

## Freedom of Information Disclosure Log - January - March 2021



An Roinn Turasóireachta, Cultúir,  
Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán  
Department of Tourism, Culture,  
Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media

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TCAGSM-FOI-2021-0003	04/01/2021	Journalist	01/02/2021	Part-Granted	Copies of all correspondence from sport National Governing Bodies to/from Ministers Catherine Martin and Jack Chamberson the subject of Covid-19 restrictions on sport between the dates December 1,2020 to January 4 2021. The records should include any documents and attachments that accompany letters/emails.
TCAGSM-FOI-2021-0005	04/01/2021	Other	01/02/2021	Deemed Refused	All records held by this department as they relate to the provision of contracts for 'public relations' or 'crisis management' or 'consultancy work regarding public relations' in 2020. These records should include the nature and scope of contract provided, the values of the contracts, named parties to the contract and the tender references and documentation associated with the aforementioned contracts. These records should also include all correspondence between dept officials and the applicants for the contracts to include emails, text messages and WhatsApp messages.
TCAGSM-FOI-2021-0006	05/01/2021	Journalist	02/02/2021	Granted	All correspondence during 2020 between The Council of National Cultural Institutions and the office of the Minister in relation to Covid-19.
TCAGSM-FOI-2021-0008	06/01/2021	Journalist	05/02/2021	Granted	Any correspondence, reports or other records your department may hold pertaining to the issue of injuries and safety in the sport of rugby. I am seeking records from 2017 to the present. [refinement] I am seeking correspondence, reports and meeting minutes your department may hold pertaining to the issue of impact-related injuries and safety in the sport of rugby. I am seeking records from 2017 to the present.
TCAGSM-FOI-2021-0007	06/01/2021	Journalist	03/02/2021	Part-Granted	Copies of all correspondence to/from Media Minister Catherine Martin to/from the following individuals: RTÉ director general Dee Forbes RTÉ board chairperson Moya Doherty Virgin Media Television managing director Paul Farrell Virgin Media Television chairman Tony Hanway TG4 director general Alan Esslemont TG4 board cathaoirleach Siún Ní Raghallaigh The records can be limited to items of correspondence between June 27, 2020 and January 5, 2021. The records should include copies of any documents attached or enclosed with the correspondence.
TCAGSM-FOI-2021-0011	08/01/2021	Business/Interest Group	05/02/2021	Deemed Refused	Decisions in respect of The Irish Coursing Club having regard to Statutory Instruments Numbered 560, 695 and 701 of 2020 :- A. A copy of all documents held by the Department or ascertainable / procurable by the Department in accordance with law, in respect of the inclusion of the Irish Coursing Club, and its sport of coursing, as being a sport permitted to operate pursuant to the Health Act 1947 (as amended) according to Statutory Instrument No. 560/2020, including communications with other Departments/Ministers/Ministers of State (including the Department of An Taoiseach/An Taoiseach) in respect of the foregoing- B. A copy of all documents held by the Department or ascertainable / procurable by the Department in accordance with law, in respect of the delisting of the Irish Coursing Club, and its sport of coursing, as being a sport permitted to operate pursuant to the Health Act 1947 (as amended) according to Statutory Instrument No. 695/2020, including communications with other Departments/Ministers/Ministers of State (including the Department of An Taoiseach/An Taoiseach) in respect of the foregoing- C. A copy of all documents held by the Department or ascertainable / procurable by the Department in accordance with law, in respect of the continued delisting of the Irish Coursing Club, and its sport of coursing, as being a sport permitted to operate pursuant to the Health Act 1947 (as amended) according to Statutory Instrument No. 701/2020, including communications with other Departments/Ministers/Ministers of State (including the Department of An Taoiseach/An Taoiseach) in respect of the foregoing-

