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Date of Request	Category of Requester	Request	Decision Made	Date of Reply
06-01-2020 14858	Journalist	1. The total amount of money spent by the Department on flights and the total number of flights taken by the Department in 2017, 2018 and 2019 broken down by year. 2. A breakdown of all flights made by the Department's Ministers during 2017, 2018 and 2019 and the destinations that were travelled to.	Granted	03/02/2020
07-01-2020 14871	Journalist	All correspondence to/from Minister Regina Doherty with the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform/Minister for Finance related to the Public Services Card and MyGovID since 1 August 2019.	Refused	04/02/2020
08-01-2020 14873	Journalist	All correspondence involving Department employees Joan McMahon and Elaine Quinn regarding the role of Data Protection Officer within the Department, dated from 1 December 2019 to the current date.	Refused	05/02/2020
08-01-2020 14874	Journalist	All correspondence/minutes of meetings involving Department officials of level Assistant Principal and higher regarding an enforcement notice delivered by the Data Protection Commissioner to the Department in December 2019, dated between 1 December 2019 and the current date. Any briefing materials prepared for the Minister on the same subject over the same timeframe.	Refused	06/03/2020
08-01-2020 14876	Journalist	All correspondence between Deputy Michael Lowry and Ministers in the Department between the period 1 January 2019 and the present day.	Part Granted	03/02/2020
09-01-2020 14883	Member of the Public	A list of all submissions made to the Minister or Ministers of State using the e-submissions system (or whatever relevant similar system is in place at your Department) in the period 8 October 2019 to the date of receipt of this request 8 January 2020.	Granted	06/02/2020
13-01-2020 14904	Journalist	Any departmental correspondence/briefings/memos/audits from 2019 relating to raising the State pension age to 68.	Granted	07/02/2020
13-01-2020 14905	Member of the Public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A list of all Twitter accounts/users blocked by the Department's Twitter account @welfare_ie • A list of all Twitter accounts/users muted by the Department's Twitter account @welfare_ie 	Refused	23/01/2020

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16-01-2020 14930	Journalist	Release of details regarding expenses incurred by the Minister during their visit abroad for St Patrick's Day last year, specifically: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The cost of travel and accommodation for the Minister • The cost of travel and accommodation for any advisers or other staff of the Minister • The cost of any gifts (including shamrock) incurred by the Department for the trip • Any other costs associated for the trip. 	Granted	13/02/2020
21-01-2020 14953	Journalist	1) A breakdown of the spending on each credit card held within the Department – This should contain details on each credit transaction: how much was spent, where it was spent, what it was spent on, when it was spent and who spent it. 2) I would like detail on the spending from 2016 to 2019.	Granted	17/02/2020
24-01-2020 14992	Journalist	1) The names of doctors whose payment for sick certs was withheld due to alleged breaches in the past five years. 2) The reasons for the withholding of payment. 3) The amount involved in each case. 4) Sanctions if any imposed.	Refused	20/02/2020
27-01-2020 15029	Journalist	A list of medical practices and/or practitioners and the cumulative payments made to each of them for the provision of medical certificates for social welfare applications in 2019. A list of the top 100 earners (identifying the practice/practitioner) and the cumulative amount paid to them in each year would suffice.	Granted	20/02/2020
03-02-2020 15059	Member of business/interest group	Copies of any records held referring or relating to the placement of an advert about the minimum wage in the Sunday Business Post on 19 January. This request to cover the period from 1 January 2020 to date of receipt of the request.	Part Granted	26/02/2020
06-02-2020 15136	Journalist	1. The inspection reports for the JobPath centres, issued from 1 Jan 2019 - 18 April 2019. 2. The inspection reports issued from 1 October 2019 - present date.	Refused	03/04/2020

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06-02-2020 15145	Journalist	<p>With regard to the company Seetec and the operation of the JobPath programme, I request:</p> <p>1) The contractor meeting minutes (29 January 2016) stated: "Seetec to confirm that all JobPath data is held in Ireland." I seek a copy of this confirmation and all related correspondence.</p> <p>2) The contractor meeting minutes (26 February 2016) stated that: "it was noted that there is concern on behalf of DSP (the Contracting Authority) in relation to the number of Outlets now open. DSP will write formally to the Seetec on the matter." I seek a copy of this formal letter and any response(s) to this letter.</p> <p>3) At the contractor meetings for February 2016 and the 11 March 2016 meeting, Seetec was asked to confirm when "Garda vetting for all staff" was completed. I seek a copy of the record of this confirmation or, alternatively, confirmation that Garda vetting had not been completed, and any response(s) to this confirmation.</p> <p>4) The contractor meeting minutes (11 March 2016) stated: "Seetec to revert formally to DSP with a proposal to address the issues raised re Schedule G clause 2.1 (unencrypted data outside Ireland)." I seek a copy of this proposal and any response(s) to this proposal.</p> <p>5) Seetec issued a change of contract notice in relation to the requirement for its staff to be Garda vetted, on 13 May 2016. I seek a copy of this CCN and any response(s) to this notice.</p> <p>6) I seek copies of any other formal letters sent to Seetec by the Contracting Authority that related to alleged failures to adhere to the terms of the contract (i.e other than those formal letters specified in this FOI request.)</p> <p>7) The contractor meeting minutes for (17 November 2017) referred to: A document examining PA ratios was distributed and discussed. Seetec recently submitted a CCN requesting a change to the methodology used to calculate ratio. DSP to review the CCN and revert. I seek a copy of this document and any related correspondence pertaining to this document.</p> <p>8) The contractor meeting minutes (08 June 2018) refers to a "performance improvement plan." I seek a copy of this plan.</p> <p>9) The contractor minutes for (07 September 2018) stated: In their written response to the reports, Seetec had merely stated a different figure as being more accurate but did not explain why there was a difference. DSP requested that Seetec provide a more comprehensive response to such issues,</p>	Part Granted	03/04/2020

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06-02-2020 15148	Journalist	<p>I seek the following in relation to the company Turas Nua and the operation of the JobPath programme:</p> <p>1) The contractor minutes (12 October 2017) referred to a document detailing PA ratios. I seek a copy of that document and any response(s) to this document.</p> <p>2) The monthly contractor meeting minutes (15 November 2017) referred to Turas Nua submitting information relating to its part-time offices and their opening hours. I seek the written records pertaining to this information, including the "clarification" by Turas Nua on this matter, which the minutes say it would supply by November 17th, 2017.</p> <p>3) The contractor meetings with Turas Nua (13 December 2017) stated that 'the Contracting Authority' will formally write to Turas Nua on the matter of its part-time offices not being opened for the required 20 hours. I seek a copy of this letter and any related correspondence.</p> <p>4) I seek copies of any other formal letters sent by the Department to Turas Nua which relate to alleged contractual breaches/failure to adhere to the terms of the contract with the Department, and any related correspondence to those formal letters.</p> <p>5) I seek a copy of CCN 40 submitted by Turas Nua (PA Ratio) and correspondence pertaining to CCN 40.</p> <p>6) The minutes of contractor meeting (25 January 2018) with Turas Nua refers to a "performance improvement plan." I seek a copy of that plan.</p> <p>7) I am seeking copies of any other performance improvement plans submitted by Turas Nua.</p>	Part Granted	03/04/2020
10-02-2020 15162	Journalist	Any inspection reports into the Jobpath centres that related to inspections carried out before 18 April 2018, but issued after this date (ie not captured by FOI 2019-12915, which I have received).	Part Granted	03/04/2020
11-02-2020 15180	Journalist	All correspondence/minutes of meetings involving Department officials of level Assistant Principal and higher regarding an updated version of the Department's privacy statement, released on 10 February 2020, dated from 15 November to the present date. Any briefing materials prepared for the Minister on the same subject over the same timeframe.		

