

Freedom of Information Disclosure Log - April - June 2021



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

Request Number	Date Received	Request Category	Due Date	Decision Made	Request Details
TCAGSM-FOI-2021-0045	13/04/2021	Other	12/05/2021	Part-Granted	All records of financial support in terms of capital investment, including maintenance, improvements, renewals and development of facilities-all records in respect of financial support for running costs, overheads and other current account expenditure-details of the annual budgets earmarked for cultural events/programmes at the CCI-any report, evaluation or analysis that has been completed in respect of these investments copies of all records in the Department/Office pertaining to the Centre Culturel Irelande/Irish College Paris, including (but not restricted to):-any correspondence of the Minister or officials sent to or received from the Board or management of the CCI any correspondence of the Minister or officials sent to or received from any other Minister, Department, Agency or person in relation to the governance, operations, finances, or any other matter pertaining to the CCI. All evaluations or performance reviews of the CCI relating to its mission. All records pertaining to financial support (capital funding) in relation to the CCI - to include applications, assessments, consultations, consideration and notifications in respect of maintenance, renewal, improvements, development or any other purpose at the CCI. All records relating to financial support (current funding) for the CCI to include applications, assessment procedures, consultation processes, consideration and notifications in respect of programmes, events or any other purpose at the CCI.all records relating to appointments of the Chair and Directors, the authorised staffing complement, the recruitment and/or remuneration of staff at the CCI. This request refers only to the period between 1 January, 2015 and the request date.
TCAGSM-FOI-2021-0051	13/04/2021	Journalist	12/05/2021	Granted	The amount of money spent by the Department throughout 2020 on taxi services.
TCAGSM-FOI-2021-0052	12/04/2021	Other	01/06/2021	Part-Granted	1) Any correspondence between Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media and the National Concert Hall regarding the appointment of a new CEO for NCH. I'm looking for the information for period of 1 September 2020 up to date of appointment of the new CEO. 2) Any correspondence between Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media and the Department of Public Expenditure regarding the appointment of a new CEO for NCH. I'm looking for the information for the period of 1 September 2020 up to date of appointment of the new CEO.
TCAGSM-FOI-2021-0055	27/04/2021	Other	25/05/2021	Granted	A copy of all correspondence received by the Department from unsuccessful applicants for the Music Industry Stimulus Package following the release of the details of successful applicants by First Music Contact as well as any replies issued by the Department.
TCAGSM-FOI-2021-0056	29/04/2021	Journalist	28/05/2021	Part-Granted	Copies of all correspondence to/from Media Minister Catherine Martin to/from the following individuals: * RTÉ director general Dee Forbes * RTÉ board chairperson Moya Doherty * Virgin Media Television managing director Paul Farrell * Virgin Media Television chairman Tony Hanway * TG4 director general Alan Esslemont * TG4 board cathaoirleach Siún Ní Raghallaigh The records can be limited to items of correspondence between January 6, 2021 and April 29, 2021. The records should include copies of any documents attached or enclosed with the correspondence.
TCAGSM-FOI-2021-0057	27/05/2021	Journalist	25/06/2021	Granted	Copies of all correspondence to/from Media Minister Catherine Martin to/from the Association of Visitor Experiences and Attractions. Copies of the minutes of any meeting between Minister Martin and the same organisation.The records can be limited to items of correspondence between January 1, 2021 and April 29, 2021. The records should include copies of any documents attached or enclosed with the correspondence. I am interested in getting the letters and minutes of the meeting relating to the following entries in the Lobbying Register: https://www.lobbying.ie/return/69669/association-of-visitor-experiences-and-attractions
TCAGSM-FOI-2021-0058	30/04/2021	Other	31/05/2021	Refused	A Copy of the Terms of Reference of the Standing Technical Committee referred to the Local Authority Swimming Pool Programme Value for Money and Policy Review Report. A Copy the recommendations on pool dimensions design made by the Standing Technical Committee during the Capital Grant Approval Process for the Local Authority Swimming Pool at Loughlinstown Leisure Centre. Minutes of the Standing Technical Committee meetings for the past 3 years.

