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DES-FOI-2020-0436	Journalist	13/01/2021	Part-Granted	All correspondence between the Minister for Education Norma Foley, Secretary General of the Department of Education Sean O Foghlu, Chief Inspector Harold Hislop and Director of Operations Andrea Feeney and in relation to errors in the calculated grades system.
DES-FOI-2020-0459	Journalist	13/01/2021	Part-Granted	Copies of all correspondence, and records of correspondence, in the year to date with Polymetrika International Inc in relation to the implementation of the Leaving Cert calculated grades system or any other service provided by the firm.
DES-FOI-2020-0501	Journalist	07/01/2021	Part-Granted	Any correspondence/memos/briefings/minutes of minutes prepared for/with the Minister or Secretary general, relating to the reduction in the pupil teacher ratio in mainstream schools from June 2020 until November 3rd.
DES-FOI-2020-0514	Journalist	21/01/2021	Part-Granted	* Correspondence between the Department of Education and the Irish Episcopal Conference since April 2019 up to the date of processing this request in relation to measures to the Schools Reconfiguration for Diversity process ; * Correspondence and/or briefing material relating to the outcomes of the initial Identification phase of the Schools Reconfiguration for Diversity process involving the 16 Education and Training Boards (ETB), in which they identified an initial pilot area within their functional area where they considered there may be unmet oncoming demand for a multi-/non-denominational school and arranging for surveys of parents of pre-school children in these areas.
DES-FOI-2020-0515	Journalist	26/03/2021	Part-Granted	Briefing material prepared for the secretary general of the Department of Education for his appearance at the Dail's Public Accounts Committee on October 21st, 2020;
DES-FOI-2020-0551	Journalist	25/01/2021	Granted	Records relating to the costs spent on providing equipment such as computers, desks, chairs and other items in order to facilitate government employees from your Department who have been working from home since the Covid-19 pandemic began. T
DES-FOI-2020-0552	Business/Interest Group	27/01/2021	Refused	Records between the department an DLRCC regarding school building projects
DES-FOI-2020-0555	Staff	13/01/2021	Granted	The Policy Document used by HR (NEPS) to ascertain the starting salaries of Public Servants Transitioning to the Civil service between June 2017 to December 2020.

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DES-FOI-2020-0563	Other	07/01/2021	Refused	Files, correspondence(internal and external), emails, studies, surveys, reports, conveyances and attached conditions, and minutes of meetings and telephone conversations, relating to the acquisition by DoES of the 'old Scoil Phadraig' site at Altamont St., Westport, Co. Mayo
DES-FOI-2020-0567	Other	19/01/2021	Granted	A copy of the questionnaire sent out to employees in relation to the employment of people with disabilities (Part 5 of the Disability Act 2005). That is the questionnaire relied on to ascertain the % of employees who have a disability
DES-FOI-2020-0568	Journalist	21/01/2021	Refused	Material regarding a set of surveys that took place as part of the School Reconfiguration process in 2018 on the provision of multi- and non-denominational schools
DES-FOI-2021-0001	Journalist	29/01/2021	Refused	Any reports that have been completed for, or by, the department in relation to the extent of Covid-19 cases in schools, or any briefing notes prepared for the minister on the subject.
DES-FOI-2021-0002	Other	01/02/2021	Part-Granted	All records held by this department as they relate to the provision of contracts for public relations or crisis management or press work in 2020
DES-FOI-2021-0006	Journalist	05/03/2021	Refused	A copy of all internal and external communications to and from Minister Foley (and any of her advisors) in relation to the reopening/closure of schools following the Christmas break, during the period of Jan 4, 2021 to Jan 8, 2021
DES-FOI-2021-0007	Other	03/02/2021	Granted	Records which show or which can be compiled to answer which employees at UCC have received annual salaries in excess of the Taoiseach's from 2010 until present day.
DES-FOI-2021-0009	Journalist	08/03/2021	Refused	All communications/documents in all formats received or sent by the Minister Norma Foley, her advisers and Department of Education officials, from December 21, 2020 to January 11, 2021, on the issue of reopening schools
DES-FOI-2021-0010	Journalist	08/02/2021	Part-Granted	Correspondence from teachers, principals, parents and others involved in the education sector to the minister on this issue of reopening/closing schools (including for special needs classes and Leaving Cert students) due to Covid from January 1 to today's date.