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10-02-2020 15185	Journalist	Copies of the following submissions for the minister (FOI-2020-14883 refers): - DEASP 00005-20 - DEASP 00072-19 - DEASP 00069-19 - DEASP 00080-19 - DEASP 00079-19 - DEASP 00073-19 - DEASP 00041-19 - DEASP 00040-19	Part Granted	09/03/2020
12-02-2020 15208	Journalist	Internal correspondence between Department officials sent between 5 - 12 February 2020 about updating its biometric data policy guidelines in relation to the Public Services Card.	Refused	10/03/2020
12-02-2020 15209	Journalist	During the period 2011-2014 – • Any correspondence between the Department and BearingPoint in relation to the use of Cogent Facial Image Management System. • Any data protection impact assessments carried out in relation to the use of the Cogent Facial Image Management System. • Any data protection impact assessments carried out in relation to the use of the public services card.	Refused	02/03/2020
13-02-2020 15211	Journalist	Correspondence (WhatsApp messages, text messages, emails, notes from phone calls, memos and meeting minutes) between Department officials about the general election result and the effect it would have on Department policy regarding the PSC, sent between 7-12 February 2020.	Refused	02/03/2020
17-02-2020 15254	Journalist	All minutes of board meetings held during 2019. If you do not have a board, the board-equivalent of the body will suffice, ie, governing authority, management committee, etc.	Part Granted	16/03/2020

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18-02-2020 15271	Journalist	Discussions around illness benefit claims for mental health in Galway. The request is for records to include- but not limited to: 1. Internal and external correspondence 2. Minutes of meetings 3. Notes or memos in relation to discussions or telephone calls The time period of this request is 1 July 2019 to 31 December 2019.	Refused	06/03/2020
14-02-2020 15281	Journalist	1) All correspondence to and from the Minister, the Secretary General, Ronan Hession, Assistant Secretary (and his predecessors and successors, if applicable), Teresa Leonard, Assistant Secretary (and her predecessors and successors, if applicable), in relation to the Children and Family Relationships Act (2015), during the period 1 Feb 2014 to 6 April 2015 and the period 1 Feb 2019 to 31 January 2020. 2) All correspondence to and from the Minister, the Secretary General, Ronan Hession, Assistant Secretary (and his predecessors and successors, if applicable), Teresa Leonard, Assistant Secretary (and her predecessors and successors, if applicable) in relation to the Assisted Reproduction Bill (2017) during the period 1 January 2017 to 31 January 2020.	Part Granted	12/03/2020
26-02-2020 15340	Member of the Public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Records showing the number of employee/official mobile devices - to include smartphones, laptops and tablets - reported lost by or stolen by employees/officials in 2017, 2018 and 2019. Breakdown of same by device and year Whether devices were encrypted or not. 	Granted	26/03/2020
05-03-2020 15386	Journalist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Details of the Number of data breaches involving the Department for the calendar years 2018 and 2019. A brief line description of each data breach involved, its location in the country, and the outcome/result. 	Granted	25/03/2020
05-03-2020 15403	Journalist	Copies of all records held in the email accounts of the Minister and/or Secretary General relating or referring to advisory issued by the Department relating to self-isolation of employees due to coronavirus and their welfare and sick pay entitlements. This request to cover the period 24 Feb 2020 to date.	Refused	30/06/2020
10-03-2020 15433	Member of the Public	Details of Department's procedures for backdating and customer complaint.	Granted	18/03/2020

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14-04-2020 15543	Member of business/interest group	All circulars issued by the Department from 1 March 2020 to date. Any documents or internal memos outlining Department policy concerning the publication of circulars.	Part Granted	21/05/2020
15-04-2020 15544	Journalist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The number of people who have applied for the €350 Covid-19 Pandemic Unemployment Payment that are suspected of not being entitled to it. • Discussions between Department officials about anomalies (eg. the above problem) in the Covid-19 payment, and possible solutions to those anomalies. 	Refused	12/05/2020
21-04-2020 15556	Journalist	<p>Information on whether there have been any applications to the Department from any of the following entities mentioned in the list below and whose employees are in receipt of COVID-19 Pandemic Unemployment Payments from 1 March 2020 to date.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retail credit firms as defined in Part V of the Central Bank Act 1997. • S110 companies who have acquired distressed mortgages from regulated credit institutions. • Authorised credit servicing firms Authorised under Part V of the Central Bank Act, 1997 (as amended) to provide credit servicing. • Credit servicing firms who have notified the Central Bank that they wish to avail of the transitional provisions provided for under Section 34F or Section 34FA of the Central Bank Act, 1997 (as amended). 	Refused	30/04/2020
23-04-2020 15560	Member of Oireachtas	Circular 22/20 on rent supplement issued on 24th March 2020.	Granted	19/05/2020
28-04-2020 15571	Member of business/interest group	<p>1) Documentation/policy documents/policy discussions/emails within and between Department officials and the Minister pertaining to Covid-19 Pandemic Unemployment Payment & Asylum Seekers.</p> <p>2) All communications with the Department of Justice and Equality on the Covid-19 Pandemic Unemployment Payment & Asylum Seekers.</p> <p>The date period for this request is from the first date the proposed Covid-19 Pandemic Unemployment Payment was discussed within the Department to 28 April 2020.</p>	Part Granted	27/05/2020
07-05-2020 15600	Member of business/interest group	Circular 22 of 2020 – Rent Supplement Special Provisions COVID-19 Pandemic	Granted	19/05/2020

