

FOI Request Log - January 2018 - March 2018

FOI Reference Number	FOI Request Date Received	FOI Request Status	Request Summary	Requestor Category	Decision	Decision Date
FOI-2017-340	01/12/2017	Closed	Correspondence concerning Rent Pressure Zones between 01/12/2016 and 01/12/2017.	Media	Part-Granted	04/01/2018
FOI-2017-346	11/12/2017	Closed	Legal Documentation in respect of case C-216/06 taken by the European Commission against Ireland in the European Court of Justice.	Individual	Refused	08/01/2018
FOI-2017-351	22/12/2017	Closed	Details of who nominated An Bord Pleanála board members.	Oireachtas Member/ Councillor	Granted	08/01/2018
FOI-2017-345	11/12/2017	Closed	Copies of correspondence between the Department of Housing/Environment and Ervia concerning questions around the pension of former Ervia MD, to cover the period 01/03/16 to 11/12/2017. Copies of correspondence between Department of Housing/Environment and/or his representatives concerning delays by the Department in sanctioning his special severance pay-off to cover the period 01/03/16 to 11/12/2017. Internal Department correspondence concerning questions around the former MD's pension.	Media	Part-Granted	11/01/2018
FOI-2017-333	28/11/2017	Closed	Records between the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government and the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform and Department of Finance in relation to Approved Housing Schemes between 01/01/2016 and 28/11/2017.	Media	Refused	12/01/2018
FOI-2018-032	18/01/2018	Closed	A copy of the email from Sherry FitzGerald to Minister of State English as outlined in the following lobbying return: https://www.lobbying.ie/return/24251/sherry-fitzgerald-group	Media	Granted	25/01/2018
FOI-2017-332	28/11/2017	Closed	Any records that show or discuss a value-for-money analysis and cost-benefit analysis of the Social Housing Public Private Partnership Programme, discuss the possible costs and what would be included in agreements under the "availability-based PPP model" that is being followed for the Social Housing Public Private Partnership Programme.	Media	Granted	26/01/2018
FOI-2018-007	02/01/2018	Closed	Records from 01/06/2017 sent from the Minister regarding closure of Castlerea Fire Station.	Media	Part-Granted	29/01/2018
FOI-2018-010	02/01/2018	Closed	Copies of all correspondence between the Chairman of the Housing Agency and the current Minister for Housing, Eoghan Murphy since his appointment. Please also provide copies of any correspondence between with the previous Minister for Housing, Simon Coveney during his tenure. To include all replies sent to Mr Skehan by both ministers and or their respective officials.	Media	Granted	29/01/2018
FOI-2018-013	04/01/2018	Closed	Records of any meetings between Bolt Capital Designated Activity Company(DAC) and the Minister / Department since 01/01/2017.	Media	Part-Granted	30/01/2018
FOI-2018-015	08/01/2018	Closed	Records of any meetings between Bolt Capital Designated Activity Company (DAC) and the Minister / Department since 01/01/2017.	Media	Part-Granted	30/01/2018
FOI-2018-014	08/01/2018	Closed	Correspondence between the Minister for Housing and the Chair of the Housing Agency between 20/07/2017 and 05/01/2018.	Media	Granted	01/02/2018
FOI-2018-022	12/01/2018	Closed	Records of costs relating to the Mahon Tribunal.	Media	Part-Granted	01/02/2018
FOI-2018-055	31/01/2018	Closed	The number of domestic planning permission applications declined under the "Locals Only" planning policies, as applied in accordance with the national Sustainable Rural Housing Guidelines 2005. The number of applications declined for this reason since 2005, broken down per each Local Authority Planning Dept.	Individual	Refused	01/02/2018
FOI-2018-019	10/01/2018	Closed	Records relating to prospective funders, who are engaging with the Minister and his Department at senior level regarding Public Private Partnership solutions to finance social housing.	Media	Refused	05/02/2018
FOI-2018-035	22/01/2018	Closed	Lobbying return in respect of meeting between Secretary General John McCarthy and O'Flynn Group.	Media	Granted	05/02/2018
FOI-2018-021	12/01/2018	Closed	Records relating to the meeting between the Industrial Officer of the Irish Congress of Trade Unions, and Minister Murphy, during 2017, relating to this record in the lobbying database: https://www.lobbying.ie/return/23362/irish-congress-of-trade-unions	Media	Refused	07/02/2018
FOI-2018-023	16/01/2018	Closed	Records associated with the below entry in the lobbying register: https://www.lobbying.ie/return/23508/kennedy-wilson-europe-limited	Media	Refused	08/02/2018