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TCAGSM-FOI-2021-0059	30/04/2021	Journalist	28/05/2021	Refused	All records pertaining to the review and report on governance structures and arrangements at St Patrick's Festival in 2020 carried out for the Department by the Institute of Public Administration. All records pertaining to the review and report on the annual St Patrick's Festival- including the evaluation of its benefits and assessment of models for the delivery of the festival - to ensure the sustainable delivery of an efficient, effective, and impactful annual festival - for the Department by Ernst and Young. A copy of the review and report on governance structures and arrangements at St Patrick's Festival in 2020 carried out for the Department by the Institute of Public Administration-A copy of the review and report on the annual St Patrick's Festival- including the evaluation of its benefits and assessment of models for the delivery of the festival - to ensure the sustainable delivery of an efficient, effective, and impactful annual festival - for the Department by Ernst and Young in 2019.
TCAGSM-FOI-2021-0060	04/05/2021	Journalist	31/05/2021	Part-Granted	Copies of all correspondence between the Dept and Leinster Rugby with regard to the possibility of having fans attend a rugby match in the RDS in May. Copies of any records held referring or relating to the possibility of allowing the above pilot project to take place. Both parts of this request to cover the period 1 Apr 2021 to date of receipt of the request.
TCAGSM-FOI-2021-0063	13/05/2021	Journalist	10/06/2021	Granted	Any correspondence / minutes / briefings / memos relating to the meeting between Twitter and Minister Martin / officials outlined in the following lobbying return: https://www.lobbying.ie/return/71124/twitter-international-company
TCAGSM-FOI-2021-0064	31/05/2021	Other	29/06/2021	Granted	All records of contact regarding "Tour Guides" between The Minister and or the Tourism Unit of Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sports and Media, Tourism Unit of Department of Transport, and the Irish Tour Guides Association (ITGA) or Association of Tour Guides of Ireland (ATGI) between the setting up of Dept in July 2020 and the date of this letter May 21 2021. All records of contact regarding "Tour Guides" between The Minister and or the Tourism Unit of Department of Transport, and the Irish Tour Guides Association (ITGA) or Association of Tour Guides of Ireland (ATGI) between Jan 1st 2020 and transfer of responsibility for the Tourism Dept to Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sports and Media. Records between Minister Martin and the ITGA and ATGI and also any records that these groups had directly with the Tourism Unit about tour guides between 1st July 2020 and 21st May 2021. Records that were received in the tourism division from ITGA and ATGI about tour guides between 1st January and 30th June 2020.
TCAGSM-FOI-2021-0066	25/05/2021	Journalist	22/06/2021	Granted	Aon chomhfhreagras nó caipéisí eile maidir le heolas nó comhairle faoin ngéarchéim sláinte phoiblí a bheith ar fáil i nGaeilge ó 01/03/2020 go dáta.
TCAGSM-FOI-2021-0067	25/05/2021	Journalist	13/07/2021	Granted	A copy of all correspondence between Troy Studios and the Department during 2021, including correspondence between Conor Falvey and Siún Ní Raghallaigh as outlined in the following lobbying return: https://www.lobbying.ie/return/72318/troy-studios
TCAGSM-FOI-2021-0068	27/05/2021	Journalist	05/07/2021	Granted	I wish to request, under the Freedom of Information Act, access to any correspondence between IBEC and Conor Falvey in relation to Section 481. I am looking for correspondence during 2021. Please also include any internal or external correspondence relating to the following lobbying return by IBEC Audiovisual Ireland: https://www.lobbying.ie/return/69581/ibec
TCAGSM-FOI-2021-0070	03/06/2021	Other	01/07/2021	Refused	Please advise what technologies (including version) you use for: HR, Payroll, L&D, Finance, Procurement, Contact Centre. Please advise if any of the following services are outsourced to third parties, and if so, when does the contract end? HR, Payroll, L&D, Finance, Procurement, Contact Centre.
TCAGSM-FOI-2021-0072	04/06/2021	Oireachtas/Public Representatives	05/07/2021	Refused	All information, correspondence and documentation, memos and reports in relation to the procurement and renting of offices from WeWork by the National Transport Authority at Charlemont Exchange since April 2019. To include, but not be limited to: All documentation from 1st November 2018 to 1st of December 2020 held in the department concerning the process of renting the Charlemont Exchange Offices to include, but not limited, to: Any correspondence between the National Transport Authority and the Department of Tourism on the renting of offices. Any memos or briefings on the matter, Any briefings provided to Ministers, Ministers of State or Department Officials on this matter. All other documentation pertinent to this issue.
TCAGSM-FOI-2021-0073	09/06/2021	Other	07/07/2021	Granted	All communication and correspondence, including proposals and attachments, made by or on behalf of the Wedding Band Association during the time period from the 1st of December 2020 until the 1st of June 2021. Communication and correspondence made by or on behalf of the Wedding Band Association might include correspondence from the following individuals: [Removed] and emails from an official Wedding Band Association email address.
TCAGSM-FOI-2021-0074	09/06/2021	Journalist	07/07/2021	Refused	All payments for legal services made to James Geoghegan (Barrister) for the period 1 November 2013 to 8 June 2021.

