

DPER FOI Disclosure Log - 4th Quarter 2016

| Ref No. | Description | Requester | Date Issued | Decision |
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| FOI/P067/2016 | A copy of all correspondence between the department and the parent departments of two semi-state bodies in relation to two chief executives who got "added years" for pension purposes as referred to in the Comptroller and Auditor General's report on severance pay in the public sector. One of the chief executives concerned got 3.8 added years for pension purposes, while the other chief executive got ten added years. | Journalist | 01/11/2016 | Granted |
| FOI/P106/2016 | Documents held by the Department and/or the Minister on the impact of Brexit, including risk assessments conducted by or for the Department, and memos or briefing documents for the Minister | Journalist | 31/08/2016 | Refused |
| FOI/P113/2016 | From the data held on the Civil Service human resources management system, the number of Civil Servants who retired at 65 years of age in 2015, 2016 and 2017; the number of these who had full service and the number of these who had less than full service. | Member of Public | 14/09/2016 | Granted |
| FOI/P125/2016 | All correspondence between D/PER & the Department of Health and the HSE on the "2016 Pay & Numbers Strategy" for hospital & community services. | Journalist | 20/10/2016 | Granted |
| FOI/P126/2016 | I would like to request a copy (under the FOI Act) of the Focused Policy Assessment on the Water sector PPPs that was subsequently carried out by D/PER. | Member of Public | 21/09/2016 | Granted |
| FOI/P129/2016 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any documents sent to/from Udaras na Gaeltachta and the Department concerning the sale of Arramara Teoranta to Acadian Seaplants Ltd • Any correspondence in 2014 between the department and Udaras na Gaeltachta concerning the sale of Arramara Teoranta to Acadian Seaplants Ltd | Member of Public | 04/10/2016 | Part Granted |
| FOI/P132/2016 | Under the freedom of information act of 2014 I would request all minutes of meetings and notes of informal meetings related to the open data programme of work within your department. This should include board meetings and internal meetings. The period I am interested in is May 2015 and July 2016 . I am not interested in notes / emails about setting up meetings, catering, setting dates etc for any such meetings. | Member of Public | 04/10/2016 | Part Granted |

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| FOI/P135/2016 | <p>Copies of all correspondence in relation to the contract of employment of Horse Racing Ireland chief executive Brian Kavanagh as well as requests made by HRI to government for a new contract or extension of old contract. The records should include but not be limited to copies of all communications on the topic of the chief executive's contract - as well as its renewal or extension - to/from the following individuals: Minister Paschal Donohoe</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Former Minister Brendan Howlin - Department of Public Expenditure Officials <p>The time period can be limited to January 1, 2016 to September 26, 2016.</p> <p>The records should include copies of letters, emails, faxes, transcripts or notes of phone calls, and copies of any documents enclosed with letters or attachments to emails. Separately I am also seeking copies of all correspondence in relation to the contract of employment of Horse Racing Ireland chief executive Brian Kavanagh between the Department of Agriculture - its ministers and officials - and the Department of Public Expenditure in 2011</p> | Journalist | 26/10/2016 | Part grant |
| FOI/P136/2016 | <p>Details of the number of absences among Dublin-based Departmental personnel on each day of the following months: September 2015 and September 1 to 26, 2016</p> | Journalist | 18/10/2016 | Granted |
| FOI/P137/2016 | <p>Copy of correspondence between the secretary general of the Department of Health and the secretary general of the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform since 01 January 2016 regarding proposed reforms to the directorate structure in the HSE</p> | Journalist | 28/10/2016 | Part granted |
| FOI/P138/2016 | <p>Copy of correspondence between the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform and the Minister for Transport since 01 June 2016</p> <p>Copy of correspondence between the secretary general of the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform and the secretary general of the Department of Transport since 01 January 2016</p> | Journalist | 14/10/2016 | Part granted |
| FOI/P139/2016 | <p>copies of any records held by your Department relating to the "fresh start" provision for payment of mileage to ministers in an election year. This request to cover the period between 1 January 2016 and date of receipt of this request.</p> | Journalist | 21/10/2016 | Granted |