FOI-2018-026	16/01/2018	Closed	Records relating to the meeting between Minister Murphy and Kennedy Wilson Europe as outlined in the following lobbying return: https://www.lobbying.ie/return/23508/kennedy-wilson-europe-limited	Media	Refused	08/02/2018

FOI-2018-020	12/01/2018	Closed	Met Eireann records, correspondence and any minutes of meetings in 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 where the names of storms were picked. Any records of rejected storm names and reasons for their rejection. Information surrounding the Met Eireann decision making process of the names of the storms which were picked.	Individual	Part-Granted	08/02/2018
FOI-2018-025	16/01/2018	Closed	Copies of the agreements between developers benefitting under the Local Infrastructure Housing Activation fund and their respective local authorities, which include the details of the "affordability dividend" and the agreements around sales prices for the units that will be built on sites benefitting from the fund.	Media	Refused	09/02/2018
FOI-2018-065	09/02/2018	Closed	Details regarding an appointment of oversee the investigation into allegations of financial misconduct at Cavan County Council, to include all details of notes and conversations between the Council and the appointee to date regarding said investigation. All notes and documentation linked to any tender issued to attain the appointees employment and details of the contract to carry out the investigation including any remunerations is he entitled to and for what duration the contract runs until.	Media	Refused	09/02/2018
FOI-2018-024	16/01/2018	Closed	Weather warnings issued to Galway's City Council between 27/12/2018 and 10/01/2018.	Media	Granted	12/02/2018
FOI-2018-029	18/01/2018	Closed	Records detailing payments made to employees of or directly to the Communications Clinic by the Housing Divisions of the Department.	Media	Refused	12/02/2018
FOI-2018-012	02/01/2018	Closed	Copies of all correspondence between the following National Management Assets Agency (NAMA) officials and the current Minister for Housing, Eoghan Murphy and or his officials since his appointment: Nama chief executive - Nama chairman - Nama head of residential delivery.	Media	Granted	13/02/2018
FOI-2018-033	18/01/2018	Closed	Briefing material including memos, background papers, preparatory advice, reports, documents and publications within the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government that have been received from or provided to the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform in relation to the Mid Term Capital Review since 01/01/2017. In addition all minutes of meetings and correspondence between the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform and the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government in relation to the Mid Term Capital Review since 01/01/2017.	Oireachtas Member/ Councillor	Granted	13/02/2018
FOI-2018-042	23/01/2018	Closed	Access to any minutes, memos and correspondence relating to the meeting between the Minister Phelan and the Irish Farmers Association as referred to in the following lobbying return: https://www.lobbying.ie/return/23621/the-irish-farmers-association Please also include all correspondence in the second half of the year between the Irish Farmers Association and Minister Phelan.	Media	Part-Granted	13/02/2018
FOI-2018-028	18/01/2018	Closed	Copies of any correspondence between the Minister (or the Minister's office/special advisers) and the Chairman of the Housing Agency in the period since Eoghan Murphy's appointment.	Media	Granted	14/02/2018
FOI-2018-034	18/01/2018	Closed	Briefing material including memos, background papers, preparatory advice, reports, documents and publications within the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government that have been received from or provided to the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform in relation to the National Development Plan since 01/01/2017. In addition all minutes of meetings and correspondence between the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform and the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government the National Development Plan since 01/01/2017.	Oireachtas Member/ Councillor	Refused	14/02/2018
FOI-2018-045	25/01/2018	Closed	Copy of the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government Vacant Homes Strategy.	Oireachtas Member/ Councillor	Refused	15/02/2018