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DES-FOI-2021-0011	Other	10/02/2021	Refused	Records re the members of the advisory committee Minister Foley refers to when she speaks of consulting all partners in Education re proceeding with Leaving Cert 21
DES-FOI-2021-0012	Journalist	09/03/2021	Refused	Copies of any briefings, memos, reports, submissions, or other such overview/discussion documents prepared for the Minister or the Secretary General with regard to the aborted plan to provide three days of tuition to Leaving Cert students
DES-FOI-2021-0013	Other	05/02/2021	Part-Granted	Any correspondence received by the Minister for Education Norma Foley from persons who identified themselves as parents of students, or students themselves, who attend special schools.
DES-FOI-2021-0018	Journalist	04/02/2021	Part-Granted	A copy of all audits completed by the internal audit division in 2020.
DES-FOI-2021-0019	Business/Interest Group	04/02/2021	Refused	Request for procurement records for the provision of Irish language services
DES-FOI-2021-0021	Other	26/03/2021	Granted	1. Number of engineering staff in your organisation who were paid or reimbursed either in part or full their annual membership fees for Engineers Ireland for the years 2018 and 2019. 2. A list of all and any other professional subscriptions or membership fees (broken down by name of institution, and staff grade and number of each separately) either paid or reimbursed, party or fully, during 2018 and 2019.
DES-FOI-2021-0024	Other	15/02/2021	Part-Granted	All correspondence and all minutes of meetings between the Department of Education or Minister for Education and the unions INTO, FORSA, TUI and ASTI between 1/1/2021 and 20/1/2021
DES-FOI-2021-0025	Journalist	19/02/2021	Granted	Records relating to the virtual meeting with Apple as outlined in the following lobbying return: https://www.lobbying.ie/return/67375/apple-distribution-international-ltd
DES-FOI-2021-0027	Journalist	19/02/2021	Granted	1. The total number of pupils who attended private/fee-paying schools in each of the years 2015 to 2020 inclusive, with a breakdown by school for the 2019/2020 academic year. 2. The amount of money the Department of Education spent on salaries for teachers employed in private/fee-paying schools in each of the years 2015 to 2020 inclusive, with a breakdown by school for the 2019/2020 academic year.

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DES-FOI-2021-0030	Journalist	09/03/2021	Part-Granted	1) The number of schools identified/qualified as DEIS schools in 2020 and the number of schools included to benefit from additional resources 2) correspondence between the ITNO and the Minister for Education (or her officials) re Deis schools between September 2020 and November 2020
DES-FOI-2021-0031	Journalist	25/02/2021	Granted	All correspondence during 2020 and to date in 2021 between Minister Foley and Michael Gillespie of the Teachers' Union of Ireland
DES-FOI-2021-0032	Journalist	25/02/2021	Refused	Access to correspondence or minutes / briefings / emails relating to virtual meetings during 2020 between Sam Sharps of Apple Distribution International Ltd and department officials
DES-FOI-2021-0035	Oireachtas/Public Representatives	26/03/2021	Part-Granted	Copies of all correspondence between the Department of Education (Building Unit) and the Louth Meath Education & Training Board covering the years 2018, 2019 and 2020 with referenced to the planned development of a new headquarters building for the LMETB at St. Olivers Community College, Drogheda
DES-FOI-2021-0036	Journalist	19/02/2021	Refused	Copies of any correspondence received by the department with regard to comments made by Minister Josepha Madigan linking closure of special education schools to Mother & Baby Homes. Copies of any correspondence received by the department with regard to a comment made by Minister Josepha Madigan about "normal" children when referring to special educational needs
DES-FOI-2021-0037	Other	25/02/2021	Refused	Records regarding a proposed school site in Buncrana Co. Donegal
DES-FOI-2021-0040	Other	31/03/2021	Part-Granted	All correspondence other than plans from LMETB in relation to the new Head Quarters in Drogheda and for all information from the Department to LMETB.
DES-FOI-2021-0041	Other	02/03/2021	Part-Granted	Correspondence between Dept of Education officials and The Minister for Education Norma Foley regarding The Communications Clinic
DES-FOI-2021-0043	Business/Interest Group	03/03/2021	Part-Granted	Records re a decision to change the location for a planned secondary school in East Meath from a site at Mill Road, Colp to St Olivers in Drogheda.