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| FOI/P140/2016 | any submissions, reports, recommendations, memoranda relating to the new circular regarding disciplinary code for the civil service. | Non-personal | 24/10/2016 | Part Granted |
| FOI/P141/2016 | 1) 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 is to cover all such applications, which are made to the Dept. which | Journalist | 24/10/2016 | Granted |
| FOI/P142/2016 | I request the following records relating to Horse Racing Ireland (HRI) between January 1, 2014 and the date of this letter: 1. All records, in any format, of communications, regarding the extension or the new contract, between any of: HRI Chairman, HRI CEO, HRI HR Director, HRI Finance | Journalist | 26/10/2016 | Part Granted |
| FOI/P144/2016 | All correspondence including letter, memos, background papers, preparatory advice, minutes, submissions and documents within the department in relation to the reappointment of HRL CEO from 9 May 2016 to present. | Member of Public | 26/10/2016 | Part Granted |
| FOI/P145/2016 | I request the following records relating to the Irish Sport Council (ISC) between January 1, 2015 and the date of this letter: 1. All records, in any format, of communications, regarding the extension or the new contract, between any of: ISC Chairman, ISC CEO, ISC HR Director, ISC Finance Director, ISC Board Members, The Department of Sport, The Department of Agriculture, The Department of Finance, The Department of Public Expenditure and Reform, The Office of the Minister for Sport, the Office of the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform. 2. All internal memos about ISC. 3. All briefing documents about ISC. 4. All correspondence to and from the minister's office about ISC. 5. All records relating to the granting and extension of the contact of John Treacy at the ISC. | Journalist | 26/10/2016 | Refused |
| FOI/P146/2016 | Copies of all records relating to the decision to sanction the re-appointment of Brian Kavanagh as chief executive of Horse Racing Ireland. I am only seeking records created in 2016. | Journalist | 26/10/2016 | Part granted |

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| FOI/P147/2016 | <p>1. Copies of all correspondence between the Chairman, and Chief Executive Officer and any or all board members of the semi-state Company: Horse Racing Ireland and the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform or officials of the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform in the period 1 January 2016 to 30 September 2016.</p> <p>2. Copies of all correspondence between the Minister for Agriculture, Food and Marine or officials of the Department of Agriculture, Food and Marine and the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform and/or officials of the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform on the matter of the appointment of the Chief Executive Officer of the Semi-State Body, Horse Racing Ireland in the period 1 January 2016 to 30 September 2016.</p> | T.D. | 28/10/2016 | Part granted |
| FOI/P148/2016 | Access to any minutes / memos arising out of the meeting between Minister Donohoe and Kevin Bakhurst. | Journalist | 02/11/2016 | Refused |
| FOI/P149/2016 | I am seeking for the years 2015, 2016 and 2017, the number of Civil Servants that retired at 65 years of age or that may be required to retire at 65 years of age. For each year I am also requesting the numbers that retired or will retire with full service and the numbers that retired or will retire with less than full service [i.e. 40 years]. | Member of Public | 13/10/2016 | Granted |
| FOI/P150/2016 | A copy of all advice given by Jacinta O'Meara in the FOI unit in relation to Data Protection from December 2015 to 30 September 2016 to public bodies or government departments. This should include notes and email from the CPU email account and Ms O' Meara' email account and Evelyn O Connors account for the same information and timeline. I am not interested in individual personal details I just want a copy of the advice provided. I also request a copy of any communication with the Office of the Data Protection Commissioner on data protection matters for the same period from either of the named individuals and the 3 email accounts. | Member of Public | 17/10/2016 | Refused |

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| FOI/P151/2016 | <p>A list of the names of each Bulk Personal Dataset held or controlled by the Department, and, for each dataset: a) the purposes for which the dataset is held, b) the size of the dataset (in terms of either gigabytes of disk space, or number of individuals, or both), c) how many copies of the dataset are in existence in the department, and the source of that figure (ie whether that figure is as a result of copy control measures, a comprehensive audit, or is an estimate).</p> | Member of Public | 26/10/2016 | Granted |
| FOI/P152/2016 | <p>My request is based on the outcome of earlier FOIs dealt with by the Department Request Ref. FOI/P058/2015 and FOI/p147/2015 (see below). These sought information arising from Department of Finance circular 40/20 (requirement to report on contracts in excess of €25,000 that did not go to competitive tender).</p> <p>This circular specified that all departmental reports are to be sent to the National Public Procurement Policy Unit - 40/02 Paragraph 8.</p> <p>The outcome of both of the above referenced requests were that the reports relating to the years 2012, 2013 and 2014 were released once the Comptroller and Auditor General accounts for the public service were made public.</p> <p>As the latest accounts, for 2015, were published last week I am now seeking the release of the reports for 2015.</p> <p>Under Section 17 of the Act I am requesting the release of the material in electronic form.</p> | Journalist | 03/11/2016 | Part Granted |
| FOI/P153/2016 | <p>All correspondence received by the Department in relation to the proposed reappointment of Brian Kavanagh as chief executive of Horse Racing Ireland and any replies issued by the Department to such correspondence.</p> <p>The correspondence should include but not be limited to e-mails, memos or notes of telephone communications.</p> | Journalist | 28/10/2016 | Part Granted |

