

FOI Disclosure Log - 1st Quarter 2017

Ref No.	Description	Requester	Date Issued	Decision
FOI/P199/2016	*Records of all representations, communications and lobbying to the Department of Public Expenditure and its ministers on the Government's Strategy for the Rental Sector. This would include letters, emails, records and minutes of meetings and phone calls, etc	Journalist	07/02/2017	Granted
FOI/P200/2016	Records of all submissions by the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform to the Government's Strategy for the Rental Sector.	Journalist	14/02/2017	Part Granted
FOI/P201/2016	Copies of all internal audits carried out by the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform and the Department of Finance between 1st June 2016 to date.	Journalist	16/01/2017	Granted
FOI/P202/2016	Copies all internal audits carried out by agencies or bodies under the aegis of the Department, of which a copy has been forwarded to the Department/Minister for consideration, in the same period.	Journalist	17/01/2017	Refused
FOI/P002/2017	any note or email between evelyn o connor and william beausang in addition to the press office at the DPER regarding approaches (or commentary or discussions) to be taken related to the application of FoI and the central bank, ntma and Nama. Any internal emails related to the application of the foi act between Jacinta O'Meara and Evelyn o connor and /or other PO's in DPER/ DoF. Correspondence to the NTMA and Central Bank and NAMA on application of the FoI act between August 2015 and November 2016.	Member of the Public	19/01/2017	Part granted

FOI/P003/2017	All correspondence sent and received between any official from the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform and the Labour Court in October/November 2016 in relation to the industrial dispute (threatened strike action) involving members of the GRA and the AGSI in 2016. All briefing documentation, advice, memos to the Minister about the implications of the Labour Court recommendation on pay increases for members of An Garda Siochana issued in November 2016. All briefing documentation, advice, and memos to the Minister on the public sector pay demands, and industrial relations threats in 2017.	Journalist	31/01/2017	Part granted
FOI/P005/2017	The Minutes of the Houses of the Oireachtas Commission for its meeting held on 8 July 2009, Item 4 Rationalisation of members Allowances-Update, refer to a Government requirement for consultation with the C&AG and the Revenue Commissioners in connection with the proposed introduction of a new expenses regime for politicians. Copies of the correspondence on this matter between the Department of Finance and Revenue, with the Controller and Auditor General, and with the Houses of the Oireachtas Commission.	Member of the Public	06/02/2017	Part Granted
FOI/P006/2017	Any reports carried out for the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform by external consultants on the issue of Brexit	Journalist	02/02/2017	Refused
FOI/P007/2017	Eoghan Murphy's appointments diary from May 6th 2016 to December 31st 2016	Member of the Public	13/02/2017	Granted

FOI/P008/2017	I would like copies of all correspondence relating to discussions within the department relating to pay restoration for higher paid civil servants. I would like copies of all reports prepared for the minister on pay restoration for senior civil servants. I would also like copies of all correspondence and notes/minutes of meetings with representative bodies/associations representing higher paid civil servants. I would like specific correspondence between the minister and department's secretary general on pay restoration for senior civil servants. The timeline for the above mentioned documents should be from January 1, 2015 to January 18, 2017.	Journalist	21/02/2017	Part Granted
FOI/P010/2017	All correspondence in relation to the temporary relocation of the Seanad from May 2016 - January 2017 from the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform including reports received from the Office of Public Works	Member of the Public	16/02/2017	Part Granted.
FOI/P011/2017	I would like to request copies of all records, created since January 1st, 2016, relating to any proposed increase in the pay scale/remuneration of any employees of the National Gallery of Ireland earning over €80,000 pa.	Journalist	15/02/2017	Granted
FOI/P013/2017	I would like copies of all credit card receipts submitted to the Department by secretary general Robert Watt over the past five years I would also like all expense claims submitted by Mr Watt over the same period	Journalist	15/02/2017	Granted
FOI/P014/2017	copies of all records - to include emails, memos, letters, faxes, group text messages, and so on - relating to the process whereby new arrangements for salaried allowances were introduced. For avoidance of doubt, this refers to the process described in this newspaper article: http://www.independent.ie/irish-news/politics/government-signs-off-on-22m-salary-topups-for-tds-and-senators-35396126.html	Journalist	22/02/2017	Part Granted