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18-05-2020 15628	Member of business/interest group	All Minister Briefs (also known as "First Day Briefs") issued by the Department since 1997.	Part Granted	12/06/2020
18-05-2020 15634	Journalist	All documents held by the Department relating to Rent Supplement for domestic abuse victims since 1 March 2020.	Part Granted	16/06/2020
21-05-2020 15647	Member of business/interest group	All circulars, information notes, memorandums or communications pertaining to changes to Rent Supplement from 1 January 2020.	Granted	16/06/2020
21-05-2020 15649	Journalist	All correspondence between Horse Racing Ireland and the Department regarding clarification on the classification of the horse racing and breeding industry for the purposes of application of employment legislation between 1 May 2018 to date.	Granted	18/06/2020
25-05-2020 15656	Member of business/interest group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A database/spreadsheet, broken down according to month, county location, international location (if relevant), indicating the number of Covid-19 welfare payments that have been blocked or ceased since the introduction of the payment. • Copies of any briefings, submissions, memos, or reports prepared for the Minister or Secretary General relating to bogus claiming of Covid-19 welfare payments. 	Part Granted	19/06/2020
02-06-2020 15670	Member of business/interest group	Copies of any records held from 1 March 2020 to date, relating or referring to a request by NGOs for an increase in the rate of direct provision payment during the Covid-19 crisis.	Granted	29/06/2020
02-06-2020 15680	Member of the Public	A full list of Sections of Acts and Bills that were sponsored by the Department for each year since 2016 that have yet to come into force. Please include a brief description of that Section that has yet to come into force and the estimated date when that Section will come into force.	Granted	25/06/2020
04-06-2020 15693	Journalist	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Any information relating to the names, ages and causes of deaths for all the children who died in the Bessborough Home in Cork which was investigated by the Commission of Inquiry into mother and baby homes and is available 2. All the information relating to the names, ages and causes of deaths for all the children who died in Sean Ross Abbey in Roscrea which was investigated and recovered by the Commission of inquiry into mother and baby homes and is available. 	Granted	26/06/2020

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05-06-2020 15697	Member of business/interest group	1. Full text with no reaction/deletion of the email sent by Des Henry to Jackie Harrington and others on 17 March 2020 at 12.32 with a subject of 'Press Enquiry' 2. From 29 April 2020 to 05 June 2020:.. documentation/policy documents/policy discussions/emails within and between Department officials and the Minister pertaining to Covid-19 Pandemic Unemployment Payment & Asylum Seekers. This includes any correspondence received, and responses from persons outside of the Department (academics, NGOs, politicians etc) 3. From 29 April 2020 to 05 June 2020: All communications with the Department of Justice and Equality on the Covid-19 Pandemic Unemployment Payment & Asylum Seekers.	Part Granted	03/07/2020
05-06-2020 15703	Member of business/interest group	All materials used in delivering training or information sessions, for Deciding Officers and Designated Persons on the determination of Habitual Residence Condition including any written or electronic communications, copies of powerpoints, presentations, speaking notes, hand-outs for the years, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014.	Refused	06/08/2020
09-06-2020 15704	Member of business/interest group	Copies of all records held covering the period 1 January 2020 to date, referring or relating to the cessation of exceptional needs payments for residents of direct provision to buy items like nappies.	Granted	06/07/2020
09-06-2020 15708	Member of Oireachtas	Briefing notes prepared for Minster Doherty and subsequent minutes regarding a meeting with the Named Committee from Named town on the 23rd October 2019.	Part Granted	07/07/2020
11-06-2020 15714	Member of business/interest group	All records from the period 2009 - 2016 on the decision to create, implement and discontinue the JobBridge scheme, including all records in relation to the budgetary estimates and DPER/Government sanctions on the scheme.	Part Granted	28/07/2020
11-06-2020 15715	Journalist	All correspondence between the Department of Public Expenditure Secretary General Robert Watt and the Secretaries General of the Departments of the Taoiseach, Health, Social Protection and Business regarding Covid-19 and the government response between the period 1 March 2020 and 11 June 2020.	Refused	16/12/2020
15-06-2020 15723	Member of the Public	Records created after 1 January 2010 related to payments made by the Department for hearing aids under its scheme whereby it currently provides up to a maximum of €500 for a single aid, or up to €1,000 for a pair, or, in the alternative, the total paid by the Department for hearing aids in each of the years 2010-2019.	Granted	22/06/2020

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15-06-2020 15727	Member of Oireachtas	All correspondence and communications of any kind whatsoever between the Department, its employees, the Minister and/or her advisers and other civil servants and/or the Fianna Fáil, Fine Gael and/or the Green Party or their representatives regarding their programme for Government negotiations.	Granted	13/07/2020
22-05-2020 15729	Member of the Public	Information about the number of Croatian nationals that are permanent residents in Republic of Ireland (owners of PPS number and those awaiting to be assigned), <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • numbers specified by the years of PPS number assigned (years of arrival), • number of Croatian Nationals that applied for PPS number after 1 January 2020., • number of Croatian Nationals with the right to vote in Republic of Ireland, if possible, all requested numbers organized in sections: • Age 0-18, 18-40, 41-70+, • place of residence. 	Refused	22/05/2020
15-06-2020 15730	Journalist	Correspondence sent and received by the Secretary General in relation to policy issues associated with the Programme for Government 2020 talks, between 3 May and 15 June 2020.	Granted	13/07/2020
15-06-2020 15731	Journalist	1. All records and correspondence held by the Department related to a briefing/presentation on 2020 government formation talks/programme for Government provided to either the Green Party, Fine Gael, and/or Fianna Fáil. 2. All briefings or analysis compiled by the Department on policy proposals as part of the 2020 government formation talks/programme for Government 2020.	Granted	13/07/2020
22-06-2020 15752	Member of the Public	Copies of the latest batch of internal audits from the Department.	Granted	08/07/2020
19-06-2020 15754	Member of the Public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The number of applications received by the Department for gender recognition certificates. • The number of applications granted and those refused. • Have there been any applications to rescind/undo a previous application for a gender recognition certificate. If received please indicate if these were granted or refused. • Please also provide the number of applications (if any) withdrawn during the process. Please provide these details in tabular form, broken down by year for the years 2018 and 2019 and by those aged 16/17 and those aged 18+.	Granted	08/07/2020
18-06-2020 15759	Journalist	The total number of deaths inside all direct provision centres in Ireland since it was introduced in 1999 until present without any personal details.	Refused	23/06/2020

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29-06-2020 15777	Journalist	A copy of the briefing document drawn up by the Secretary General/senior Department official outlining the main issues facing the newly appointed Minister.	Part Granted	28/07/2020
29-06-2020 15778	Member of the Public	In relation to Illness Benefit, details of the training and expertise the assessing doctor has in the area of chronic fatigue and the operational protocols applied in reaching the decision.	Part Granted	24/07/2020
29-06-2020 15780	Member of Oireachtas	A copy of the incoming Minister's brief on areas covered/ previously covered by the Department.	Part Granted	28/07/2020
29-06-2020 15781	Member of Oireachtas	The Ministerial Brief for the Minister.	Part Granted	28/07/2020
24-06-2020 15783	Member of the Public	From 16 March 2020 to 22 May 2020 (incl.) how many civil service staff in both Cork City and Cork County working for the Department were taken off duty due to the Covid-19 pandemic and were permitted to remain at home without having to work from home while being paid their full working hours.	Granted	16/07/2020
30-06-2020 15789	Journalist	A copy of the briefing document prepared for the new Minister.	Part Granted	28/07/2020

