

## Freedom of Information Disclosure Log - July - September 2021



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

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TCAGSM-FOI-2021-0090	05/07/2021	Other	30/07/2021	Refused	I am requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act in relation to the procurement of contractor service at 'A Pilot Event' held at the Royal Hospital Kilmainham on July 3rd 2021. Specifically can you show evidence of the tendering process for the provision of the antigen testing service and the provision of fencing and other physical barriers at the event. Please provide documented evidence of the tendering process itself and submitted tenders for both successful and unsuccessful bids to provide these services.
TCAGSM-FOI-2021-0091	05/07/2021	Journalist	30/07/2021	Part-Granted	Please send me all internal communications and minutes of all meetings on "pilot" Covid concerts between January 1 to today's date. Please send me all external correspondence to the minister about the pilot concerts in theveagh Gardens on June 10 and in Kilmainham on July 3.
TCAGSM-FOI-2021-0092	06/07/2021	Other	04/08/2021	Refused	Records recording discussions by then Minister Alex White and the department about the use by RTE of self-employment records in the period 2014 to 2016 when Alex White was Minister for Communications, Energy and Natural Resources.
TCAGSM-FOI-2021-0093	09/07/2021	Other	09/08/2021	Granted	All costs associated with the Pilot Event concert held in RHK on 3/7/21.
TCAGSM-FOI-2021-0094	19/07/2021	Journalist	17/08/2021	Part-Granted	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 Jan 2021 to 1 May 2021. Copies of any briefings, reports, submissions, memos, or other such review/overview/discussion documents prepared relating to the viability of hosting those matches in Dublin. Same time frame as above.
TCAGSM-FOI-2021-0095	19/07/2021	Journalist	09/09/2021	Part-Granted	All correspondence between members of the RTE Authority and Minister Catherine Martin in relation to the issue of board appointments to the RTE Authority, from January 1 2021 to present. All correspondence between Minister Catherine Martin and the Oireachtas committee on Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht in relation to the issue of board appointments to the RTE Authority, from January 1 2021 to present. The minutes of the following meeting on February 22 between RTE representatives and Minister Catherine Martin and her officials <a href="https://www.lobbying.ie/return/72267/raidi%C3%B3--teilif%C3%ADs-%C3%A9ireann">https://www.lobbying.ie/return/72267/raidi%C3%B3--teilif%C3%ADs-%C3%A9ireann</a>
TCAGSM-FOI-2021-0096	22/07/2021	Other	19/08/2021	Refused	Copies of the following five Section 8.1 Project Reviews (Short Reports) required to accompany these five mandatory Final Account Submissions to the Department: LASPP Project at New Ross, Wexford, completed August 2013, Section 8.1 Project Review (mandatory under Section 8.1, must have been completed not later than two years following the date of practical completion), suggests a Project Review filing date with the Department not later than August 2015. LASPP Project at Ballybofey, Donegal, completed October 2013, Section 8.1 Project Review (mandatory under Section 8.1, must have been completed not later than two years following the date of practical completion), suggests a Project Review filing date with the Department not later than October 2015. LASPP Project at De Paul, Navan Road, Dublin completed October 2015, Section 8.1 Project Review (mandatory under Section 8.1, must have been completed not later than two years following the date of practical completion), suggests a Project Review filing date with the Department not later than October 2017. LASPP Project at Clara, Offaly, completed November 2015, Section 8.1 Project Review (mandatory under Section 8.1, must have been completed not later than two years following the date of practical completion), suggests a Project Review filing date with the Department not later than November 2017. LASPP Project at Dunmanway, Cork, completed May 2017, Section 8.1 Project Review (mandatory under Section 8.1, must have been completed not later than two years following the date of practical completion), suggests a Project Review filing date with the Department not later than May 2019.
TCAGSM-FOI-2021-0097	22/07/2021	Journalist	20/08/2021	Part-Granted	Copies of all records created since March 1st, 2021 relating to the filling of four vacancies on the board of Sport Ireland on July 22nd. Records from the minister's office concerning the filling of the four vacancies. (The same time period applies.)