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DES-FOI-2021-0044	Journalist	30/03/2021	Refused	Records emails, correspondence, documents and/or reports concerning the proposed merger of two schools in West Cavan- St Bricins in Belturbet and St Mogues in Bawnboy.
DES-FOI-2021-0046	Oireachtas/Public Representatives	31/03/2021	Part-Granted	Copies of all hard copy and email correspondence between officials of the Department of Education; the LMETB and the Educate Together patron body dated from 1st January 2020 to the 2nd February 2021 in respect of the property needs of the Drogheda Educate Together Secondary, Mill Road, Drogheda, Co. Meath and the decision to relocate the said school to the campus of St. Olivers Community College in Drogheda
DES-FOI-2021-0048	Journalist	04/03/2021	Granted	A copy of all documents,submissions, memos, minutes, briefing documents, and any subsequent correspondence and/or internal departmental communications,related to the following lobbying return: https://www.lobbying.ie/return/67375/apple-distribution-international-ltd
DES-FOI-2021-0050	Journalist	05/03/2021	Part-Granted	Minutes of the the Child Protection Oversight Group meetings that took place in 2020.
DES-FOI-2021-0051	Journalist	22/02/2021	Granted	1) All correspondence, briefing documents, draft briefing documents, memos, meeting notes and other records associated with the following lobbying activities and meetings: https://www.lobbying.ie/return/68293/teachers-union-of-ireland
DES-FOI-2021-0052	Journalist	09/03/2021	Granted	Request for records related to the engagement of PR Firms by the department in relation to Leaving Cert 2020
DES-FOI-2021-0057	Oireachtas/Public Representatives	15/03/2021	Refused	All documents/correspondencewhether drafts, notes, letters, emails, or minutes, relating to the permanent site for Gaelscoil Laighean (due to be found in Blackrock/Boosterstown).
DES-FOI-2021-0060	Journalist	24/03/2021	Granted	A yearly academic year breakdown of the number of sick days taken by teachers in each school, both primary and secondary, in Galway from 2016-2020
DES-FOI-2021-0065	Other	16/03/2021	Refused	All letters and emails (plus attachments) between Dept of Education / Dept of Health / NPHET regarding re-opening of schools from dates January 1st 2021 - February 17th 2021
DES-FOI-2021-0071	Business/Interest Group	25/03/2021	Part-Granted	Correspondence from 1st November 2017 to 24th February 2021 relating to St Bricans College, Belturbet, Co Cavan,(role number 70350W).

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DES-FOI-2021-0073	Journalist	22/03/2021	Part-Granted	Communications between the Minister and the Ombudsman with regards to plans to be drafted in the case of increasing pandemic restrictions.Minutes of any meeting that may have occurred between the Minister and the Ombudsman with regards to plans to be drafted for the Leaving Certificate 2021 in the case of increasing pandemic restrictions
DES-FOI-2021-0075	Journalist	25/03/2021	Granted	Correspondence to and from, as well as minutes of meetings with, Educate Together, September 1 2020 to December 31, 2020, as outlined in the following lobbying return: https://www.lobbying.ie/return/66311/educate-together A full decision is due no later than March 26, 2021
DES-FOI-2021-0076	Journalist	04/03/2021	Part-Granted	Correspondence to and from, as well as minutes of meetings with, the Irish Primary Principals Network, September 1 2020 to December 31, 2020, as outlined in the following lobbying returns:(i) https://www.lobbying.ie/return/66414/ippn---the-irish-primary-principals-network (ii) https://www.lobbying.ie/return/61081/ippn---the-irish-primary-principals-network
DES-FOI-2021-0077	Journalist	24/03/2021	Refused	Correspondence from, or minutes of meetings with, the National Parents Council, from 1 Jan, 2018 to 30 Apr, 2018, as outlined in the following lobbying return: https://www.lobbying.ie/return/16252/national-parents-council-primary
DES-FOI-2021-0078	Business/Interest Group	18/03/2021	Refused	Records regarding the site chosen for a school in Donegal
DES-FOI-2021-0079	Business/Interest Group	18/03/2021	Refused	Documentation or related information concerning the consideration given by the Dept or its agents in the assessment of the suitability of the lands at Magherature, Buncrana
DES-FOI-2021-0080	Business/Interest Group	18/03/2021	Refused	Documentation or related information concerning the consideration given by the Dept or its agents in the assessment of the suitability of the lands at Ballymacarry, Buncrana
DES-FOI-2021-0082	Journalist	31/03/2021	Part-Granted	Copies of all correspondence, emails, text messages received from staff of the Communications Clinic to the Minister or staff of the Department in the period 24 September 2020 to 3 October 2020

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DES-FOI-2021-0083	Journalist	26/03/2021	Granted	Records of meetings held between Apple, Vodafone, CompuB and the Department of Education where Apple submitted a proposal to the Department of Education, offering discounted iPads/tablets to schools in collaboration with Vodafone and CompuB
DES-FOI-2021-0084	Business/Interest Group	30/03/2021	Part-Granted	Records concerning the School Transport Scheme Review
DES-FOI-2021-0085	Other	11/03/2021	Granted	Records of the number of individuals who were employed as teachers in a substitute capacity but not registered as teachers in primary schools for 2020
DES-FOI-2021-0093	Business/Interest Group	10/03/2021	Part-Granted	Communications regarding emergency remedial works/building works of Feevagh NS roll no.18005
DES-FOI-2021-0101	Other	31/03/2021	Part-Granted	<p>1. Previous Admission Policies for Dominican College Muckross Park since the establishment of St Mary's National Primary School in Donnybrook, Dublin 4.</p> <p>2. The annual number of non fee paying secondary school places offered (and accepted) to girls in various primary schools over the past 5 years</p>