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| FOI/P154/2016 | All documents which relate to the introduction of "1890" telephone numbers by the various Government Departments. To avoid any ambiguity such documents would include, but not limited to, any discussion regarding their possible introduction, the consideration of possible alternatives, any cost savings and or revenue that might arise to the Department or any branch of Government or Civil Service following their introduction. I am also requesting copies of all documents which relate to the ongoing monitoring of 1890 numbers by the various Government Departments. | Member of Public | 12/10/2016 | Part Granted |
| FOI/P155/2016 | 1. How did the OGP decide on the minimum turnover threshold of €500,000 for the Creative & Digital Services PQQ. Please can I see all emails and communications related to this decision. 2. How many SMEs in Ireland that operate in the digital/marketing/communications/public relations/advertising services sectors will be excluded from this tender because of this threshold? | Public representative | 09/11/2016 | Refused |
| FOI/P156/2016 | Copy of correspondence between the secretary general of the Department of Transport and the secretary general of the Department of Public Expenditure since 01 June 2016 regarding the 2017 financial estimates process and the 2017 Budget | Journalist | 11/11/2016 | Refused |
| FOI/P157/2016 | Copy of correspondence between the secretary general of the Department of Defence and the secretary general of the Department of Public Expenditure since 01 June 2016 regarding the 2017 financial estimates process and the 2017 Budget | Journalist | 10/11/2016 | Refused |
| FOI/P158/2016 | Copies of all records relating to decision by ministers not to take pay rises due under Haddington Road agreement. This request to cover period 1 January 2016 to the current date. I am seeking copies of all emails, letters, memos, reports, submissions and so on relating to the above | Journalist | 15/11/2016 | Part Granted |

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| FOI/P159/2016 | Copies of any correspondence between the Department and RTÉ regarding the appearance by Minister Paschal Donohoe on any radio or TV programme to discuss Budget 2017. Copies of any text messages/emails between Mr Donohoe's press or special advisers and RTÉ relating to the above which were sent using departmental phones or work/private email addresses. | Journalist | 10/11/2016 | Granted |
| FOI/P160/2016 | The pre-budget submissions made by each government department for the consideration of the Minister and Department of Public Expenditure and Reform as part of the budgetary process. This should include but not be limited to copies of full submissions, emails and letters between ministers on various schemes or proposed plans, and memos of meetings where applicable. | Journalist | 21/12/2016 | Part Granted |
| FOI/P162/2016 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The amount that the Dept of Public Expenditure and Reform spent on hiring taxis for work related business in the years 2013,2014,2015 and to-date in 2016 2) The amount that the Department spent on hiring on each taxi firms in each of those years mentioned above 3) If the Department has contracts with taxi firm to provide taxis upon request; if so the names of the taxi firms that have contracts and when contracts with each taxi firm due for renewal 4) If the Department put the contract out for public tender for the contract of providing taxi service to Dept of Public Expenditure and Reform 5) The robust steps that are being taken within the Department to ensure that any costs incurred for taxi service are best value for the taxpayers | Member of Public | 10/11/2016 | Granted |
| FOI/P164/2016 | The minutes for pre-budget meetings with the American Chamber and the CIF. | Journalist | 25/10/2016 | Granted |

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| FOI/P165/2016 | <p>1) The amount spent by the Dept of Public Expenditure and Reform on purchasing mobile phones for staff to use for work related business in the years of 2014, 2015 and to-date in 2016</p> <p>2) The number of staff by grade within the Department that have been issued with a mobile phone as part of their work duties in each of those years</p> <p>3) If the Department put out a tender for companies to supply mobile phones to the Dept of Public Expenditure and Reform upon request; if so the names of the companies that currently have contract with the Department eg Vodafone, 3 mobile etc</p> <p>4) When each contract with mobile phones are scheduled to expiry eg 31 May 2017 etc</p> | Member of Public | 23/11/2016 | Part Granted |
| FOI/P166/2016 | All correspondence for 2016 between the Department of Public Expenditure and reform and the office of the Data Protection Commissioner regarding the Public Services Card. | Journalist | 22/11/2016 | Refused |
| FOI/P167/2016 | <p>All correspondence for 2016 between the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform and the office of the Data Protection Commissioner regarding the MyGovID project.</p> <p>All correspondence for 2016 between the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform and the Department of Social Protection regarding regarding the MyGovID project.</p> | Journalist | 31/03/2017 | Refused |
| FOI/P168/2016 | All documentation and correspondence held by the Department in relation to the filling of the positions of Dublin City Coroner and Deputy Dublin City Coroner, since September 1 st , 2015 | Journalist | 25/11/2016 | Refused |
| FOI/P169/2016 | Minutes of all committee meetings of the Government Contracts Committee (GCC) and the Government Construction Contracts Committee. I would like these minutes from January 2011, if applicable, until the present day. | Journalist | 05/12/2016 | Part Granted |

