

Date of Request	Category of Requester	Request	Decision Made	Date of Reply
04/01/2021 16627	Member of the Public	All records held by the Department as they relate to the provision of contracts for 'public relations' or 'crisis management' or 'press work' 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, all correspondence between Departmental officials and the applicants for the contracts to include emails, text messages and WhatsApp messages.	Refused	25/01/2021
11/01/2021 16652	Member of the Public	Written communications, records of meetings (whether in person, online or by phone) and all other records of communication between Aer Lingus and Department officials, staff and/or Minister's office relating to Aer Lingus' staff applying for Jobseeker's Benefit during the period (2020-2021) of the employer's use of TWSS and use of EWSS.*	Part Granted	08/02/2021
12/01/2021 16654	Member of the Public	Access to the minutes of monthly meetings that took place from January 2016 to June 2018 between the Department and two JobPath contractors.	Part Granted	04/02/2021
15/01/2021 16670	Journalist	A copy of all audits completed by the internal audit division in 2020.	Part Granted	09/02/2021
18/01/2021 16684	Member of the Public	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, partly or fully, during 2018 and 2019.	Granted	10/02/2021
19/01/2021 16690	Member of the Public	All records and briefing documents about the risk and discovery of fraud in the PUP scheme since it was established that have been provided to the Minister for Social Protection and the Secretary General of the Department.	Part Granted	16/02/2021

19/01/2021 16692	Member of the Public	Details of the companies being investigated by the Employment Status Inspection Unit for dubious self employment practices, to include all data from 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2020.	Part Granted	16/02/2021
20/01/2021 16693	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 2020. A list of the top 100 earners (identifying the practice/practitioner) and the cumulative amount paid to them in each year will suffice.	Granted	16/02/2021
22/01/2021 16709	Member of the Public	Access to any records relating to the virtual meeting between Minister Humphreys and named Managing Director of An Post listed in the following lobbying return: https://www.lobbying.ie/return/68590/an-post Access to any correspondence during 2020 and to date in 2021 between Minister Humphreys and named Director or named CEO of An Post.	Part Granted	19/02/2021
01/02/2021 16763	Member of the Public	A report summary and breakdown of all funding provided to named organisation between 1 Jan 2017 to date. In addition, any email correspondence in relation to funding for this period.	Part Granted	25/02/2021
03/02/2021 16772	Journalist	Number of recorded suicide deaths of the public across the country from March to the end of December 2020.	Granted	03/02/2021
03/02/2021 16775	Journalist	A breakdown of the following between the implementation of the pandemic unemployment payment (PUP) scheme and 1 February this year: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The number of individual suspected fraudulent PUP claims flagged or investigated since the implementation of the scheme. • The total value of such claims. • The number of reports / contacts from members of the public reporting suspected fraudulent PUP claims. • Internal department memos and/or reports regarding fraudulent PUP claims. • Briefing notes to the Minister regarding same. 	Part Granted	03/03/2021
05/02/2021 16788	Journalist	Number of the recorded suicide deaths of the public across the country from March till the end of December 2019 and 2018.	Granted	16/02/2021

10/02/2021 16811	Member of the Public	<p>The amount of money the Department paid out to activation service providers Turas and Seetec in 2020 and how many participants to such programs had been carried as attending and reimbursable in accounting documents used for obtaining funds from the EC in 2020 ?</p> <p>Where payments had been made in intervals or per individual cohorts please break down the time periods covered with such increments.</p>	Granted	17/02/2021
10/02/2021 16819	Member of the Public	All of the correspondence between the MEAI, including those from representatives of MEAI, and the Department/Minister for Social Protection, including any minutes/notes and/or recordings of meetings, inclusive of those held through any online forum e.g. Zoom, MS Teams etc. since the onset of the Covid-19 Pandemic in March 2020 to the current date. This does not include records relating to personal representations on behalf of individual members.	Granted	09/03/2021