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01-07-2020 15796	Journalist	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The number of multi-agency checkpoints Department officials operated in conjunction with An Garda Siochana to monitor the Covid-19 pandemic unemployment payment from 1 March 2020 to date. 2. The location and date of the checkpoints. 3. The number of individuals in total who were stopped at these multi-agency checkpoints who have had their Covid-19 PUP payments withdrawn. 4. Records including reports/memos on the outcome of these checkpoints prepared for the Minister. 5. Correspondence, including emails, between An Garda Siochana and the Department relating to any proposed publicity/public awareness campaigns highlighting the operation/findings of multi-agency PUP checkpoints from 1 March 2020 to date. 6. Copies of internal records, including emails, and any other recorded discussions, relating to the above proposed publicity/public awareness campaigns - time period as above. 7. Copies of all internal records with the Department, relating to the operation of the above multi agency checkpoints - time period as above. 8. All emails generated with the Department as a result of media queries from this newspaper on multi agency checkpoints from 1 June 2020 to date. 	Part Granted	24/07/2020
01-07-2020 15797	Journalist	A copy of the briefing document provided to Heather Humphreys on being appointed Minister.	Part Granted	29/07/2020
02-07-2020 15810	Member of business/interest group	All non-personal / general information held by the Department with regard to the Insurability of Employment of Ministers of Religion generally and in respect of each recognised Religion/Faith.	Granted	24/07/2020
03-07-2020 15812	Member of business/interest group	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Date(s) on which the Dental Treatment Benefit Scheme (DTBS) fee review 2019 was carried out. 2. Copies of documents used to inform the DTBS fee review. 3. Copies of minutes of all meeting(s), briefing notes, emails and any other electronic correspondence relating to the DTBS fee review. 	Refused	23/07/2020

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06-07-2020 15813	Journalist	Copies of any records held referring or relating to a warning issued by the Department with regard to fraudulent texts about Covid-19 welfare payments. For ease of reference, it was the advisory issued here: https://twitter.com/welfare_ie/status/1273201269860110336?s=20	Part Granted	22/07/2020
06-07-2020 15814	Journalist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The number of claims for the Pandemic Unemployment Payment (PUP) that have been refused so far; • The number of claims for the PUP that have been withdrawn from people; • The number of claims for the PUP that were referred for investigation, or were forwarded to the gardai; • The amount of money which has been reclaimed from people as a result of payments made under the PUP - and the number of claims to which this relates. 	Granted	07/08/2020
07-07-2020 15822	Journalist	A copy of any briefing material presented to the new Minister on their taking up of office following the election of Taoiseach Micheál Martin on Saturday, 27 June 2020.	Part Granted	29/07/2020
09-07-2020 15833	Journalist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All briefing documents prepared by Department's officials and presented to the new Minister. • Documents delivered to Heather Humphreys to introduce her to her new portfolio and ongoing issues under her responsibility from her appointment on 27 Jun 2020 to date. 	Part Granted	29/07/2020
09-07-2020 15834	Journalist	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Any information relating to the names, ages and causes of deaths for all the children who died in the Castlepollard mother and baby home in Co. Westmeath which was investigated by the Commission of Inquiry into Mother and Baby homes and is available. 2. All the information relating to the names, ages and causes of deaths for all the children who died in St Patrick's Mother and Baby Home, which was investigated and recovered by the Commission of Inquiry into Mother and Baby Homes and is available. 	Part Granted	30/07/2020

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10-07-2020 15837	Journalist	In respect of the 'checkpoints' currently operated by the Department (SIU) at the departure gates at Dublin Airport, for the period 1 April 2020 to 13 June 2020, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A list of all checkpoints operated during the above period with details of the date and flight destination for each checkpoint. • A copy of all internal and external communications, in all formats, held by the Department in respect of the authorisation, management, and operation of said checkpoints for the period 13 March 2020 to 9 July 2020. • Information that will identify who authorised the operation of checkpoints at Dublin Airport whereby the Special Investigation Unit's inspectors verbally request the PPS numbers and/or identification of all departing passengers on certain flights. • Information that would identify what legislation was relied on by the SIU, prior to authorising these checkpoints and any other internal communications in respect of the management and continued operation of these checkpoints, for the relevant period. 	Part Granted	18/08/2020
14-07-2020 15845	Member of the Public	With reference to the Covid 19 Pandemic Unemployment Payment, the statistics relating to the number of people who received the payment, split between those in possession of a public services card and those without a public services card at the time of their first payment.	Granted	29/07/2020
17-07-2020 15862	Journalist	Briefing document for Heather Humphreys, and other ministers in the Department, files usually given to a minister informing them of what will be in their department, what roles or responsibilities they have and what issues lie ahead under a new government.	Part Granted	29/07/2020
24-07-2020 15898	Journalist	A copy of all briefing documents/advisory papers/policy documents prepared for and /or presented to incoming Minister/Minister of State between 27 July and 24 June.	Part Granted	05/08/2020
27-07-2020 15902	Member of Business/interest group	With regard to the annual reviews of professional fees paid to Dental Treatment Benefit Scheme (DTBS) contractors carried out in 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011, and 2010, I request the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Date(s) on which the DTBS fee review was carried out. 2. Copies of documents used to inform the DTBS fee review. 3. Copies of minutes of all meeting(s), briefing notes, emails and any other electronic correspondence relating to the DTBS fee review. 	Granted	24/08/2020
27-07-2020 15903	Member of the Public	All records and correspondence held by the Department since 17 March 2020 on the issue of including workers from Northern Ireland in the Pandemic Unemployment Payment.	Refused	24/08/2020