FOI-2018-008	02/01/2018	Closed	Records referencing the Church of Scientology held by the Minister and the Department, from January 2016 to date, all records referencing Narconon; referencing Criminon; referencing Drug-Free World; referencing Citizens Commission on Human Rights; referencing The Way to Happiness.	Media	Part-Granted	16/02/2018
FOI-2018-018	09/01/2018	Closed	Correspondence between Minister Murphy and the Director General of the Construction Industry Federation during 2017 per lobbying return 20198	Media	Part-Granted	16/02/2018
FOI-2018-039	23/01/2018	Closed	A breakdown of all staff in the Department by name, job title and salary. If the Department is precluded from disclosing the identities of staff, a breakdown by gender, job title, and salary would suffice.	Media	Part-Granted	16/02/2018

FOI-2017-349	21/12/2017	Closed	Records, to include, but not confined to, internal memos, meeting minutes, briefing notes, external communications, etc, relating to the Central Statistics Office (CSO) decision to reclassify housing agencies as public, not private bodies, and to count their debts as within national debt. For purposes of clarity, the CSO decision is the same as referenced in this article: https://www.irishtimes.com/business/construction/housing-association-change-could-add-to-government-debt-1.3334498#.Wjuh5uYxjw.twitter	Media	Part-Granted	19/02/2018
FOI-2017-350	21/12/2017	Closed	Documents pertaining to decisions and discussions regarding Ashline site since 01/11/2012 and in particular the decision, notwithstanding the content of the current Traveller Accommodation Programme ("TAP") to cease designating this site as traveller specific; Minutes of the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee. All documents since 01/11/2012 pertaining to provision for new or alternative traveller specific accommodation. All documents reflecting the drawdown of Department of Housing funds allocated for traveller accommodation funds.	Consultant	Part-Granted	19/02/2018
FOI-2018-046	24/01/2018	Closed	Access to any minutes, memos and correspondence relating to the meeting between Minister Damien English and Airbnb in late 2017. Details of the meeting are set out in the following lobbying return: https://www.lobbying.ie/return/25425/airbnb-ireland-uc	Media	Refused	19/02/2018
FOI-2018-047	25/01/2018	Closed	Correspondence between the Public Policy officer Airbnb UK and Ireland and Eoghan Murphy between the dates of 01/09/2017 and 31/12/2017. Correspondence between Public Policy Officer Airbnb UK and Ireland and Jack O'Donnell, special advisor in the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government, between the dates of 01/09/2017 and 31/12/2017. Correspondence between Public Policy Officer Airbnb UK and Ireland and Minister of State Damien English between the dates of 01/09/2017 and 31/12/2017. Briefings created for Minister English on Airbnb between 01/09/017 and 31/12/2017. Minutes and or records of any meeting held between Minister English and the Public Policy Officer between the dates of 01/09/2017 and 31/12/2017.	Media	Refused	19/02/2018
FOI-2018-050	26/01/2018	Closed	Lobbying return - Airbnb	Media	Refused	19/02/2018
FOI-2016-247	25/07/2016	Closed	Documents and correspondence relating to supply and delivery of residential housing from 01/03/2016 to 22/07/2016.	Media	Refused	21/02/2018
FOI-2017-001	03/01/2017	Closed	All records relating to meetings between the Minister Simon Coveney and National Treasury Management Agency and National Asset Management Agency between 01/06/2016 to 31/12/2016 in relation to Housing Policy.	Media	Refused	21/02/2018
FOI-2017-111	27/04/2017	Closed	Correspondence, including but not limited to emails, letters, text messages, memos, briefing documents, reports, draft reports and speeches to and from the Minister's office about ESB housing connections, between the Minister's office and the Local Government Management Association about housing completions, to and from the Minister's office about sites owned by public bodies and local authorities proposed for house building use.	Media	Refused	21/02/2018
FOI-2017-112	27/04/2017	Closed	A record of the number of unused properties, and their location, owned by the State that cannot be sold and or utilised for residential use because they fail to comply with safety regulations. Correspondence to and from the Minister's office and National Assets Management Agency (Nama) concerning Nama owned properties that cannot be used for residential purposes because they fail to comply with safety regulations. Correspondence to and from the Minister's office and public bodies and local authorities about unused state owned properties that cannot be sold and or utilised for residential use because they fail to comply with safety regulations.	Media	Refused	21/02/2018