FOI/P015/2017	<p>1. The number of people employed in the Public Service or those elected to the Oireachtas who have had abatement applied to their pensions.</p> <p>2. The number of requests for a waiver of the abatement that have been made to the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform or the Minister of that Department since the abatement rule was introduced.</p> <p>3. The number of waivers granted by the Minister or the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform.</p> <p>4. Details of all persons (names may be redacted if necessary) who have been re-employed in the public service following retirement who have been exempted from the abatement rules and the rationale for this exemption.</p>	Member of the Oireachtas	15/02/2017	Part granted
FOI/P016/2017	<p>Access to correspondence / minutes of meetings between Minister Donohoe and Bartra Capital since the start of 2016. Please include all records outlined in the following lobbying return https://www.lobbying.ie/return/12864/bartra-capital-property-management-limited-trading-as-bartra-capital-property.</p>	Journalist	08/03/2017	Part Granted
FOI/P018/2017	<p>List of external legal practitioners for services carried out on behalf of the department during 2015 & 2016</p>	Journalist	22/02/2017	Granted
FOI/P020/2017	<p>Copies of all correspondence – email and electronic – between your Department and the Fiscal Advisory Council in the period 1 August 2016 to the current date.</p>	Journalist	20/02/2017	Granted
FOI/P023/2017	<p>Any submissions, memoranda relating to the new Code of Practice for Governance of State Bodies and copies of any reps made to the Department.</p>	Journalist	16/03/2017	Part Granted
FOI/P025/2017	<p>Documents related to the gender pay gap, promoting gender equality, changes to employment laws with a specific focus on gender equality. Timeframe involved is January 1st 2015 to present</p>	Journalist	06/03/2017	Part Granted
FOI/P026/2017	<p>Services Framework Contract with Wilsons Auctions Limited</p>	Solicitor	10/03/2017	Part Granted

FOI/P028/2017	<p>Employee Numbers at 1st January of each year. The annual Departmental employee numbers to reflect staff directly employed and active (full-time or part-time) in the Department during the relevant years (not persons on career breaks in excess of one year or staff working in organisations under the aegis of your Department). As it is recognised that there may be difficulty in identification of precise numbers a margin of error of (+/-) 5% is acceptable.</p> <p>Any formal Policy Document (and revisions of same if applicable) on the provision of customised, specialised or medically-requested office seating or chairs (generally termed as 'ergonomic', 'orthopaedic' or 'spinal' chairs – for brevity these will be identified below as 'ergonomic chairs') for the use of individual members of staff to suit their particular physical seating requirements.</p> <p>If no formal Policy Document has been produced, please provide a description of how such applications or requests for 'ergonomic' chairs are evaluated in the Department of Public Expenditure & Reform.</p> <p>Any or all related Procedures documents for the period 2011-2016 indicating how applications and/or requests for 'ergonomic' chairs are implemented in the Department of Public Expenditure & Reform.</p> <p>The F.O.I. response to include relevant records for the period (numbers of applications and requests per individual year, numbers of 'ergonomic' chairs provided per year and individual unit costs i.e. individual chair costs).</p>	Member of the Public	03/03/2017	Granted
FOI/P029/2017	<p>Records relating to the details surrounding three high value severance payment agreements in the Higher Education sector between 2011 and 2013 that were raised in the Comptroller and Auditor Generals Report on Management of Severance Payments in Public Bodies</p>	Member of the Public	01/03/2017	Refused