TCAGSM-FOI-2021-0098	23/07/2021	Other	23/08/2021	Refused	A copy of the application applied for in the Live performance 2021 funding stream. The application was made by CWB Ltd, PPJ Ltd, they have received offer of funding for €148,097 for events in Tipperary.

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TCAGSM-FOI-2021-0099	21/07/2021	Other	01/09/2021	Refused	Records recording discussions by: 1. Minister for Sport, Catherine Martin and her advisers of officials 2. Minister of State for Sport and his officials and advisers of a petition placed on the petition site 'change.org' in November 2020 and which petition contained a link to a full letter, on the site GCN.ie, with a list of signatories to the letter, and which letter included a call to media, and politicians to "no longer provide legitimate political representation for those that share bigoted beliefs" and whose signatories included the National Women's Council of Ireland, Transgender Equality Network Ireland, BeLongTo and Amnesty Ireland
TCAGSM-FOI-2021-0101	29/07/2021	Journalist	26/08/2021	Part-Granted	All internal records since 1st January 2021 relating to the appointments of Larry Bass and David Harvey to the board of RTE. 2. Any correspondence containing complaints about these two appointments received by the Department since their positions were announced.
TCAGSM-FOI-2021-0102	14/07/2021	Journalist	11/08/2021	Part-Granted	All correspondence between Triona Quill in the Department of Communications (as it was then) and the Department of the Taoiseach, the Department of Children, the Department of Justice and the Department of Education about the establishment of a Digital Safety Commissioner from February 17 2017 to July 11 2018. All correspondence between Dulta O'Broin in the Department of Communications (as it was then) and the Departments of the Taoiseach, the Department of Children, the Department of Justice and the Department of Education about the establishment of a Digital Safety Commissioner from February 17 2017 to July 11 2018. All correspondence between John Carroll, special adviser to then Taoiseach Leo Varadkar in the Department of the Taoiseach, and the Department of Communications (as it was then) about the establishment of a Digital Safety Commissioner from July 1 2017 to July 11 2018. I have generally used the search period of February 17 2017 to July 11 2018 because February 17 2017 was when Denis Naughten, the former Minister for Communications announced his intention to set up a Digital Safety Commissioner, and July 11 2018 was the date for the publication of the Action Plan for Online Safety.
TCAGSM-FOI-2021-0103	03/08/2021	Journalist	31/08/2021	Granted	Copies of any records held referring or relating to a campaign by fringe groups against restaurants and pubs due to their taking part in the Covid-19 certificate process (as per the following article: <a href="https://www.thejournal.ie/anti-vax-cert-facebook-page-businesses-targetted-5507965-Jul2021/">https://www.thejournal.ie/anti-vax-cert-facebook-page-businesses-targetted-5507965-Jul2021/</a> )
TCAGSM-FOI-2021-0104	30/07/2021	Other	27/08/2021	Part-Granted	A copy of all scoring sheets used in determining all applications, and copies of all associated criteria and records of all discussions with regards to criteria and scoring by First Music Contact (FMC), associated administrators and the assembled panel of experts, before, during and after the fund allocation process. Include emails and any written records. A copy of all recorded minutes for the selection process and all prior discussion with regards to the selection process. All First Music Contact (FMC) documentation regarding the selection of the expert panel including eligibility and selection criteria. A copy of all correspondence with regards to members of the expert panel between First Music Contact and The Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media. Correspondence about the reasons for the judges selection/qualification to the expert panel and any correspondence dealing with someone's disqualification from the expert panel. A copy of all correspondence with Yangaroo including all emails and text messages relevant to the awards. Details and records relating to disclosures of interest by members of the expert panel with regards to all applicants. All discussions and details of same regarding conflict of interest. All discussions regarding means testing before, during and after the announcement of the awards. Financial Statements from the MISP Grant. First Music Contact Accounts containing; records of total funds before grantee announcements, during selection process, and after allocation and distribution of the total of €1,700,000 in funding for the MISP Grants.