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| FOI/P170/2016 | a copy of the report, PeoplePoint: Optimal Resourcing Review reflecting present and future organisational requirements by Equita Consulting. | Journalist | 09/11/2016 | Refused |
| FOI/P171/2016 | The top 10 most visit websites by staff working in Department during 2015 and to date in 2016 and the number of times each site was visited. The number of times that staff working in the Department have logged onto the following social networking sites (i) Facebook (ii) YouTube and (iii) Twitter during the same period. Details of any breaches of the Department's internet policy, any investigates that may have taken place and the sanctions taken. | Member of Public | 26/11/2016 | Part granted |
| FOI/P172/2016 | copies of all records held by your Department in relation to the Ministerial or government decision not to take the pay rise due to officeholders under Haddington Road Agreement. copies of any correspondence/representations received regarding the above | Journalist | 30/11/2016 | Part granted |
| FOI/P173/2016 | copies of all correspondence between your Department and the Association of Judges in Ireland to cover period 1 January 2015 and date of receipt of this request | Journalist | 30/11/2016 | Granted |
| FOI/P177/2016 | A copy of the letter sent by IMPACT general secretary Shay Cody to DPER secretary general Robert Watt on April 5 2016 seeking funding of the service via the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government instead of via the current service level agreement with the HSE. A copy of any correspondence sent back to Shay Cody by the department in response to his letter. | Journalist | 12/12/2016 | Granted |
| FOI/P178/2016 | How many Clerical Officers and Staff Officers subscribe (are members of) the Civil and Public Services Union (CPSU) by grade and gender. | Member of Public | 15/12/2016 | Part Granted |

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| FOI/P179/2016 | <p>1. All briefing material available to the John Burke or other department representatives or prepared for Mr Burke or other department representatives ahead of the meeting of the Public Accounts Committee of December 10, 2015.</p> <p>2. Any correspondence the Department or minister has received by a person seeking to draw attention to matters of concern or to make allegations regarding procurement practices or corporate governance in universities or institutes of technology since January 1, 2015.</p> | Journalist | 02/12/2016 | Part Granted |
| FOI/P180/2016 | Multi - Supplier Framework Agreement to Provide Multi – Language. Interpretation Services (excluding the Irish language) Four companies submitted tenders for this Multi-Supplier Framework Agreement and three were successful. I am requesting access to the four tenders. | Member of Public | 14/12/2016 | Refused |
| FOI/P183/2016 | <p>1. A copy of the audit of PeoplePoint by the Data Protection Commissioner.</p> <p>2. All correspondence with the office of the Data Protection Commissioner generated on foot of the audit of PeoplePoint.</p> <p>3.All correspondence with PeoplePoint with regard to the audit and its recommendations.</p> | Journalist | 02/12/2016 | Part Granted |
| FOI/P184/2016 | Original tender letter for the provision of recovery/towing and management service contract in the Louth Area of the GT Group - Solicitor on behalf of Oriels auto specialists limited | Solicitor | 24/11/2016 | Refused |
| FOI/P185/2016 | The NewEra (New Economy and Recovery Authority) report prepared for the Government on funding options for Irish Water, as referenced on page 17, paragraph 2.4.28 of the Report on the Funding of Domestic Public Water Services in Ireland. The NewEra report is examining matters such as the financial cost of external borrowing versus the provision of funds from central government sources. | Member of Public | 30/12/2016 | Refused |

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| FOI/P186/2016 | copies of any records and documents in the Department concerning the application for and granting to Minister of State John Halligan with responsibility for Training Skills and Innovation, of approval for the hiring of a Special Adviser; such as records to include any submissions or presentations outlining or detailing the reasons for seeking and being granted such approval. | Member of Public | 29/12/2016 | Part Granted |
| FOI/P187/2016 | copies of any records and documents in the Department concerning the application for and granting to Minister of State for Public Works Sean Canney of approval for the hiring of a Special Adviser; such records to include any submissions or presentations outlining or detailing the reasons for seeking and being granted such approval. | Member of Public | 29/12/2016 | Part Granted |
| FOI/P188/2016 | I make application under FOI act for copy the final deal maker letter signoff By minister for finance 1997. I hope you can help with this request under law with the final signoff doc similar to you and Leo Varadker this week 47 2016 | Member of Public | 23/12/2016 | Refused |
| FOI/P189/2016 | Details of all the gifts received and given by the minister and/or his office in the 12 months up to the date of this letter. The details should list: (1) the type of gift and its value; (2) who gave it/to whom it was given; (3) when and where the gift was given/received and the reason for the presentation. Records of any correspondence to and from the Minister's office in relation to the sourcing and/or purchase of items to be used as gifts to be handed out by the minister on trips abroad or upon welcoming people to Ireland. Correspondence to/from the Minister's office about receiving/giving gifts. | Journalist | 20/12/2016 | Granted. |
| FOI/P198/2016 | A breakdown of the legal fees incurred, and compensation paid (where applicable), for civil cases taken against your department from January 1st, 2016 to the present. | Journalist | 20/12/2016 | Refused |