FOI/P30/2017	all non-personal records created after the effective date of the Postal and Telecommunications Services Act 1983 relating to compliance or otherwise with the requirements of sections 46(4) and 46 (4A) by all schemes submitted to the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment (and his predecessors) for approval or to the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform (and his predecessors) for concurrence including, but not limited to, representations by or on behalf of persons to whom sections 46(4) and 46 (4A) apply.	Member of the Public	03/04/2017	Part Granted
FOI/P032/2017	RFT 109404 - THR029F - Single Supplier Framework Contract for the provision of Training for Line Managers across the Civil Service.	Barry O'Brien (Optimum Ltd)	07/03/2017	Part Granted.
FOI/P033/2017	Copies of any records held by your Department relating to the setting of a salary level for Tony Williams and Donal Geoghegan, the special advisers to the Independent Alliance. Copies of any representations/letters received relating to the above.	Journalist	03/03/2017	Refused
FOI/P035/2017	1. A complete list of the entities which submitted proposals in response to RFT 103354 - THR023C - Request for Tenders for the Provision of Management & Supervisory Development Training for Sergeants and Inspectors of An Garda Síochána. 2. A full copy of the winning tender proposal submitted in response to RFT 103354 - THR023C - Request for Tenders for the Provision of Management & Supervisory Development Training for Sergeants and Inspectors of An Garda Síochána. 3. A full copy of the second highest scoring tender proposal submitted and short-listed in response to RFT 103354 - THR023C - Request for Tenders for the Provision of Management & Supervisory Development Training for Sergeants and Inspectors of An Garda Síochána.	Member of the Public	08/03/2017	Part granted

FOI/P036/2017	<p>(1) All correspondence relating to and details of all applications for or enquiries relating to admission to the Revised Civil Service Pension Scheme (Spouses and Children's) or its equivalent since 1 January 2016 by anyone, who previously had declined to join the Revised Pension Scheme, which were received, considered, refused, authorised or approved by the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform, and showing how the application or enquiry was dealt with.</p> <p>(2) All correspondence, internal memos and interdepartmental memos etc relating to the appointment of a Trustee(s) for the Civil Service Pension Scheme(s) in the DPER and between the DPER and any other Departments or bodies concerning the appointment of a Trustee and between DPER and any Trustee or suggested Trustee, from 1 January 2011.</p> <p>(3) All correspondence, internal memos and interdepartmental memos etc relating to the appointment of Peoplepoint as a Trustee for the Civil Service Pension Scheme(s) and any applications or enquiries received from Peoplepoint, at any time, by the DPER in respect of persons considering changing pension schemes.</p> <p>(4) Any correspondence or internal documentation in the DPER in respect of the role of the Minister for PER as Trustee and his divesting himself of the role of Trustee.</p> <p>(5) State the number of current members of the Original Scheme.</p>	Member of the Public	25/04/2017	Granted
FOI/P037/2017	Total expenditure by the department fro 2016 on teas, coffee, sandwiches, biscuits/cakes cross referenced by suppliers.	Journalist	16/03/2017	Granted

FOI/P038/2017	<p>1. A complete list of the entities which submitted proposals in response to RFT 105814 - PAS073C - Request for Tenders for the Provision of Executive Coaching to An Garda Siochana.</p> <p>2. A full copy of the winning tender proposal submitted in response to RFT 105814 - PAS073C - Request for Tenders for the Provision of Executive Coaching to An Garda Siochana.</p> <p>3. A full copy of the second highest scoring tender proposal submitted and short-listed in response to RFT 105814 - PAS073C - Request for Tenders for the Provision of Executive Coaching to An Garda Siochana.</p>	Member of the Public	09/03/2017	Part Granted
FOI/P039/2017	<p>Supply all the assessments for the Qualification Criteria, of the complainant tenders, as set out in each RET for the following tender issued by the OGP.</p> <p>1. Service Dress & Operational Uniforms to the Defence Forces 2013.</p> <p>2. Bespoke Tailored, Made to Measure, Working Dress Uniforms for the Staff of Aras an Uachtarain, the official residence of the President of Ireland 2014.</p> <p>3. Bespoke Tailor made to measure uniforms, Ushers and Service officers Houses of the Oireachtas 2014.</p> <p>4. Bespoke Tailored made to measure Irish Army Band and Motorcyclist Escort of Honour Uniforms 2015.</p> <p>5. Customs & Excise Service Dress & Operational Uniforms to the Revenue Commissioners 2015.</p> <p>6. Service Dress and Operational Uniforms for the Irish Prison Service 2016.</p> <p>7. National Ambulance Service Operational Uniforms 2015.</p>	Member of the Public	21/03/2017	Refused
FOI/P040/2017	<p>Access to records to supply confirmation that the list of tenders issued (not contracts awarded) and the list of additions and value to each tender issued, in request dated 4 December 2016 and response received on 5 January 2017, is complete and there are no omissions in the list of tenders issued or the list of estimated number and value of additions, which relate to clothing.</p>	Member of the Public	20/03/2017	Granted

