval for: a) the development of a campus for start-ups on Haulbowline b) the establishment of a ocean yacht racing hub at Haulbowline and all records relating to any assessment/appraisal by DPER of the project as well as all communications between DPER and IMERC and any other parties on the subject of the submission. The records should include, but not be limited to any e-mails plus all attachments contained therein.	Part Grant
<b>17 - 161</b>	A Member of the Public	I wish to request the following information under Freedom of Information legislation: 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, (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)	Part Grant

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Journalist

I would like to make a freedom of information request in relation to contacts between your department/minister and Google and/or its consultants.

Some meetings and other contacts are detailed here:

1. <https://www.lobbying.ie/return/17905/google-ireland-limited>
2. <https://www.lobbying.ie/return/17904/google-ireland-limited>
3. <https://www.lobbying.ie/return/12817/google-ireland-limited>
4. <https://www.lobbying.ie/return/17954/ryan-meade>
5. <https://www.lobbying.ie/return/13647/ryan-meade>
6. <https://www.lobbying.ie/return/17953/ryan-meade>

Please can I have all records relating to these lobbying returns, e.g. correspondence, agendas, briefing notes, speaking notes, minutes, presentations.

Please can I have these records in electronic format.

Granted