12/02/2021 16822	Member of the Public	<p>Breakdown of details of promotion competitions for individual grades from Internal competitions within the Department of Social Protection for the periods 2005-2010, 2010-2015 and 2015-2020. The five Administrative grades for which I request this data are Staff Officer (when the staff officer grade was still available as a promotion), Executive Officer; Higher Executive Officer; Assistant Principal; Principal Officer. (Include Higher Scales)</p> <p>Please indicate if where there are relative or equivalent grades that may be considered Technical or Specialist grades.</p> <p>For each competition, please supply the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number applied; • Number shortlisted by shortlisting board (where applicable); • Number of informal reviews sought on decision not to be shortlisted; • Number of successful informal reviews on decision not to be shortlisted; • Number of formal reviews sought on decision not to be shortlisted under the CPSA Code of Practice; Number of successful formal reviews on decision not to be shortlisted under CPSA Code of Practice; Number interviewed; • Number of informal reviews sought on decision not to be placed on panel; • Number of successful informal reviews on decision not to be placed on panel; • Number of formal reviews sought on decision not to be placed on a panel under the CPSA Code of Practice; • Number of successful formal reviews on decision not to be placed on panel under CPSA code of practice; • Number placed on panel <p>If a second or subsequent short-listing stage(s) was/were employed in competitions for any of the grades listed then I request the above information for each stage. What the % male to female that were in the Department in 1973 when the marriage ban was lifted and in the grade Staff Officer (when the staff officer grade was still available as a promotion); Executive Officer; Higher Executive Officer; Assistant Principal; Principal Officer.</p>	Part Granted	14/04/2021
16/02/2021 16837	Member of the Public	<p>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/69026/irish-hotels-federation</p>	Refused	01/03/2021

17/02/2021 16845	Journalist	Copies of any briefings, memos, reports, submissions, or other such review/overview documents prepared for either the minister or the secretary general regarding changes made surrounding pension/social welfare payments for those aged over 65. This request to cover the period 1 September 2020 to date of receipt of the request.	Granted	15/03/2021
19/02/2021 16862	Member of the Public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who gave you and your department permission to give my personal information to a foreign Bank. • Also Please let me have all the information you gave this bank without my permission without delay. • We the Irish people Bailed out the Bank of Ireland which is a bank entirely owned by the taxpayers of Ireland and in 2018 you the Fine Gael party in Government gave away a lucrative contract to a Foreign Bank - how does that support the Irish economy? Irish Workers? The People of Ireland? 	Refused	18/03/2021
08/03/2021 16929	Member of the Public	The criteria used in deciding the medical eligibility criteria for Invalidity Pension.	Granted	01/04/2021
09/03/2021 16945	Member of the Public	Copies of blank modules that are given to people while attending Seetec.	Refused	22/03/2021
12/03/2021 16954	Member of the Public	<p>All documents, briefing notes, emails and internal discussion documents in relation to the preparation of the Gender Recognition Act 2015 Annual Report 2019 including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • any material related to the delay in publication of the report • any material related to the report concerning the issues highlighted in 2019 by a written question raised by Peadar Toibin TD (ref https://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2019-09-06a.1517) and referred to by Robert Purcell chair of the Law Society Criminal Law Committee in the Law Society Gazette (ref: https://www.lawsociety.ie/gazette/top-stories/male-bodied-transgender-inmate-housed-with-women-prisoners/). 	Part Granted	14/04/2021