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TCAGSM-FOI-2021-0009	08/01/2021	Journalist	05/02/2021	Part-Granted	All correspondence between Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media, Catherine Martin and/or her officials in the Department (formerly Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht) and Galway 2020 and/or its board, pertaining to Galway 2020 European Capital of Culture, from August 1 2020 to January 1, 2021; and all internal documentation, memos and records held by the department on Galway 2020 European Capital of Culture during that period.
TCAGSM-FOI-2021-0013	13/01/2021	Business/Interest Group	03/03/2021	Part-Granted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A copy of all scoring sheets used in determining all applications, and copies of all associated criteria and records of all discussions with regards to criteria and scoring by First Music Contact (FMC), associated administrators and the assembled panel of experts, before, during and after the fund allocation process. Include emails and any written records.</li> <li>• A copy of all recorded minutes for the selection process and all prior discussion with regards to the selection process.</li> <li>• All First Music Contact (FMC) documentation regarding the selection of the expert panel including eligibility and selection criteria. A copy of all correspondence with regards to members of the expert panel between First Music Contact and The Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media.</li> <li>• Correspondence about the reasons for the judges selection/qualification to the expert panel and any correspondence dealing with someone's disqualification from the expert panel</li> <li>• A copy of all correspondence with Yangaroo including all emails and text messages relevant to the awards.</li> <li>• Details and records relating to disclosures of interest by members of the expert panel with regards to all applicants. All discussions and details of same regarding conflict of interest. All discussions regarding means testing before, during and after the announcement of the awards.</li> <li>• Financial Statements from the MISP Grant &amp; First Music Contact Accounts containing; records of total funds before grantee announcements, during selection process, and after allocation and distribution of the total of €1,700,000 in funding for the MISP Grants.</li> </ul>
TCAGSM-FOI-2021-0014	13/01/2021	Other	10/02/2021	Granted	A copy of the Performance Delivery Agreement (PDA) was drawn up and signed between the Department and FMC in relation to the delivery of the Music Industry Stimulus Package.
TCAGSM-FOI-2021-0015	13/01/2021	Journalist	10/02/2021	Part-Granted	<p>Copies of the minutes of a Zoom meeting between Minister Catherine Martin, Junior Minister Jack Chambers, Secretary General Katherine Licken and the Olympic Federation of Ireland that occurred between September 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020. See reference to meeting here: <a href="https://www.lobbying.ie/return/65723/olympic-federation-of-ireland">https://www.lobbying.ie/return/65723/olympic-federation-of-ireland</a></p> <p>Copies of all correspondence between the ministers, the secretary general and the Olympic Federation of Ireland since the meeting took place. The records should include any documents and attachments that accompany letters/emails.</p>
TCAGSM-FOI-2021-0016	15/01/2021	Journalist	05/03/2021	Part-Granted	<p>All correspondence - including, but not limited to emails, call memos, text, letters and WhatsApp messages – between Minister of State Jack Chambers and the following deputies since the minister was named the Minister of State for Sport and the Gaeltacht in Summer 2020:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Independent TD Michael Healy-Rae</li> <li>- Independent TD Danny Healy-Rae</li> <li>- Fine Gael TD Brendan Griffin</li> <li>- Fianna Fáil TD and Minister for Education Norma Foley</li> <li>- Sinn Féin TD Pa Daly</li> </ul>
TCAGSM-FOI-2021-0017	15/01/2021	Journalist	12/02/2021	Part-Granted	A copy of all audits completed by the internal audit division in 2020.
TCAGSM-FOI-2021-0019	19/01/2021	Journalist	08/03/2021	Part-Granted	any correspondence or communications sent by/on behalf of TG4 to the Minister or the department's secretary general as mentioned on the Lobbying Register here [ <a href="https://www.lobbying.ie/return/67051/tg4">https://www.lobbying.ie/return/67051/tg4</a> ]. I am also seeking any reports or documents sent to the minister or sec gen as part of submissions on the same.