FOI-2017-177	10/07/2017	Closed	Correspondence to and from the Housing Minister Eoghan Murphy on the Government's housing strategy Rebuilding Ireland since the cabinet reshuffle in June 2014. All internal Department correspondence on the Government's housing strategy Rebuilding Ireland since the cabinet reshuffle in June 2014.	Media	Refused	21/02/2018
FOI-2018-043	25/01/2018	Closed	Draft reports, contributory research, and or correspondence with outside agencies related to the production of this document: http://www.housing.gov.ie/sites/default/files/publications/files/executive_summary_of_review_of_delivery_costs_and_viability_for_affordable_residential_developments_jan_2018.pdf	Media	Refused	21/02/2018

FOI-2018-052	29/01/2018	Closed	Details in regard to Service Level Agreements that have been proposed to homeless charities.	Media	Granted	21/02/2018
FOI-2018-011	02/01/2018	Closed	Copies of all correspondence between the current Minister for Housing, Eoghan Murphy and or his officials since his appointment: Glenveagh Properties Chairman Glenveagh Properties CEO WK Nowlan and/or DAD Property Fund Urbeo Residential O'Flynn Group Kevin Nowlan Ronan Froup Real Estate Irish Residential Property REIT plc CEO's	Media	Part-Granted	22/02/2018
FOI-2018-057	01/02/2018	Closed	Correspondence within the Department relating to online voter registration. Correspondence between Minister for State John Paul Phelan and officials within the Department regarding online voter registration. Briefing notes or memos prepared for Minister for State John Paul Phelan regarding online voter registration.	Media	Granted	22/02/2018
FOI-2018-030	18/01/2018	Closed	Records associated with this entry in the lobbying database: https://www.lobbying.ie/return/23812/permanent-tsb-plc	Media	Part-Granted	26/02/2018
FOI-2018-064	09/02/2018	Closed	Correspondence between Met Eireann and the British Met Office over the naming of storms since the start of 2018, including the naming of Storm Fionn. Also any internal reports and memos relating to the naming of Storm Fionn.	Media	Refused	27/02/2018
FOI-2018-062	02/02/2018	Closed	Copies of application documents made by Cork City Council to the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government for two projects approved under the Local Infrastructure Housing Activation Fund. The approved projects are: Old Whitechurch Road and South Docks.	Media	Part-Granted	28/02/2018
FOI-2018-071	21/02/2018	Closed	Records relating to who put forward the application to appoint an ex-employee of Bord na Mona to the board of An Bord Pleanala at the time that an application for planning was being put through by Bord na Mona through An Bord Pleanala for dumping hazardous waste in Drehid, Co Kildare.	Association	Granted	05/03/2018
FOI-2018-060	02/02/2018	Closed	Records regarding Section 31 of the Planning and Development Act 2000.	Business	Part-Granted	06/03/2018
FOI-2018-056	01/02/2018	Closed	Correspondence between Department and Minister's Office between 01/07/2014 and 01/05/2016 in relation to the National Planning Framework.	Media	Granted	06/03/2018
FOI-2018-032	18/01/2018	Closed	A copy of the email from Sherry FitzGerald to Minister of State English as outlined in the following lobbying return: https://www.lobbying.ie/return/24251/sherry-fitzgerald-group	Media	Granted	07/03/2018
FOI-2018-051	25/01/2018	Closed	Correspondence between the Minister for Housing, the Minister of State for Housing and the Minister of State for Local Government and local authority chief executives between the period 14/06/2017 and 25/01/2018.	Media	Part-Granted	08/03/2018
FOI-2018-066	09/02/2018	Closed	Records regarding decision made in relation to FOI-2017-127; all detail relating to legal advice sought or given to the Department regarding disclosures to the media on the investigation taking place at Cavan County Council, which is the subject of a protected disclosure to the Minister and complaints at Council level; all records between the Department by the Attorney General's office, National Oversight and Audit Commission, Information Commissioner, Dept of Taoiseach, Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaelteacht, Department of Public Expenditure and Reform, Cavan County Council and Fraud Investigative Authorities, including garda regarding the investigation taking place at Cavan County Council into the alleged misappropriation of funds.	Media	Part-Granted	08/03/2018