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27-07-2020 15904	Member of the Public	1. All data sharing agreements in existence between the Department and DAA plc. 2. All data sharing agreements in existence between the Department and airlines operating in the State.	Refused	14/08/2020
27-07-2020 15906	Journalist	1. All documents, including briefings, minutes, reports, memos and/or correspondence between 1 June and 28 July addressing the cut to the Pandemic Unemployment Payment if people travel abroad. 2. All correspondence between the Department and Dublin Airport in relation to the Pandemic Unemployment Payment. 3. All correspondence sent or received by the Minister between 1 June and 28 July relating to the cutting of Pandemic Unemployment Payments if recipients travel abroad.	Refused	24/08/2020
27-07-2020 15909	Member of Oireachtas	All correspondence between the Minister and Age Action Ireland or the Irish Red Cross regarding the Covid-19 Hardship Fund.	Granted	07/08/2020
27-07-2020 15910	Journalist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All internal correspondence regarding inspections by Departmental staff at Ireland's airports in the period 1 July to 27 July. • All correspondence, dated between 1 July and 27 July, relating to Pandemic Unemployment Payment recipients travelling abroad and efforts to detect same. • All correspondence relating to changes in 'How To Qualify' section of Gov.ie website - dated between 12 July and 27 July - including Track Changes made internally. 	Part Granted	25/08/2020
27-07-2020 15911	Journalist	Copies of any records held, including those on mobile phones, relevant private email addresses and/or messaging services, referring or relating to updates for the following departmental web page: https://www.gov.ie/en/service/be74d3-covid-19-pandemic-unemployment-payment/ covering the period 20 July 2020 to date.	Part Granted	25/08/2020
27-07-2020 15914	Journalist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Details of any purchases of computer equipment, mobile equipment, tablets, laptops, any mobile or computer accessories, any electrical equipment or appliances relating to Minister and Ministers of State at the Department in period from 1 May 2020 to date. • Copies of any requests for additional office space, furniture, decoration, or paintings by any officeholder, minister of minister of state at the Department in period as outlined above. • Copies of the response that was issued in any such instance. • Copies of any receipts or invoices associated with the above. 	Refused	24/08/2020

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28-07-2020 15916	Journalist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any correspondence that took place on Sunday 26 July and Monday 27 July in relation to the decision to change the rules in relation to the Pandemic Unemployment Payment to include the need for people to have to actively seek work to be eligible for the work. Any correspondence from the Department of Business/Special Adviser(s) to Leo Varadkar with the Department over the same time period regarding the matter above. Any correspondence between the two Departments in the two weeks immediately prior to 27 July in relation to the above issue. Any correspondence or memos etc created in the two weeks immediately prior to Monday 27 July over discussions surrounding the above decision as noted in the first request. 	Part Granted	25/08/2020
28-07-2020 15917	Journalist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All internal correspondence related to amendments to this webpage from 24 July 2020 to 27 July 2020- https://www.gov.ie/en/service/be74d3-covid-19-pandemic-unemployment-payment/ All notes/emails to and from the Minister regarding the statutory instrument for holiday arrangements to comply with Department of Foreign Affairs travel advice - signed by the Minister on 10 July - since 1 July 2020. All briefing notes to the Minister on the same Statutory Instrument from 1 July to 10 July 2020. 	Part Granted	29/08/2020
28-07-2020 15922	Journalist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the cases of all people whose social welfare payments were stopped due to travel abroad, how many are residing abroad permanently? Please provide a breakdown of the countries those recipients are now residing in. The number of people who have had their details collected at Irish airports from 1 March - 28 July, breakdown by airport and the month they were collected, and could the figures for the same months last year be provided (March, April, May, June, July 2019). 	Refused	20/08/2020

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28-07-2020 15923	Journalist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The total cost to the Department of paying the Pandemic Unemployment Payments to those who were ineligible since the introduction of the Payment; the number of individuals who received payments when they were ineligible; and how much of that money has since been recouped by the Department to date. The total number of complaints of fraud there have been in relation to the Covid PUP since the introduction of the Payment; and how many of these complaints of fraud have resulted in the cessation of a Covid-19 PUP. 	Part Granted	20/08/2020
29-07-2020 15924	Journalist	A copy of all records relating to justification and/or preparatory work done for the introduction of S.I. No. 242/2020 - Social Welfare (Consolidated Claims, Payments and Control) (Amendment) (No 9) (Absence from the State) Regulations 2020.	Granted	25/08/2020
29-07-2020 15925	Journalist	Copies of the minutes of all board (or similar authority) meetings from January 2020 to June 2020.	Part Granted	27/08/2020
28-07-2020 15929	Member of the Public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of all correspondence between the Department and named employer in relation to the CE Supervisor post at named employment. Copy of all correspondence the Department and named employer in relation to approval for the current CE Scheme application. 	Part Granted	21/09/2020
29-07-2020 15931	Member of business/interest group	All redundancy notifications under Statutory Instrument 140/1977 with regard to Bank of Ireland, AIB, Ulster Bank, KBC and Irish Permanent for the period of 1 January 2019 to 29 July 2020.	Granted	25/08/2020
29-07-2020 15932	Member of business/interest group	The Community Welfare/SWA Best Practice Manual currently used.	Granted	26/08/2020
30-07-2020 15936	Journalist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The number of correspondences sent out to individuals who are currently in receipt of Widowers Pension in the last 2 years to 29 July 29, broken down in tabular form. The amount recouped by the Department by contacting said individuals. 	Refused	26/08/2020
29-07-2020 15937	Member of the Public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All records pertaining to changes to the content of the Gov.ie webpage titled "COVID-19 Pandemic Unemployment Payment" published on this date, Monday 27 July 2020. (Available at https://www.gov.ie/en/service/be74d3-covid-19-pandemicunemployment-payment/ and last retrieved at 12.08pm today). Copies of all previous versions of this page since its first publication. 	Part Granted	27/08/2020

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30-07-2020 15938	Member of Oireachtas	All correspondence, electronic and otherwise over the last two months relating to the Social Welfare (Covid-19) (Amendment) Bill 2020 and specifically in relation to the condition for recipients of the Pandemic Unemployment Payment to seek employment.	Granted	31/08/2020
30-07-2020 15941	Journalist	A list of all referrals made by Immigration Officials at all airports and ports in Ireland to the Department dated between January 2019 and July 2020, including the number of reports sent to the Department and the number of claimants examined for travel abroad as a result of these referrals.	Refused	28/08/2020
30-07-2020 15942	Journalist	Records relating to – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the decision to change the eligibility for the pandemic unemployment payment to insist that recipients must be "genuinely seeking work." • the requirement that those receiving the PUP can only holiday in accordance with the travel advisory of the Department of Foreign Affairs. 	Refused	25/08/2020
31-07-2020 15948	Journalist	The release of any reports or memos created by the Department between 27 July and 31 July relating to a review into the non-payment of the Pandemic Unemployment payment to individuals leaving the State. Any emails sent to or from the Minister or Minister's Secretary on the same dates regarding the same review.	Granted	29/09/2020
04-08-2020 15950	Journalist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copies of any briefings, submissions, memos, reports or other such review or overview documents prepared for the Secretary General or the Minister regarding payment of PUP to people who have travelled overseas. • Copies of any briefings, submissions, memos, reports or other such review or overview documents prepared for the Secretary General or the Minister regarding PUP checks at airports or ports. 	Granted	01/10/2020