TCAGSM-FOI-2021-0105	06/08/2021	Journalist	03/09/2021	Part-Granted	Any correspondence between RTE's Director General and the Minister for Communications between 1 January 2021 to present.
TCAGSM-FOI-2021-0106	09/08/2021	Other	06/09/2021	Granted	A full copy of health and safety plan that the Department received for each test concert to date
TCAGSM-FOI-2021-0107	09/08/2021	Journalist	06/09/2021	Part-Granted	Access to all correspondence with those selected for the role of Irish Cultural Ambassador between March 2019 and to date in 2021. Please also include any internal memos/reports/correspondence about the roles between March 2019 and to date in 2021.

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TCAGSM-FOI-2021-0108	10/08/2021	Oireachtas/Public Representatives	08/09/2021	Granted	All correspondence, memos, emails and their attachments were relevant, between officials in the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media, at the level of Principal Officer and above, and Fáilte Ireland regarding the definition of outdoor events; in relation to Fáilte Ireland operational guidelines between 1st June 2021 and 9th August 2021; 2. All correspondence, memos, emails and their attachments were relevant, between the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media and Fáilte Ireland regarding the definition of outdoor events in relation to Fáilte Ireland operational guidelines between 1st June 2021 and 9th August 2021. All correspondence, memos, emails and their attachments were relevant, between officials in the Tourism Division of the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media, at the level of Principal Officer and above, and Fáilte Ireland regarding the definition of outdoor events in relation to Fáilte Ireland operational guidelines between 1st June 2021 and 9th August 2021; All correspondence, memos, emails and their attachments were relevant, between the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media and Fáilte Ireland regarding the definition of outdoor events in relation to Fáilte Ireland operational guidelines between 1st June 2021 and 9th August 2021.
TCAGSM-FOI-2021-0109	06/08/2021	Journalist	27/10/2021	Part-Granted	Correspondence from Retro Drive-in Movies to the Department about how many people are allowed at outdoor events, and all responses to that correspondence from officials and/or the minister. Timeline: 1 May - 1 August; Correspondence from event holders to the Department about how many people are allowed at attend live entertainment outdoor events, and the Department's reply to that correspondence. Timeline: 1 June - 1 August.
TCAGSM-FOI-2021-0110	06/08/2021	Other	02/09/2021	Part-Granted	A copy of the original Grant application by the GMIT and Connaught Rugby. 2. Any Drawing that may have been provided at the time with the application or subsequently. 3. Any description of the works proposed. 4. Any information written or on drawings relating to the placing of a fence its height and location inside or outside the running track. 5. Any mention in the application or in subsequent document to leaving the following in place after the development. a) The Long Jump b) The Throwing circle c) The High Jump support frame d) The 400-meter gravel running track e) The storage containers and shed used by Castlebar Athletic Club 6. Any reference in the documents to the local community and how existing sports clubs will be facilitated 7. Any recourse 3rd parties may have to influencing the development, EG Planning Permission or Grant condition 8. The timing of the grant process, Example completed works and grant claim must be completed by a set date / Any extension that might apply due to COVID 19.
TCAGSM-FOI-2021-0111	11/08/2021	Journalist	08/09/2021	Granted	Any communications between the staff of the Tourism Industry Product Development Division of your department and the department of health seeking clarity on outdoor events for hospitality guidelines between June 20th and August 10th 2021. Any communications between the staff of the Tourism Industry, Product Development Division of your department and the department of An Taoiseach seeking clarity on outdoor events for hospitality guidelines between June 20th and August 10th 2021. Any communications between the staff of the Tourism Industry, Product Development Division of your department and the department of Enterprise seeking clarity on outdoor events for hospitality guidelines between June 20th and August 10th 2021.
TCAGSM-FOI-2021-0112	13/08/2021	Other	09/09/2021	Refused	Details of meetings between Department of Media, RTÉ and the NCH (national concert hall) from Jan 2021 to Date. 2. Members of the committees/groups established for the move of the NSO to the NCH. 3. Dates of meetings due to take place in 2021 and 2022.