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TCAGSM-FOI-2021-0018	19/01/2021	Journalist	16/02/2021	Granted	A letter sent by/on behalf of Independent News and Media to the Minister to raise awareness of the need for a print media representative on the Future of Media Commission (mentioned on the Lobbying Register here) [https://www.lobbying.ie/return/66936/independent-news--media-group-limited]
TCAGSM-FOI-2021-0020	21/01/2021	Journalist	18/02/2021	Deemed Refused	A list/database/or spreadsheet of all purchase orders of over €20,000 for the period 2018, 2019 and 2020. Ideally, the data should include the following: -Date: As an actual PO date (e.g., 2020-12-04) also referencing the relevant year and quarter. -Name of Supplier(s) -Description of goods and/or services provided -PO Amount
TCAGSM-FOI-2021-0021	21/01/2021	Journalist	18/02/2021	Granted	A list/database/or spreadsheet of all purchase orders of over €20,000 for the period 2018, 2019 and for the first three quarters of 2020. If full year data is available for 2020, please provide that as well. Ideally, the data should include the following: -Date: As an actual PO date (e.g., 2020-12-04) also referencing the relevant year and quarter. -Name of Supplier(s) -Description of goods and/or services provided -PO Amount
TCAGSM-FOI-2021-0024	26/01/2021	Journalist	23/02/2021	Part-Granted	Copies of any briefings / minutes / correspondence (internal or external) relating to the meeting between Debby Byrne of An Post and Assistant Secretary Patricia Murphy during 2020 regarding the television licence.
TCAGSM-FOI-2021-0025	26/01/2021	Journalist	23/02/2021	Part-Granted	Copies of all correspondence between the IRFU and Ken Spratt during 2020 in relation to Covid-19. Copies of all correspondence between the FAI and Ken Spratt during 2020 in relation to Covid-19.
TCAGSM-FOI-2021-0022	26/01/2021	Journalist	23/02/2021	Part-Granted	Any correspondence with Dublin City Council since the start of 2019 in relation to the proposed white water rafting facility on George's Dock, including any discussions around funding.
TCAGSM-FOI-2021-0026	27/01/2021	Business/Interest Group	24/02/2021	Granted	The minutes of a meeting that took place on September 2nd 2020. The meeting took place with Minister Catherine Martin, Mary Nash and representatives of the Event Industry.
TCAGSM-FOI-2021-0028	03/02/2021	Journalist	12/04/2021	Part-Granted	All substantive correspondence i.e. any discussions regarding departmental policy, or the state of the sector (emails, research, briefing papers, memos, speaking notes, etc) from the public or representative groups which outline the financial difficulties they are facing and their proposals on how this could be ameliorated sent or received by either Minister, on the subject of (a) the financial prospects for the Irish sports sector for the coming year (b) the impact of financial supports offered during the Covid-19 pandemic so far and (c) possible future financial supports.
TCAGSM-FOI-2021-0029	03/02/2021	Journalist	10/03/2021	Granted	All substantive correspondence (emails, research, briefing papers, memos, speaking notes, etc) sent or received by the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media, Catherine Martin on the subject of (a) the financial prospects for the Irish tourism industry for the coming year (b) the impact of financial supports extended to the sector so far during the Covid-19 pandemic and (c) possible future financial supports. The time period in question is December 1, 2020 to February 1, 2021. I'm happy to exclude members of the public from my query and restrict it to representative organisations (e.g. Irish Hotels Federation) and individual businesses or tourist sites (e.g. Gleneagle Hotel/Cliffs of Moher). In terms of content, I'm interested in such groups' forecast for the tourist season ahead and their proposals for the financial supports that they will need.
TCAGSM-FOI-2021-0027	03/02/2021	Journalist	03/03/2021	Deemed Refused	Any and all representations made to the Department or Minister on behalf of or by any person concerning the proposed merger of two schools in West Cavan- St Bricins in Belturbet and St Moguees in Bawnboy. Details of any meeting, minutes, memos, or records of phonecalls taken by or engaged in with by officials including the Minister with any person concerning the proposed merger of two schools in West Cavan- St Bricins in Belturbet and St Moguees in Bawnboy.

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TCAGSM-FOI-2021-0030	04/02/2021	Other	04/03/2021	Deemed Refused	Copies of records consisting of academic peer reviewed scientific/medical papers dealing with the subject matters of (1) gender dysphoria and, (2), autogynephilia obtained by the Minister and the department and which the department holds in electronic or paper form and which documents the Minister, her advisers and officials considered and took into account when developing the ministers and department's position and policy in relation to gender dysphoria and gender identity and in relation to the participation of biological males who self id as women in womens sporting events.
TCAGSM-FOI-2021-0031	10/02/2021	Other	10/03/2021	Deemed Refused	I require the following information regarding the admission figures for Bunratty folk park co. Clare Under the following headings U.S.A Tourists U.K. Tourists, Irish tourists, family memberships, children. For years 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019
TCAGSM-FOI-2021-0033	12/02/2021	Business/Interest Group	12/03/2021	Part-Granted	Copies of all records held referring or relating to all communications between ABO WIND IRELAND LTD and the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media in relation to a proposed Windfarm on Kilranelagh Hill. I am seeking all such records for the period 1 Jan 2019 to date of receipt of the request.
TCAGSM-FOI-2021-0034	15/02/2021	Journalist	15/03/2021	Deemed Refused	Any correspondence between the Department of Tourism, Minister Catherine Martin or Minister of State Jack Chambers and the Football Association of Ireland and Sport Ireland relating to the bookmaker Paddy Power or any gambling entity since September 2020. Can you please consider official information held on non-official systems including WhatsApp messages etc.
TCAGSM-FOI-2021-0035	15/02/2021	Other	15/03/2021	Part-Granted	With regard to the MISP Grants I would like to request the following under the Freedom of Information Act 2014: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· A list of all of the companies and service providers that were selected and that are providing or have provided professional services to successful MISP Grantees, including but not limited to; PR companies, Recording Studios, Producers, Studio Engineers, Studio/Session Musicians, Digital Media Distribution Companies and Providers, Videographers, Photographers, Mixing Engineers, Mastering Engineers. Include how much each company/provider was or is being paid for their services to MISP Grantees</li> <li>· All correspondence regarding the administration error in publicly announcing Picture This as successful grantees. And all correspondence regarding the removal of Picture This as successful grantees</li> <li>· Any correspondence between First Music Contact and Picture This manager Brian Whitehead about Picture This receiving a MISP Grant in error</li> <li>· Any correspondence between First Music Contact and Keneth Killeen (Improvised Music Company) in relation to the MISP grants</li> <li>· Any correspondence between First Music Contact and Joe Clarke (CWB Mangement, Reckless Records, FMC Board Member) about the MISP grant selection process and successful grantees</li> <li>· Any correspondence between First Music Contact and Dr. Aoibheann Gibbons (Expert panel Chair) about the MISP grant process and successful grantees</li> <li>· Any correspondence between First Music Contact and Brian Cunningham (Brian Cunningham Management and Country Shows) in relation to the MISP grants</li> </ul>
TCAGSM-FOI-2021-0036	24/02/2021	Journalist	25/03/2021	Granted	All correspondence between or involving both the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media and the Gaelic Athletic Association from December 1, 2020 until February 23, 2021.
TCAGSM-FOI-2021-0038	01/03/2021	Journalist	30/03/2021	Granted	Copies of any records referring or relating to the possibility of creating a public holiday on St Brigid's Day. This request to cover the period 1 Jan 2021 to date of its receipt.
TCAGSM-FOI-2021-0040	03/03/2021	Other	01/04/2021	Part-Granted	1. Records relating to the €1 million earmarked and ring-fenced for legacy initiatives associated with Galway's European Capital of Culture 2. Records relating to the decision to subsume this money into operational and programming costs for Galway2020 The request is for records to include - but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- internal and external correspondence</li> <li>- Minutes of meetings</li> <li>- Notes or memos in relation to discussion or telephone calls</li> </ul>