FOI-2018-068	15/02/2018	Closed	Records associated with this entry in the lobbying database: https://www.lobbying.ie/return/23098/hume-brophy	Media	Granted	09/03/2018

FOI-2018-063	08/02/2018	Closed	In relation to two Ministerial Directives issued by the former Minister for the Environment, Alan Kelly, in January 2015 and re-issued in August 2015, to the Dublin Local Authorities that social housing lists should have at least 50% of their vacant housing to homeless people. I am seeking the following: Copies of the two Directives. Copies of any internal department memoranda, briefing notes, discussion papers, reports etc. that relate to the said Directives. Copies of any external reports, audits, discussion papers, etc., that relate to the said Directives, that are in the possession of the Department. Copies of communications including, but not limited to, emails and letters to and from the Minister that refer to the said Directives. Copies of communications including, but not limited to, emails and letters to and from Senior Departmental Executives that refer to the said Directives.	Media	Part-Granted	12/03/2018
FOI-2018-036	22/01/2018	Closed	Correspondence between Irish Water and Maria Graham as outlined in lobbying return: 25002. Also all correspondence since 01/01/2017.	Media	Part-Granted	13/03/2018
FOI-2018-058	01/02/2018	Closed	All emails between the Water Policy section of the Department of Housing, Planning, Community & Local Government and Galway County Council in respect of an estate called Blackberry Way in Craughwell, Co Galway during the period 27/06/2017 to 31/12/2017. The emails concern the Waste Water Treatment Plant in Blackberry Way.	Individual	Refused	15/03/2018
FOI-2018-069	16/02/2018	Closed	List of the organisations or individuals who were informed of a consultation held in or about June/July 2016 in relation to the Housing (Standards for Rented Houses) Regulations. All documentation or other records prepared in advance of the consultation including but not limited to, consideration of the nature, structure and scope of the consultation, consideration of nature and scope of the amendments to the Regulations under contemplation and the information supplied to those being consulted. All responses received to the public consultation. All documentation or other records which consider the responses to the public consultation. All documentation or other records leading to the approval of the Regulations referred to above in January 2017.	Media	Part-Granted	15/03/2018
FOI-2017-029	24/01/2017	Closed	Information relating to IT Systems in the Department.	Business	Refused	16/03/2018
FOI-2017-064	01/03/2017	Closed	Emails sent from department email accounts to the personal email account of Minister Simon Coveney and emails received by the department from the personal email account of Minister Simon Coveney during the period 01/06/ 2016 to 01/03/ 2017.	Media	Refused	16/03/2018
FOI-2018-037	23/01/2018	Closed	Correspondence between the Department of Finance and the Department of Housing relating to the Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan scheme during the period 01/01/2017 to 22/01/2018.	Media	Granted	16/03/2018
FOI-2018-041	24/01/2018	Closed	Correspondence with the Department of Finance concerning the revised First Time Buyer scheme announced in January. Correspondence with the Central Bank concerning same and records created relating to Department of Finance or the Central Bank of Ireland reactions to feedback on the new FTB scheme. For avoidance of doubt, the scheme referred to is as follows: https://www.rte.ie/news/enviroment/2018/0122/934974-murphy-housing-loan/	Media	Granted	16/03/2018
FOI-2018-070	19/02/2018	Closed	The number of staff from the Department as well as ministerial advisors that attended the launch of Ireland 2040 on 16/02/2018 in Sligo IT. How many of these staff stayed in Sligo either the night before or the night of the launch and the cost associated with this accommodation. The costs and expenses associated with travelling to and from the Sligo launch.	Media	Refused	16/03/2018
FOI-2018-096	07/03/2018	Closed	The number of licences issued for seaweed harvesting between 01/01/2015 and 31/12/2017. Details regarding the areas that these licences cover and also the seaweed species targeted as part of those licences.	Individual	Refused	16/03/2018
FOI-2018-074	21/02/2018	Closed	Copy of the Report "Review of Delivery Costs and Viability for Affordable Residential Developments".	Oireachtas Member/ Councillor	Refused	20/03/2018