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04-08-2020 15958	Member of business/interest group	<p>1. The total number of women who are ineligible under the Home Carers' scheme because they were born before 1 September 1946.</p> <p>2. A break-down of the number of women who are ineligible for the Home Carers' Scheme because they were born before 1 September 1946, who fall under the following SPC rate bands: 100% (48 +) 98% (20-47), 75% (15-19) and 50% (10-14).</p> <p>3. A break-down of the number of women eligible for the scheme because they were born after the 1 September 1946 who fall under the following SPC rate bands: 100%, 98%, 75% and 50%.</p> <p>4. A break-down of the number of men born before the 1 September 1946 that fall within the following SPC rate bands: 100%, 98%, 75% and 50%.</p> <p>5. Any and all information and/or data that was relied upon to calculate to sum of €290 million as referred to in the Ministers' statements.</p> <p>6. Any and all records, including statistical data, that relates to the current cost to backdate the Home Carers' Scheme to include women, who were born before 1 September 1946 and would otherwise be eligible for the scheme.</p>	Part Granted	01/09/2020
05-08-2020 15964	Member of the Public	The dates in 2017, 2018, 2019 and to-date in 2020 where Department Inspectors were present at each Airport and Seaport in tabular form to ensure persons leaving the State and in receipt of welfare payments were complying with regulations.	Refused	31/08/2020

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07-08-2020 15972	Others	<p>From 1 January 2015 to date, details of any and all –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • commercial bodies • commercial entities • representative organisations • consultants / professional advisors (excluding legal advices) • lobbyists • any other person <p>that the Department-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Received lobbying from, • met with, • engaged with in relation to, • or engaged in a professional capacity in respect of advices/consultancy or otherwise regarding the implementation of the IORP II Directive. <p>Please provide details of all meeting notes, advices, lobbying, correspondences, other information/ documentation in respect of the above.</p>	Refused	15/10/2020
10-08-2020 15978	Member of the Public	<p>Records/evidence of all the in-employment support that occurred between client and advisor in the jobpath service. In-employment support is the 6 month period after someone finds employment while there.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How client is advised? • Frequency of contact? • Duration of call? • Does client welcome calls or find them useful? • Did they ever call at an inconvenient time when client was working? 	Refused	25/08/2020

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14-08-2020 16004	Journalist	<p>Regarding the national recruitment campaign to recruit temporary workers for the horticulture sector from the Live Register (from 1 January 2020-Present) –</p> <p>1. Breakdown of open positions submitted by horticultural producers to include per submission: Company Name; Horticultural Subsector; Type of Role; County; Period of Job; Job officially advertised (y/n); position(s) filled (y/n)</p> <p>2. Minutes of meetings and correspondence with Teagasc, and/or the IFA and/or DAFM</p> <p>3. Progress reports and/or senior management or Ministerial briefings on the campaign</p> <p>Regarding EU and non-EU seasonal workers in the horticultural sector (from 1 January 2019-present), any reports, research or briefing documents in relation to concerns related to welfare benefits and/or PPS number/registration with the State</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In all the above, horticulture refers to the following sectors: mushrooms, potatoes, field vegetables, fruit (including berries), nursery stock, cut foliage, Christmas trees and bulbs. • In all cases of requests for correspondence and meetings, please also INCLUDE attached documents and/or documents referenced that are not already publicly available. • In all the above, please EXCLUDE all correspondence in relation to the setting up or organising of any physical or virtual meetings. 	Part Granted	11/09/2020
17-08-2020 16020	Journalist	A copy of the Department's most recent record of processing activities.	Granted	28/08/2020
18-08-2020 16026	Journalist	A copy of the Minister's diary for the period from and including 27 June up to and including 31 August 2020.	Refused	29/09/2020
19-08-2020 16038	Others	<p>With regard to the monitoring of Irish Social Media by government departments, I request any information that your Department is collecting on Irish social media commentary on the actions of your Department.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any information (posts, comments, shares/retweets, likes etc) that your Department has been collecting and collating from Irish Social Media. • include the purpose for which the information was collected. 	Refused	01/09/2020
21-08-2020 16043	Journalist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A copy of all communications between 1 May 2020 and 31 July 2020 that put in place the process to check payments in respect of PUP recipients found to be travelling abroad from airports and ports. • A copy of communications between the dates 26 July 2020 and 28 July 2020 requesting changes to be made to the PUP 'How to qualify' criteria listed on Gov.ie. 	Part Granted	18/09/2020

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24-08-2020 16045	Member of the Public	A copy of the last contract between Named Company and the Department. Also a copy of the board list as submitted by Named Company	Part Granted	15/09/2020
25-08-2020 16052	Journalist	Copies of invitations to events seeking the Minister's physical attendance at a function/launch/conference/dinner (or similar event), that is to be held on a specified date.	Refused	20/10/2020
26-08-2020 16059	Journalist	All correspondence to and from the Offices of Ministers based in the Department regarding the Oireachtas Golf Society from 1 March 2020 to the present day.	Refused	23/09/2020
26-08-2020 16060	Member of the Public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A summary record showing the number of PUP claims closed between 15 July and 10 August 2020 for applicants who did not confirm their eligibility. • A summary record showing the number of PUP claims closed between 11 August and 25 August 2020 for applicants who did not confirm their eligibility. 	Part Granted	22/09/2020
26-08-2020 16068	Journalist	<p>1. Any emails, correspondence or research exchanged within the Department, as well as with other government departments or agencies, in advance, as well in the aftermath, of the drawing up of Circular 35/20 which allowed for the suspension of certain social welfare payments in circumstances where a claimant leaves the State.</p> <p>2. The minutes of any meetings held by the Department regarding Circular 35/20 or the general possibility of suspending the existing provision which allowed recipients of Unemployment Benefit to take two weeks holidays outside the State every year.</p>	Refused	22/09/2020
26-08-2020 16070	Journalist	<p>(Re page 132 of the Ministerial brief (part 2) concerning Predictive Analytics)</p> <p>Records concerning a sample of 20 cases where Department officials stopped payments concerning the One Parent Family Payment Model in 2019 from the Predictive analytics.</p> <p>I am seeking a copy of the report outlining the reasons why the payment was stopped in each case (with the names of the persons redacted of course)</p>	Refused	18/09/2020
27-08-2020 16071	Journalist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • copies of the actual mileage claim forms submitted by Minister Heather Humphreys for the calendar year 2020. • a record of how much was paid to the Minister for each of these claim forms. 	Refused	24/09/2020