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TCAGSM-FOI-2021-0042	16/03/2021	Journalist	16/04/2021	Part-Granted	Copies of emails/letters from the CEO or chairwoman of Communicorp to the department or Minister from over the past 12 months.
TCAGSM-FOI-2021-0044	18/03/2021	Other	19/04/2021	Part-Granted	1. Criteria and process for selection of Taskforce members from outside of the public sector. 2. Results of survey of international models of best practice referred to at Article 2 of Terms of Reference. 3. Results of venue mapping exercise referred to at Article 4 of Terms of Reference. 4. List of key challenges referred to at Article 8 of Terms of Reference. 5. Minutes of the Meeting of the Night-time Economy Taskforce on 15 March 2021. 6. Working documents and papers referred to in the minutes of the Meetings of the Night-time Economy Taskforce on 29 September 2020, 16 November 2020, 16 December 2020, 18 January 2021, 15 February 2021 and 15 March 2021 to include the following: a. list of stakeholders selected for consultation by Taskforce and criteria for their selection; b. copy of list of key questions put to selected stakeholders for their response (referred to at Meeting 1 on 29 September 2020); c. list of stakeholders selected to present to Taskforce and criteria for their selection (referred to at Meeting 1 on 29 September 2020); d. copies of presentations (made to Meeting 1 on 29 September 2020) by three (3) Taskforce members on their experiences and visions for Night-time Economy; e. sub-group organising document (referred to at Meeting 1 on 29 September 2020) outlining proposed areas of responsibility and sub-group structure, with suggested timeframes and targets; f. copies of presentations given by stakeholders selected per 6.c above; g. descriptive list of focus groups selected by Taskforce (referred to at Meeting 2 on 16 November 2020) and criteria for their selection; h. copies of feedback given by focus groups per 6.g above; i. descriptive list of pilot projects/schemes (referred to at Meeting 2 on 16 November 2020) and copy of findings; j. interim and final reports of all subgroups; k. list of organisations which made 57 submissions received in consultation process (referred to at Meeting 3 on 14 December 2020); l. list of organisations (11 + 3) selected to meet and speak to Taskforce and criteria for their selection; m. presentation (to Meeting 4 on 18 January 2021) by Colin Ryan of Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage on use of spatial data as policy tool; and n. copies of all interim and final reports of Taskforce.
TCAGSM-FOI-2021-0032	22/03/2021	Journalist	21/04/2021	Deemed Refused	All substantive correspondence (emails, research, briefingpapers, memos, speaking notes, etc) sent or received by the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media, Catherine Martin on the subject of (a) the financial prospects for the Irish arts/music industry for the coming year (b) the impact of financial supports extended to the sector during the Covid-19 pandemic so far and (c) possible future financial supports. The time period in question is December 1, 2020 to February 1, 2021.
TCAGSM-FOI-2021-0046	26/03/2021	Other	25/06/2021	Part-Granted	Faoin tAcht um Saoráil Fáisnéise 2014 ba mhaith liom cóip den staidéar féideartha maidir le Ionad Óige i nGaoth Dobhair a lorg
TCAGSM-FOI-2021-0048	31/03/2021	Journalist	29/04/2021	Part-Granted	Copies of all records held referring or relating to calls for Mr Alan Rusbridger to step down from the Future of Media Commission.- copies of all records held referring or relating to the resignation of Mr Alan Rusbridger from the Future of Media Commission.

\* FOI requests may be refused on the basis that no records relating to the request exists