FOI-2018-048	25/01/2018	Closed	Records that Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government holds in relation to a meeting hosted by the UK Department for Communities and Local Government on 06/04/2017 and 07/04/2017. This was titled as the "5 Admins Meeting" involving officials from England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland and Ireland, to include: Initiating, pre-meeting email correspondence; Agendas; Minutes; Attendee information (if not otherwise detailed); Follow-up email correspondence; Any other records pertaining to the meeting not listed here.	Individual	Part-Granted	21/03/2018

FOI-2018-061	05/02/2018	Closed	Copies of all documentation (emails, memos, letters, reports etc) relating to recoupment claims submitted by Limerick City and County Council to the department arising from ex-Hurricane Ophelia in October 2017.	Media	Part-Granted	26/03/2018
FOI-2018-079	22/02/2018	Closed	Any detail provided by Coras Iompar Éireann regarding land held or owned by that company in the following cities: Cork, Dublin, Galway, Limerick and Waterford that may be suitable for the construction of houses or apartments since the current minister, Eoghan Murphy's appointment in June 2017. Also, any response from the Minister and or his officials to Coras Iompar Éireann regarding that information.	Media	Refused	26/03/2018
FOI-2018-080	22/02/2018	Closed	Any detail provided by Bus Éireann regarding land held or owned by that company in the following cities: Cork, Dublin, Galway, Limerick and Waterford that may be suitable for the construction of houses or apartments since the current minister, Eoghan Murphy's appointment in June 2017. Also, any response from the Minister and or his officials to Bus Éireann, regarding that information.	Media	Refused	26/03/2018
FOI-2018-081	22/02/2018	Closed	Any detail provided by Iarnród Éireann regarding land held or owned by that company in the following cities: Cork, Dublin, Galway, Limerick and Waterford that may be suitable for the construction of houses or apartments since the current minister, Eoghan Murphy's appointment in June 2017. Also, any response from the Minister and or his officials to Iarnród Éireann regarding that information.	Media	Refused	26/03/2018
FOI-2018-082	22/02/2018	Closed	Any detail provided by Dublin Bus regarding land held or owned by that company in Dublin that may be suitable for the construction of houses or apartments since the current minister, Eoghan Murphy's appointment in June 2017. Also, any response from the minister and or his officials to Dublin Bus regarding that information.	Media	Refused	26/03/2018
FOI-2018-086	27/02/2018	Closed	Correspondence between the Department of Housing and Bartra Capital Property Group and or any Real Estate Investment Trust regarding the recently announced enhanced leasing scheme.	Oireachtas Member/ Councillor	Part-Granted	27/03/2018
FOI-2018-085	27/02/2018	Closed	Copies of any records held by the Department relating to the contractual entitlement or calculation of pension benefits for the former managing director of Irish Water. Copies of any letters received from Irish Water relating to the pension arrangements. This request is to cover the period 01/07/2012 to 27/02/2018.	Media	Part-Granted	29/03/2018
FOI-2018-088	28/02/2018	Closed	Copies of submissions received by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government in relation to Project Ireland 2040. Copies of correspondence to the Minister, Secretary General and the Deputy Secretary General on Project Ireland 2040. Internal documentation within the Department relating to Project Ireland 2040. Please include policy papers, early drafts of policy papers, research on costings etc.	Media	Part-Granted	29/03/2018
FOI-2018-092	05/03/2018	Closed	Legal advice in relation to vacant site circulars.	Individual	Refused	29/03/2018
FOI-2018-094	05/03/2018	Closed	Records relating to the rolling €70 million fund operated by the Housing Agency to acquire private houses as referenced in this article: https://www.irishtimes.com/news/social-affairs/state-to-acquire-private-homes-for-social-housing-1.2756208 Correspondence between the Department and the Housing Agency in relation to the fund between 01/01/2016 and 28/02/2017. Correspondence between the minister or any of his officials and the Housing Agency in relation to the fund between 01/01/2016 and 28/02/2017. Minutes of meetings and communications relating to the fund between 01/01/2016 and 28/02/2017. Internal memos that relate to service level agreements within the Department of Housing relating to the fund between 01/01/2016 and 28/02/2017.	Media	Part-Granted	29/03/2018