TCAGSM-FOI-2021-0113	16/08/2021	Other	13/09/2021	Refused	All correspondence from Deputy Emer Higgins in relation to TikTok/Bytedanceall records of internal departmental discussion of the same. The records should include but not be limited to any e-mails, and any attachments therein, and mobile phone text messages including any messages via Whatsapp.
TCAGSM-FOI-2021-0114	13/08/2021	Oireachtas/Public Representatives	09/09/2021	Granted	All information including correspondence (including text and whatsapp messages) and documentation, memos held by the Department regarding an event hosted by former Minister Katherine Zappone held in the Merrion Hotel on July 21st 2021.
TCAGSM-FOI-2021-0115	19/08/2021	Journalist	15/09/2021	Granted	Any correspondence sent by Minister Catherine Martin (or her private secretary) between March and the present dates to the office of the Taoiseach, the office of Leo Varadkar, and the office of Eamon Ryan regarding the return of the live entertainment sector; any replies from the offices above.
TCAGSM-FOI-2021-0116	25/08/2021	Other	22/09/2021	Refused	All records relating to payments made to Hotel Merrion Ltd (t/a The Merrion Hotel) for the period 1 January 2020 - 24 August 2021.

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TCAGSM-FOI-2021-0117	25/08/2021	Journalist	22/09/2021	Granted	Copies of all letters sent by the Minister Catherine Martin to other Ministers regarding the reopening of the live events sector, and copies of any return correspondence from other Ministers to Ms Martin on the same topic. The time-frame for this request is June 2021 to date.
TCAGSM-FOI-2021-0118	02/09/2021	Journalist	30/09/2021	Granted	A copy of any guidance, instructions, or other such material provided to National Archives staff for dealing with requests for sensitive information from visitors e.g. from inquests, places of incarceration etc.
TCAGSM-FOI-2021-0120	07/09/2021	Journalist	05/10/2021	Granted	copy of all documents, submissions, memos, minutes, briefing documents, and any subsequent correspondence and/or internal departmental communications, related to the following lobbying return: <a href="https://www.lobbying.ie/return/73250/rockwood">https://www.lobbying.ie/return/73250/rockwood</a>
TCAGSM-FOI-2021-0122	14/09/2021	Other	11/10/2021	Part-Granted	All correspondence (sent and received), including official letters, emails and their attachments where relevant, memos and minutes of meetings, including by the Minister and Minister of State, between Irish Rugby Football Union (IRFU) and the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media, in relation to international and interprovincial Womens Rugby between 1st March 2020 and 14th September 2021. The search can be limited to Assistant Principal and above level and should include the Office of the Ministers, Minister Martin and Minister of State Chambers.
TCAGSM-FOI-2021-0123	15/09/2021	Journalist	13/10/2021	Part-Granted	Records of all communications between the Department of Sport and the organisers and agents for America's Cup since December 2020 to the present date. I am also seeking records of all communications between the Department of Sport and the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform in which funding for the America's Cup was discussed/referenced since December 2020 to the present date. I am also seeking a copy of the EY report into the America's Cup commissioned by the department and the records of all communications in the department about the contents of that report.
TCAGSM-FOI-2021-0124	15/09/2021	Journalist	13/10/2021	Part-Granted	Records of all communications - including emails, and text messages between Minister Catherine Martin and anybody in the department involved in giving her special advice, and/or handling media relations, communications and PR on her behalf and on department personnel's behalf where the record relates to America's Cup since December 2020.
TCAGSM-FOI-2021-0125	16/09/2021	Journalist	14/10/2021	Part-Granted	Any and all communications, including emails, messages on messaging services, and minutes of meetings between representatives of TCAGSM, Catherine Martin or Jack Chambers and Simon Coveney and/or any of his staff or representatives. Any and all Representatives of the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform that make reference to the America's Cup, dated from 01/06/20 to 14/09/21 inclusive.