12/03/2021 16960	Member of business/interest group	<p>1. Page 10 of the Department's Compliance and Anti-Fraud Strategy 2019-2023 states that "quarterly updates on control-related activities" will be provided to the Department's Management Board for consideration. I request a copy of any such updates provided during the period of January 2019 to February 2021.</p> <p>2. Page 10 of the Department's Compliance and Anti-Fraud Strategy 2019-2023 also states "that control-related work across the Department is overseen and monitored by the Control Programme Board". I request a copy of any minutes of any meetings of the Control Programme Board held during the period of January 2019 to February 2021.</p> <p>3. Page 18 of the Department's Compliance and Anti-Fraud Strategy 2019-2023: Annual Report 2019 and Annual Target Statement 2020 (attached) states that "at the end of 2019, there were predictive models in operation for OFP, DA, SPC and Widows and Surviving Civil Partners Contributory Pension (WSCPCP) schemes". I hereby request access to those predictive models and any record indicative of the nature of the data analysed by those models, how those models score/analyse cases on the basis of that data, and the risk factors identified by those models.</p> <p>4. Page 18 of Department's Compliance and Anti-Fraud Strategy 2019-2023: Annual Report 2019 and Annual Target Statement 2020 also states that the Department "has also developed a business rules model for JA". I hereby request a copy of that business rules model.</p> <p>5. Page 18 of the Department's Compliance and Anti-Fraud Strategy 2014-2018: Annual Report 2017 and Annual Target Statement 2018 (available at: https://www.gov.ie/pdf/?file=https://assets.gov.ie/74863/87a99f62-ac20-4165-8016-d11129e8c86f.pdf#page=null) states that a "specific analytics database for the SIU has also been developed, through which cohorts of Member of the Publics are identified for investigation". I request access to any record indicative of the nature of the data held on that database and how that data is analysed to identify cohorts of Member of the Publics for investigation.</p>	Part Granted	14/04/2021
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12/03/2021 16961	Member of business/interest group	<p>Details of all expenditure incurred by the Department of Social Protection (DSP) on cloud computing services in 2020.</p> <p>Cloud computing services should be taken to mean any cloud-related service provided to DSP, either directly by cloud computing firms (such as, but not limited to, the following: Microsoft Azure, Google Cloud Platform, Amazon Web Services, Oracle and IBM) or by third party-consultancies.</p> <p>In either case, this would incorporate all varieties of cloud computing, including software-as-a-service, infrastructure-as-a-service and platform-as-a-service.</p>	Granted	25/03/2021
12/03/2021 16966	Member of business/interest group	Copies of correspondence/briefing notes/emails etc, from June 2016 to April 2017, in relation to the private members Bill proposed amendment to the GRA introduced in March 2017.	Part Granted	14/04/2021
16/03/2021 16988	Member of business/interest group	Copies of the memo which accompanied the draft of the Gender Recognition Bill as the legislation progressed and prior to its introduction.	Refused	14/04/2021

19/03/2021 16990	Member of business/interest group	<p>In addition to my requests below I would also like to have a copy of the Impact Assessment as referred to in the paragraph below.</p> <p>In addition, the Review Group recommended extending legal gender recognition to non-binary people, while also recognising the complexity of the issue and acknowledging that a comprehensive impact analysis may be required. An interdepartmental group is to be established to carry out this impact assessment and submitting a report to Government for consideration by the end of 2020"</p> <p>Can you please forward, under the Freedom of Information Act 2014:</p> <p>The items below relate to the following "research to examine issues of concern relating to children aged under 16 years" and also the Impact Assessment as referred to in the paragraph below</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Copies of the Terms of Reference and/or instructions to the group conducting the research. 2. Copies of the names and the organisations they represent of the members of the research group. 3. Details of when the research will commence or has commenced and when it is due to finish or when it finished. 4. Copy of the final research (report/presentations/minutes etc) if this has already been completed. 	Refused	12/04/2021
29/03/2021 17034	Member of the Public	A list of all works of art (paintings and sculptures) purchased or commissioned by the Department in 2017, including the name of the supplier and the price paid for each item.	Refused	31/03/2021
31/03/2021 17050	Member of business/interest group	<p>Details of the number of data breaches involving the Department for the calendar year 2020.</p> <p>A brief line description of each data breach involved, its location in the country, and the outcome/result of it.</p>	Granted	30/04/2021

		<p>*On 11 January 2021, a FOI request was received requesting any correspondence between the Department and Revenue on the subject of the operation of the Temporary Wage Subsidy Scheme and Jobseekers Benefit from 1 March 2020 to date; Any correspondence between the Department and Aer Lingus on the matters of Jobseekers Benefit, Short Time Work Support or Temporary Wage Subsidy Scheme from 1 March 2020 to date. The request also sought personal records. In Quarter 1 of 2021, the Department received 22 such requests. All these requests were Part-Granted using Section 36 (Commercially Sensitive Information) and Section 37 (Personal Information). With the exception of the original request [Ref. 16652], these requests are not shown in this Log.</p>		
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