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31-08-2020 16080	Member of the Public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A summary record showing the total number of PUP claims with payments suspended between 15 July and 10 August 2020 where the reason given was that claimants failed to respond to requests to confirm their eligibility. • A summary record showing the total number of PUP claims with payments suspended between 11 August and 25 August 2020 where the reason given was that claimants failed to respond to requests to confirm their eligibility. 	Refused	22/09/2020
31-08-2020 16090	Journalist	(Re page 132 of the Ministerial brief (part 2) concerning Predictive Analytics) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Records concerning a sample of 20 cases where Dept officials stopped payments concerning the Farm Assist Payment Model in 2019 from the Predictive analytics. • A copy of the report outlining the reasons why Farm Assist payment was stopped in each case (with the names of the persons redacted of course) 	Refused	22/09/2020
31-08-2020 16091	Journalist	(Re page 132 of the Ministerial brief (part 2) concerning Predictive Analytics) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Records concerning a sample of 20 cases where Department officials stopped payments concerning the Disability Allowance Payment Model in 2019 from the Predictive analytics. • A copy of the report outlining the reasons why Disability Allowance payment was stopped in each case (with the names of the persons redacted of course). 	Refused	22/09/2020
03-09-2020 16105	Journalist	All correspondence, including invoices, receipts and emails, related to any media and/or communications training provided to Ministers in the Department from the period 27 June to the present day.	Refused	29/09/2020
04-09-2020 16108	Journalist	Details of how much the Department paid staff in overtime on a monthly basis between January 2019 and August 2020 inclusive.	Granted	24/09/2020
09-09-2020 16115	Others	1. Any internal guidelines, circulars, memos or other communications on the deployment of social welfare inspectors at ports and airports and how these checks should be carried out; 2. A timeline of how often this has been used since the creation of this power in 2012/2013; and 3. The most common routes monitored at airports since the creation of this power in 2012/2013.	Part Granted	05/10/2020

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04-09-2020 16129	Others	Regarding the document Internal Pandemic Unemployment Payment FAQs for Internal Use Only related to international protection applicants and PUP only, all versions of this document from 3 June 2020 to 4 September 2020. This includes discussions on changes to this FAQ Internal Use Only file and only in relation to international protection applicants and PUP.	Granted	29/09/2020
04-09-2020 16131	Others	Any DSP circulars on Pandemic Unemployment Payment. This includes the final version of any such circulars as well as complete drafts of circulars and discussions on these within DSP from 3 June 2020 to 4 September 2020.	Granted	29/09/2020
04-09-2020 16133	Others	Regarding PUP (administrative), Social Welfare (Covid-19) (Amendment) Bill 2020 & Social Welfare (Covid-19) (Amendment) Act 2020, discussions between DSP and all other government departments discussing the entitlement of international protection applicants/asylum seekers to Pandemic Unemployment Payment between 3 June 2020 to 4 September 2020 as related to the 'administrative' PUP scheme (or section 202 SW Consol Act urgent needs payment as it morphed into...) and under the 2020 Bill/Act	Refused	30/09/2020

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09-09-2020 16138	Journalist	<p>1. The list of names of children who died at the following institutions. 2. Or the lists of names of children associated with the following homes who may be listed as dying elsewhere ie. hospital, infirmary 3. Any compilation of names of children associated with these homes with regards to deaths only.</p> <p>Mother and Baby Homes as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ard Mhuire, Dunboyne, Co Meath; • Belmont (Flatlets), Belmont Ave, Dublin 4; • Bethany Home, originally Blackhall Place, Dublin 7 and from 1934 Orwell Road, Rathgar, Dublin 6; • Denny House, Eglinton Rd, Dublin 4, originally Magdalen Home, 8 Lower Leeson St, Dublin 2; • Kilrush, Cooraclare Rd, Co. Clare; • Manor House, Castlepollard, Co Westmeath; • Ms. Carr's (Flatlets), 16 Northbrook Rd, Dublin 6; • Regina Coeli Hostel, North Brunswick Street, Dublin 7, and • St. Gerard's, originally 39, Mountjoy Square, Dublin 1. • St. Patrick's, Navan Road, Dublin 7, originally known as Pelletstown; and subsequent transfer to Eglinton House, Eglinton Rd, Dublin 4, and • The Castle, Newtowncunningham, Co. Donegal. <p>County Homes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St Kevin's Institution (Dublin Union) • Stranorlar County Home, Co Donegal (St Joseph's) • Cork City County Home (St Finbarr's) • Thomastown County Home, Co Kilkenny (St Columba's) 	Refused	23/09/2020

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17-09-2020 16169	Journalist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A list of all 'checkpoints' operated by the Department (including the SIU) at the departure and arrival gates of flights departing from, and arriving to, Dublin Airport, for the period 1 January 2019 to 31 March and from 14 June to 7 September 2020, with details of the date and flight destination, or arrival destination, for each checkpoint. • The number of criminal investigations or prosecutions that have commenced as a result of information obtained during the course of airport control checks in respect of the relevant period. • The number of those criminal investigations or prosecutions that relate to the pandemic unemployment payment in respect of the relevant period. • The number of those criminal investigations or prosecutions that relate to all other social welfare payments (with a breakdown for each payment type) in respect of the relevant period. • The number of arrests made on foot of information obtained in the course of airport checks in respect of the relevant period. • The number of social welfare payments that have been suspended as a result of information obtained in the course of airport checks during the relevant period. • A copy of all communications directed to, or emanating from, the Minister's office relating to these airport checkpoints in respect of the relevant period. • A sample of ten reasonable grounds that formed the basis for requesting personal information or documentation during the course of these airport checks in respect of the relevant period. 	Refused	15/10/2020
23-09-2020 16195	Member of the Public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No of people non-resident in the state receiving Covid Payment • No of Barristers in Limerick receiving Covid Payment • No of Solicitors in Limerick receiving Covid Payment 	Part Granted	02/10/2020
24-09-2020 16203	Journalist	Access to correspondence between named person of the Irish Association of Funeral Undertakers and John McKeon in relation to the Supplementary Social Welfare Allowance Exceptional Needs Payment.	Granted	13/10/2020

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24-09-2020 16205	Member of the Public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All submissions and lobbying information received (full submissions, not just the list of submissions) in 2017 and 2018 relating to the Public Health (Alcohol) Bill/ Act. • All correspondence received by the Department in 2017 and 2018 from all other Government Departments and public representatives relating to the Public Health (Alcohol) Bill/ Act. 	Part Granted	19/10/2020
01-10-2020 16225	Journalist	Any circulars issued in relation unemployment payments (i.e. the PUP, Jobseeker's Allowance, Jobseeker's Benefit, Supplementary Welfare Allowance and the Jobseeker's Transitional payment) and foreign travel since 1 January 2018.	Granted	30/10/2020
01-10-2020 16226	Journalist	<p>Data relating to welfare payments which have been stopped or suspended following checks at airports and ports, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the number of claimants since 2012 that have been detected at airports and ports (with breakdowns of the number of claimants each year, • the number of detections per claim, and the location at which each person detected), and • how much money has been recouped by the department through checks at airports and ports each year. 	Part Granted	06/11/2020
08-10-2020 16262	Member of the Public	Further to letter from Peter Scully 20/10/20, why a secondary system for storing records was set up and all the decisions relating to the establishment of such a system.	Refused	03/11/2020
09-10-2020 16274	Journalist	<p>1) Flight arrival/destination of passengers who were checked for PUP payments.</p> <p>2) How many people were checked?</p> <p>3) What nationalities were those who were checked?</p> <p>4) What was the total number of people checked and what was the total number penalised?</p>	Refused	09/11/2020
19-10-2020 16309	Journalist	<p>1. All documents in relation to the 'control investigations' of the Pandemic Unemployment Payment.</p> <p>2. All email correspondence that includes 'Control Investigations' between the Department and the Minister from March 2020 onwards.</p> <p>3. The data on the numbers of payments stopped by the control investigations.</p> <p>4. The number of Pandemic Unemployment Payments stopped through the control investigations process.</p>	Part Granted	16/11/2020
27-10-2020 16343	Journalist	<p>1. Copy of the Ministers work diary from 1 July to 27 October 2020.</p> <p>2. Copy of the Secretary General's work diary from 1 July to 27 October 2020.</p>	Part Granted	18/12/2020

