

Date of Request	Category of Requester	Request	Decision Made	Date of Reply
13/04/2021 17092	Journalist	The amount of money spent by the Department on taxi services throughout 2020.	Granted	07/05/2021
19/04/2021 17122	Journalist	<p>Request relates to the provisions of the Disabled Persons Maintenance Allowance and its successor the Disability Allowance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any internal communications or documents which related to the assessment of potential liabilities for the Department / the State arising from the named court cases. This should include any documents which related to the work which would have to be undertaken to assess the liability - for instance contacting residential facilities to review numbers impacted. Any internal communication or documents which were generated in responding to any parliamentary questions related to this case or where either of these case were cited in the question received by the Department. The details of any settlements which were made in other cases which dealt with the same issue as this settlement. Any communication with the Department of Health on this issue from 2008, 2009 or 2010. Any memo brought to Cabinet arising from the issues raised in this. 	Part Granted	14/06/2021
28/04/2021 17167	Member of Oireachtas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any emails or invitations sent by the then Minister Leo Varadkar, in relation to his election as Taoiseach (14 June 2017) or events surrounding his election, such as invitations to attend the Dail on that date, or to attend the Department of An Taoiseach on that date. The same request for any invitations or emails for events on the following day 15 June 2017. 	Refused	28/05/2021
29/04/2021 17174	Member of the Public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any correspondence between the Department and Revenue on the subject of the operation of Temporary Wage Subsidy Scheme and Jobseekers Benefit between 1 March 2020 and date of my request; Any correspondence between the Department and Aer Lingus on the matters of Jobseekers Benefit, Short-Time Work Support or Temporary Wage Subsidy between 1 March 2020 and the date of my request. * 	Part Granted	28/05/2021

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04/05/2021 17193	Member of the Public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The legal costs paid by the Department for cases taken to the Workplace Relations Commission from 2019, 2020 and 2021 year to date. • The names of the solicitors and or barristers involved and payment per cases. • The number of cases gone to hearing and those settled. • The basis for the fees paid to be outlined for example x number of hours. 	Part Granted	31/05/2021
05/05/2021 17197	Journalist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All correspondence between the Department and the Department of Public Expenditure about the policy implications of having large numbers of students on the Pandemic Unemployment Payment, from 1 September 2020 to date. • All correspondence between the Department of Social Protection and the Department of Higher and Further Education about the policy implications of having large numbers of students on the Pandemic Unemployment Payment, from 1 September 2020 to date. 	Refused	02/06/2021
12/05/2021 17234	Member of the Public	<p>On 30 July 2019 there was a meeting involving representatives of the Humanist Association of Ireland, and the then-Minister for Social Protection Regina Doherty. David Dillon, PO, and Conor O'Reilly were in attendance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request the minutes to that meeting • Any papers that refer to the Minister's intention of reviewing the Civil Registration Act, or papers that include any mention of consideration being given to a review of the Act from 2019 onwards. 	Part Granted	10/06/2021
24/05/2021 17280	Journalist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The number of incidents of fake PUP claims being made using people's PPS numbers without their knowledge. This would be in situations where a criminal uses someone else's PPS number to make a claim for pandemic payment, and the owner of that PPS number finds out later when they get a tax cert etc. • How many individual people (from the beginning of PUP payments in March 2020 and up to today's date 23 May 2021) have been affected by this type of fraud? • How much money has been claimed by falsely using these PPS numbers? • What is the highest amount (that we know of at this point in time) that has been claimed in PUP using a fraudulently obtained PPS number? 	Part Granted	22/06/2021

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25/05/2021 17286	Journalist	Any correspondence / minutes / briefings / memos relating to the following virtual meeting between Amazon and Minister Humphreys in 2021: • https://www.lobbying.ie/return/70766/amazon-web-services	Granted	10/06/2021
26/05/2021 17293	Journalist	Access to the correspondence listed in the following lobbying return: https://www.lobbying.ie/return/71967/ryanair Please include any further correspondence with Ryanair in 2021, including letter of 18 March to Heather Humphreys. Please also include any internal correspondence / briefings regarding the correspondence listed in the lobbying return.	Part Granted	24/06/2021
28/05/2021 17309	Member of the Public	A copy of the legislation covering a specified Court payment where it states clearly that such a Court payment is regarded as income.	Granted	28/05/2021
01/06/2021 17319	Member of the Public	In relation to each of the following - HR, Payroll, L&D, Finance, Procurement, Contact Centre, please advise: 1. What technologies (including version) you use. 2. Are any of the services outsourced to third parties, and if so, when does the contract end.	Refused	10/06/2021
01/06/2021 17324	Journalist	All internal audits conducted by or for the Department from 1 January 2021 to date.	Part Granted	15/06/2021