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TCAGSM-FOI-2021-0075	10/06/2021	Other	08/07/2021	Granted	Any and all communications including emails, minutes of meetings, and written correspondence between all representatives of the Dept of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media and any and all representatives of Failte Ireland with reference to live music and health advisories on live music dated between 01/01/2021 and 26/05/21. Any and all communications including emails, minutes of meetings and written correspondence between all representatives of the Dept of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media and any and all representatives of NPHE and/or the HPSC with reference to health advisories on live music dated between 01/01/21 and 26/05/21.
TCAGSM-FOI-2021-0076	04/08/2021	Other	01/09/2021	Part-Granted	Any and all communications including emails, minutes of meetings, written correspondence and messages on messaging services between all representatives of the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sports and Media and any and all representatives of MCD and/or Denis Desmond or Caroline Downey, Wide Awake Communications, or Live Nation, with regard to Covid restrictions and live music events, dated between 01/04/20 and 01/06/21. Any and all communications including emails, minutes of meetings, written correspondence and messages on messaging services between all representatives of the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sports and Media and any and all representatives of MCD and/or Denis Desmond or Caroline Downey, Wide Awake Communications, or Live Nation, with regard to Covid restrictions and live music events, dated between 01/01/21 and 01/08/21
TCAGSM-FOI-2021-0077	11/06/2021	Other	09/07/2021	Refused	Records showing the current policy position of the Department in relation to the participation by male born persons, who have been issued a Gender Recognition Certificate under Section 18 of the Gender Recognition Acts 2015, in female/womens sports in Ireland.
TCAGSM-FOI-2021-0078	17/06/2021	Journalist	15/07/2021	Part-Granted	Records of correspondence to and from the Minister's office and Google, in relation to online safety, media regulation and the regulation of digital markets, dated between January 1, 2021 and the date of this letter. This should include, but is not limited to emails, letters, reports, draft reports, memos, text messages and other electronic or printed communications. Records of correspondence to and from the Secretary General's office and Google, in relation to online safety, media regulation and the regulation of digital markets, dated between January 1, 2021 and the date of this letter. This should include, but is not limited to emails, letters, reports, draft reports, memos, text messages and other electronic or printed communications. Records of correspondence to and from the Assistant Secretary's office and Google, in relation to online safety, media regulation and the regulation of digital markets, dated between January 1, 2021 and the date of this letter. This should include, but is not limited to emails, letters, reports, draft reports, memos, text messages and other electronic or printed communications. Records of meetings involving Department ministers/staff members and Google, in relation to online safety, media regulation and the regulation of digital markets, dated between January 1, 2021 and the date of this letter. This should include records of all meeting notes, reports, draft reports and materials used/presented at the meetings. It refers to Ms Katherine Licken and Ms Patricia Murphy in the third point referring to the Assistant Secretary rank.
TCAGSM-FOI-2021-0079	17/06/2021	Journalist	14/07/2021	Refused	The full list of entities/acts/productions/festivals/businesses who applied for the Live Performance Support Scheme. What was the criteria for eligibility for the scheme? What information did each applicant have to supply? Was the money allocated to each entity decided by the department or was did the each entity or business ask for a certain sum in its application?
TCAGSM-FOI-2021-0080	21/06/2021	Other	19/07/2021	Refused	A copy of the Departmental Memorandum that formally communicated the policy decision to delete the non-Funding Preventative and Detective Controls of Departmental Memorandum LSS 1/98.
TCAGSM-FOI-2021-0081	22/06/2021	Other	19/07/2021	Part-Granted	All reports written to monitor the terms and use of the Stadium under State Aid SA. 44439 (2016/N) – Sporting Arena Cork – Ireland, for Páirc Uí Chaoimh.
TCAGSM-FOI-2021-0082	23/06/2021	Journalist	20/07/2021	Granted	The amount of money spent in euros on advertising through paid-for or “sponsored” social media posts, 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.