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28-10-2020 16346	Member of the Public	<p>We are requesting information on named CE scheme relating to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The policies and procedure adopted when dealing with incidents involving CE staff and minors between September 2011 and March 2012. • How many matters of this nature were dealt with and details of the follow up procedures. • Would something like this appear on staff employment record. • Would matters of this nature be reported to the funding organisation of the programme at the time. • Copy or all the FAS CDO (Community Development Officers') audits carried out during 2011 and 2012. • Copy of the policies and procedures of named CE scheme showing how complaints of any nature from 2011 to 2012 inclusive and from 2015 to 2018 inclusive were dealt with. 	Part Granted	25/11/2020
29-10-2020 16354	Member of the Public	Detailed records of the number of recorded fraudulent claims and the sum of their worth of the Government's Covid-19 Pandemic Unemployment Payment (PUP).	Refused	26/11/2020
05-11-2020 16389	Journalist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communications with the National Public Health Emergency Team regarding social welfare inspectors in October and November of this year. • Communications with the Department of Health regarding social welfare inspectors in October and November of this year. • Communications with the Minister for Health and his team regarding social welfare inspectors in October and November of this year. 	Refused	30/11/2020
09-11-2020 16412	Journalist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The number of social welfare inspections (involving the work of inspectors on active cases) conducted each year for the past five years. • The number of home visits conducted in the same time period, broken down into announced and unannounced visits, and by county. • A breakdown of investigations by category of each investigation (i.e. specific fraud suspected). • Data regarding the amount of fraud in monetary terms detected for each year as a result of such inspections. 	Part Granted	07/12/2020
09-11-2020 16413	Journalist	Correspondence to the Minister and advisors, emails including Assistant Secretary and correspondence drafted for the Minister's attention regarding inspections, for one year prior to date of request.	Refused	15/01/2021

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09-11-2020 16414	Journalist	Internal reports and audits on social welfare inspections for four years prior to date of request.	Refused	27/11/2020
11-11-2020 16415	Journalist	Transcripts of any complaints made to the Department between 1 March and 5 June by members of the public regarding the non-payment of the Pandemic Unemployment Payment.	Part Granted	09/12/2020
11-11-2020 16417	Journalist	Regarding the period from 1 January 2019 to date: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The number of Medical Reviews and Assessments carried out by the Department during this period. • The number of people who had their Illness Benefit halted by the Department following an MRA during this period. • The number of people who had their Disability Allowance halted by the Department following an MRA during this period. 	Granted	07/12/2020
12-11-2020 16419	Journalist	Records regarding incidents including accidents, threats and assaults, reported by members of staff of the Department that involved members of the public between 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2019.	Granted	08/12/2020
19-11-2020 16457	Member of the Public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copies of all correspondence in all formats between named organisation and the Department (to include minutes, memos of meetings and phone calls with both Ministers, Ministers of State and Officials) covering all aspects of programmes funded by the Department or its agencies and managed or supported by named organisation for the period 1 January 2016 to the date of this request . • The request also to include copies of all correspondence with any other government Department or agency concerning named organisation and its activities in the same period. 	Refused	22/12/2020
20-11-2020 16472	Member of the Public	Budget 2021 papers on the increase in the Living Alone Allowance, the Carer's Support Grant, the Fuel Allowance and the Christmas Bonus for persons on social welfare, from Budget Unit staff members at grade of APO and above within the Department and with the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform from 1 July to 13 October.	Part Granted	22/12/2020
24-11-2020 16477	Journalist	All briefing material prepared for Department Secretary General John McKeon for his appearance before the Dáil's Public Accounts committee on 12 November 2020.	Part Granted	22/01/2021

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24-11-2020 16478	Journalist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A breakdown of the number of staff members in the Department who took sick leave in 2020, 2019 and 2018. • A breakdown of the number of sick days taken by staff members in the Department in 2020, 2019 and 2018. 	Granted	16/12/2020
24-11-2020 16489	Member of Oireachtas	<p>1. All correspondence between the Department and Department of Public Expenditure and Reform regarding Parliamentary Question 51472/19 (https://www.oireachtas.ie/en/debates/question/;</p> <p>2. All correspondence within the Department regarding Parliamentary Question 51472/19 (https://www.oireachtas.ie/en/debates/question/2019-12-10/624/#pq_624) between 20 November and 10 December 2019.</p>	Refused	21/12/2020
27-11-2020 16498	Member of the Public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Details of all expenses paid to Brian Murphy, special adviser to the Minister, for the period 6 May 2016 to 31 December 2017, to include details of the total amount of expenses paid; • All correspondence, emails, memos, handwritten notes, text messages, WhatsApp messages, expenses request forms, departmental or ministerial approvals, invoices, receipts, cheques, and payment confirmations for bank transfers in relation to these. 	Granted	21/12/2020
27-11-2020 16501	Journalist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All 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. The timeframe for this request is: March 2020 until November 2020. • Please provide records with the names of each item (such as “chair”, or “desk”) and how much each item cost. • Please can you also provide all records relating to the costs spent on providing equipment such as computers, desks, chairs and other items in order to facilitate your Department's Minister working from home since the Covid-19 pandemic began in March 2020 until November 2020. • Please provide records with the names of each item (such as “chair”, or “desk”), how much each item cost and who each item was for (example: “Taoiseach”, or “Enterprise Minister”). 	Granted	23/12/2020

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30-11-2020 16514	Member of the Public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spreadsheet/table of all funding (if any) granted and subsequently paid by the Department to named Community Council • This request is to include the date and amount of funding granted; the programme under which the funding was awarded; the dates and amounts subsequently paid to the organisation referenced. 	Refused	18/12/2020
07-12-2020 16543	Journalist	Number of the recorded suicide deaths across the country and in Co Limerick from March to November 2020.	Granted	04/01/2021
09-12-2020 16563	Journalist	Copies of all briefing documents/reports provided to the Minister/Secretary General or senior staff at the Department on how the Covid scheme is and was impacted by fraud or abuse.	Refused	11/01/2021
21-12-2020 16601	Member of the Public	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) i.e. the questionnaire relied on to ascertain the percentage of employees who have a disability.	Granted	20/01/2021