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03/06/2021 17336	Member of the Public	<p>1. The number of PhD students who have received, since the new regulation came into place in September 2020, both the full rate and partial rates of Disability Allowance (please provide separate numbers for each category).</p> <p>2. Of the students mentioned above, I request the proportion (percentage) of them who provided confirmation that they were not getting their fees and research costs covered (i.e. the percentage of students now receiving both the full rate and partial rate of Disability Allowance who provided documentation stating they were receiving €0 fees and €0 research costs). Please provide separate percentages for the two categories of Disability Allowance (i.e. for both full and partial rate categories).</p> <p>3. Of the students mentioned in Point 1 (above), I request the percentage of them who provided confirmation that they were getting their fees and research costs covered. Please provide separate percentages for the two categories of Disability Allowance (i.e. for both full and partial rate categories).</p> <p>4. Of the students mentioned in Point 1 (above), I request the percentage of them who provided no documentation whatsoever relating to whether their fees and research project costs were covered. Please provide separate percentages for the two categories of Disability Allowance (i.e. for both full and partial rate categories).</p>	Refused	14/06/2021
10/06/2021 17359	Journalist	<p>In respect of the Recovery of Certain Benefits and Assistance Scheme established by sections 13 and 14 of the Social Welfare and Pensions Act 2013:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The number of statements of recoverable benefits received by the Department of Social Protection in each year since the commencement of the scheme. • The number of such claims in respect of which payment has not been received, broken down by year if possible. • The total value of unrecovered recoverable benefits, or if the exact figure is not known, the estimate on record. • The total value of recoverable benefits actually recovered by the Department to date. 	Granted	05/07/2021
09/06/2021 17366	Journalist	All payments for legal services made to Named Barrister for the period 1 November 2013 to 8 June 2021.	Part Granted	06/07/2021

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23/06/2021 17432	Member of the Public	<p>1. Has the Department commenced to roll out diversity and inclusion training in the workplace to promote the visibility of the LGBTQI+ Community.</p> <p>2. Who is providing this training i.e. in-house training branch or specific organisations such as Teni, BelongTo, Shout Out etc.</p> <p>3. Has the Department signed up as members of any of these organisations? Please specify which organisations if you have.</p> <p>4. How many training days will each staff member receive, and is this training compulsory.</p> <p>5. Please provide a copy of documents/manuals provided for the diversity and inclusion training.</p>	Part Granted	21/07/2021
23/06/2021 17433	Member of the Public	<p>1. Has the Department commenced to roll out diversity and inclusion training in the workplace to promote the visibility of the LGBTQI+ Community.</p> <p>2. How much to date has been spent on diversity training and what is budgeted for future spend.</p> <p>3. What amendments will you be making to your HR policies, if any, as a result of this inclusion initiative.</p> <p>4. Do you have a policy around the use of pronouns by your staff. If so, what are the policies.</p>	Part Granted	21/07/2021
23/06/2021 17443	Journalist	The amount of money spent in euros on advertising through paid-for or “sponsored” social media posts or campaigns, with a breakdown by social media outlet and nature of advertisement in each of the years 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021.	Granted	18/08/2021

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28/06/2021 17454	Journalist	<p>With regard to the Special Investigation Unit within the Department of Social Protection to which Gardai are seconded to help investigate Pandemic Unemployment Payment claims:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the exact current number of Gardai investigating Pandemic Unemployment Payment claims in the unit. • How many Gardai have been brought in to work at the Special Investigation Unit since 2014? Specifically, how many new Gardai have joined the unit each year since 2014, with the breakdown provided annually to date. • How much does it cost to employ Gardai in the unit per year? I would like the following information broken down by year from 2014 to 2020, as well as for the period January 2021 to date: The overall cost of wages for Gardai seconded to the unit. • Can you provide a breakdown of the ranks of Gardai currently seconded to the Special Investigation Unit? • How much overtime has been paid to Gardai seconded to the Special Investigation Unit for the year 2019, for the year 2020, from the period March 2020 to date, and for the period January 2021 to date. 	Refused	23/07/2021
28/06/2021 17458	Journalist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copies of any briefings, submissions, memos, speaking notes, or other such review/overview/discussion documents prepared for the Minister or the Department's Secretary General regarding the proliferation of mobile phone scam calls. This request to cover the period 1 Jan 2021 to date of receipt of the request. 	Part Granted	26/07/2021

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28/06/2021 17460	Member of the Public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A breakdown of BTEA data (in electronic format/via email) per year, per course and if possible - per region/local office (e.g. Master's in Education: 3 BTEA approved applications in 2020, 4 in 2019 etc. - Cork Street). • Would this data be available for the past 7 years or longer. • Provide data on employment status stats of candidates post-BTEA completion (and if employment is specifically related to the BTEA qualification gained). E.g. a candidate with a craft trade (plumber, carpenter etc.) who completes a degree (e.g. in IT programming/software development or other), what is the proportion of candidates who gain employment in the new qualification (versus return to trade/previously acquired skills). • You could also provide me with a gender breakdown on approved BTEA application breakdown of *highest (prior) qualifications obtained* of BTEA candidates/students (per year, per local office approved, gender and most importantly in relation to the BTEA approved qualifications. 	Refused	26/07/2021
		<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, followed by 4 in Quarter 2 of 2021. All these requests were Part-Granted using Section 36 (Commercially Sensitive Information) and Section 37 (Personal Information). With the exception of the first request in Quarter 2 [Ref. 17174], these requests are not shown in this Log.</p>		