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TCAGSM-FOI-2021-0084	24/06/2021	Other	21/07/2021	Refused	Details of all expenditure incurred by DTCAGSM on cloud computing services in 2020. Cloud computing services should be taken to mean any cloud-related service provided to DTCAGSM, either directly by cloud computing firms (such as, but not limited to, the following: Microsoft Azure, Google Cloud Platform, Oracle, Amazon Web Services, and IBM) or by third party-consultancies. 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. Details are requested on the total payments made to each relevant individual private sector entity (cloud computing firm, third party consultancy, etc.) covered by this request, rather than a single accumulative figure.
TCAGSM-FOI-2021-0085	28/06/2021	Journalist	23/07/2021	Refused	Copies of any records held in the email accounts of Minister Martin and/or the Secretary General of the Department relating to decision not to hold Euro '21 matches in Ireland due to Covid-19 risk. This request to cover the period 1 May 2021 to date of receipt of the request.
TCAGSM-FOI-2021-0086	30/06/2021	Other	27/07/2021	Part-Granted	The following records from the successful LSSIF Submission are requested 1. The Pass/Fail Template and Checklist for this successful Submission is requested under Freedom of Information Act. Specifically, the checklist records are requested relating to the Pass/Fail Criterion: Is it clear that the Facility does not compete with the National Sports Campus or other nearby regional facilities are requested. The planned pool dimensions (length, width and depth) for the proposed Swimming Pool complex within Phase 2 of the Samuel Beckett Civic Campus (in comparison with the specialist dimensions of the aquatic facilities at the National Sports Campus) will have been benchmarked and clarified in Comments using inputs from the qualified and specialist Technical Advisor(s). 2. The records of the template used and the score achieved by Samuel Beckett Civic Campus (Phase 2) under Criteria 9 Technical merits of the project are requested under Freedom of Information Act. 3. The underlying documents provided by the qualified and specialist Technical Advisor(s) within the successful Submission that substantiated the specific score achieved by this successful Submission are requested under Freedom of Information Act (such as financial and economic appraisal, pre-tender estimates, cost plan for delivery, staffing and operational plan, business plan and outline promotional strategy etc.). As the Swimming Pool complex (with its specific and specialised pool design dimensions) proposed for Phase 2 of The Samuel Beckett Civic Campus is a major contributor to capital expenditure and a major contributor to subsequent operating revenues, all separately identifiable documentation provided by the qualified and specialist Technical Advisor(s) within the successful Submission relating to the specialist design decisions within the Swimming Pool Complex sub-project are requested under Freedom of Information Act. 4. Any records that were provided with the successful LSSIF Submission to substantiate the professional credentials and track records of the qualified and specialist Technical Advisor(s) to provide input to the Submission on the proposed Swimming Pool complex are requested under Freedom of Information Act (e.g. documented membership of a pre-selected panel of Swimming Pool Complex Designers retained by the Office of Public Works under Capital Works Management Framework Guidance Note 2.3.3)

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