FOI/P042/2017	copies of all records relating to the decision not to allow the post of chief executive of the Irish National Stud (advertised in Nov/Dec 2016), be filled by the incumbent following the expiration of the seven-year contract.	Journalist	21/03/2017	Refused
FOI/P043/2017	A list of all current serving chief executives of Commercial State Companies who have held the post for longer than the maximum allowable tenure of seven years. A list of all current serving chief executives of Commercial State Companies who are being remunerated above prescribed thresholds set by the Department.	Journalist	14/03/2017	Granted
FOI/P045/2017	Please can you provide me with records (memos, emails, meeting agendas, presentations, briefing notes, etc.) pertaining to the contacts mentioned in these lobbying returns: 1. 1 Jan, 2016 to 30 Apr, 2016 - contacts with Simon Harris https://www.lobbying.ie/return/6313/rhh-international 2. 1 May, 2016 to 31 Aug, 2016 - contacts with Eoghan Murphy https://www.lobbying.ie/return/9842/rhh-international 3. 1 Sep, 2016 to 31 Dec, 2016 - contacts with Eoghan Murphy https://www.lobbying.ie/return/14231/rhh-international	Journalist	14/03/2017	Granted
FOI/P046/2017	Relevant and retrievable communications or circulars issued to FOI officers in 2014/15. This should include minutes or records relating to any meeting involving three or more FOI officers in the possession of the Department, for 2014 and 2015. I request this data be released in an open, accessible format - CSV/XLS/XLSX.	Member of the Public	29/03/2017	Part granted

FOI/P047/2017	<p>1. A comprehensive list of the competencies, duties, responsibilities and demands placed on officers serving at the Assistant Principal Officer 1 grade and separately on officers serving at the Assistant Principal Officer 2 grade as defined and outlined by the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform or its predecessors.</p> <p>2. Confirmation as to whether or not in Departments where persons are employed both at the Assistant Principal Officer 1 grade and at the Assistant Principal Officer 2 grade, specific higher level duties must be assigned to officers at the Assistant Principal Officer 1 grade over and above those assigned to the officers at the Assistant Principal Officer 2 grade. If not the basis and justification for the differential in remuneration to officers who are assigned the exact same duties as each other, who are expected to carry out these duties to the exact same standard as each other and who are assessed on the exact same basis as each other, but who are paid a differential in salary of up to €7,006 per year.</p> <p>3. Details of whether or not the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform is aware of any Government Department or Office where persons who are promoted directly from Higher Executive Officer to Assistant Principal Officer 1 or where persons having served as an Assistant Principal Officer 2 for a short period of time are promoted to Assistant Principal Officer 1 following a competitive process but are not assigned extra duties over and above those serving as an Assistant Principal Officer 2 in the same Government Department or Office. Please note that I am not referring to upgrades from Assistant Principal Officer 2 to Assistant Principal Officer 1 after long years of service and on the basis of seniority and suitability under the 1% PCW Allowance and in agreement with the union. I am referring specifically to direct promotions based on a competitive process such as a competitive</p>	Member of the Public	27/03/2017	Granted
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FOI/P048/2017	Copy of all correspondence, i.e. written correspondence, emails, notes / minutes of telephone calls, notes/minutes of meetings held, notes of conversation(s) or any other devices used between Dun Laoghaire Harbour Company, Department of Public Expenditure and REform and the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport or any other third party, pertaining to Dun Laoghaire Harbour Company request(s) to the Department to make amendments / termination of the above scheme from 1997 to date	Member of the Public	29/03/2017	Granted
FOI/P050/2017	Copies of any records held related to salary top-up for Tom Costello, chairman of the National Paediatric Development Board	Journalist	29/03/2017	Granted