TCAGSM-FOI-2021-0126	17/09/2021	Journalist	15/10/2021	Part-Granted	Any correspondence between Minister Catherine Martin and the Give Us The Night group re the reopening of nightclubs and other night-time venues as well as any corr discussing the extension of hours for nightlife when reopened/in the future.
TCAGSM-FOI-2021-0127	17/09/2021	Other	26/10/2021	Part-Granted	All Quarterly Management and Auditor's reports furnished to the Department to date (7 October 2021) by Galway Cultural Development and Activity Company Limited by Guarantee in accordance with the Performance Delivery Agreement signed by both parties on 6 November 2018.
TCAGSM-FOI-2021-0128	17/09/2021	Journalist	15/10/2021	Part-Granted	All correspondence and documents related to the bid for the 2024 America's Cup held by the Department between the period January 01 2021 and the present day. This should include all emails, memos, text message exchanges and any other form of communications regarding the prospective bid. Correspondence between TCAGSM and other Departments - PER and Foreign Affairs, as well as the EY reports into the economic benefit of the event.
TCAGSM-FOI-2021-0129	17/09/2021	Journalist	14/10/2021	Granted	A copy of all correspondence between Sarah Keane of the Olympic Federation of Ireland and Minister Jack Chambers or his officials in relation to the organisation of homecoming events for Olympic athletes during 2021.
TCAGSM-FOI-2021-0130	20/09/2021	Journalist	15/10/2021	Granted	Correspondence (sent and received) between an Taisce and Minister for Culture Catherine Martin, on the topic of Howth castle, between 1st May and 20th September 2021. <a href="https://www.lobbying.ie/return/76423/an-taisce-the-national-trust-for-ireland">https://www.lobbying.ie/return/76423/an-taisce-the-national-trust-for-ireland</a>
TCAGSM-FOI-2021-0131	20/09/2021	Journalist	08/11/2021	Part-Granted	Any correspondence related to the matter of Larry Bass being on the board of RTE, between the Minister/her office and Mr Bass and from other parties relating to the same appointment, to the Ministers Since February 2021
TCAGSM-FOI-2021-0132	21/09/2021	Journalist	18/10/2021	Part-Granted	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: <a href="https://www.lobbying.ie/return/72267/raidilif%20C3%ADs-C3%A9ireann">https://www.lobbying.ie/return/72267/raidilif%20C3%ADs-C3%A9ireann</a>

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TCAGSM-FOI-2021-0133	22/09/2021	Journalist	20/10/2021	Part-Granted	Access to all of the cost-benefit analyses carried out by EY Ireland into Ireland's hosting of the America's Cup. Access to any other internal records or external correspondence since the start of 2020, including with other government. Departments or the organisers of the event, regarding the hosting of the America's Cup. Correspondence with Minister Coveney or his advisers, Minister McGrath or his advisers, the Office of the Taoiseach and the organisers of the event. All the correspondence with EY Ireland and any reports from EY Ireland.
TCAGSM-FOI-2021-0134	24/09/2021	Journalist	22/10/2021	Granted	Access to all correspondence and/or minutes/notes of meetings between Center Parcs and Minister Martin during 2021.
TCAGSM-FOI-2021-0136	28/09/2021	Journalist	16/11/2021	Part-Granted	A copy of correspondence from Larry Bass to the Minister/department regarding his decision to resign from the board of RTE.
TCAGSM-FOI-2021-0137	30/09/2021	Other	29/10/2021	Refused	A copy of the diary of Minister Martin for the period of 1st January 2021 to 30th September 2021
TCAGSM-FOI-2021-0139	29/09/2021	Other	27/10/2021	Part-Granted	All correspondence between the Dept of TCAGSM and the FAI in relation to Dundalk FC for the years 2016/2017/2018/2019/2020/2021. All correspondence between the Dept of TCAGSM and Dundalk FC for the years 2016/2017/2018/2019/2020/2021. Details of all Dept of TCAGSM funding provided to Dundalk FC for the years 2016/2017/2018/2019/2020/2021.

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