

Freedom of Information Disclosure Log Q1 2022

REFERENCE NO.	REQUEST DATE	REQUESTOR CATEGORY	SUMMARY OF REQUEST	DECISION	REASON
0002/2022	04/01/2022	Journalist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A record, list, database of all vacant properties held by the department to include their name, location, and how long they have been vacant. - The cost of providing security at each of the vacant properties in 2020 and 2021. 	Withdrawn and Handled Outside of FOI	Property Management Branch provided information outside FOI with requesters agreement
0003/2022	06/01/2022	Others	<p>Request for details of the numbers of press and communications staff in the department, both in terms of head count and full-time equivalent (FTE):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The number of communications staff. 2. A breakdown of these staff by job description and/or job title (e.g. number of press officers, heads of press office, directors of communications, social media staff, etc) and for each, their salary bands. 	Withdrawn and Handled Outside of FOI	Communications dealing with request outside FOI, requester agreed
0004/2022	06/01/2022	Journalist	Copies of any correspondence between the chair of the board of the Irish Red Cross and the Department of Defence regarding funding for the charity. Period 1st September 2021- 1st December 2021.	Refused	Section 15(1)(a)
0005/2022	06/01/2022	Journalist	Copies of any correspondence between any board member of the Irish United Nations Veterans Association (IUNVA) and any board member of the Óglaigh Náisiúnta na hÉireann (ONE) with the Department of Defence, regarding funding. To cover the period 1st September to 21st November 2021.	Part-Granted	Section 37(1) & 36(1)(c) & 35(1)(a)

0006/2022	10/01/2022	Others	all correspondence between the RTI Unit of the Department of Defence and Prof Ben Tonra in relation to records created between 1 May 2021 and the date of request, including email, text messages and messaging apps.	Part-Granted	Section 37(1)(b)
0009/2022	13/01/2022	Journalist	<p>Request for information on and/or records of the following, from 2019-2021:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complaints received from staff which allege that they were bullied by fellow staff • Complaints received from staff which allege that they were harassed by fellow staff • Complaints received from staff which allege they were sexual harassed by fellow staff. <p><i>Note: the above request was in relation to Civil Servants in the Dept of Defence</i></p>	Part-Granted	37(1)
0010/2022	18/01/2022	Journalist	A list of e-submissions sent to Minister Coveney between 1/11/21 and the date of this request.	Part-Granted	Section 30(1), 33(1)(a)(b)(d), 33(2)(a), 37(1)
0011/2022	21/01/2022	Others	<p>(1) All briefing / submissions prepared for the Minister for defence in relation to Budget 2022; and</p> <p>(2) Any correspondence from the Minister / Department of Defence at the grade of Principal Officer and above to the Minister of Public Expenditure and Reform regarding Budget 2022.</p>	Part-Granted	Section 37(1)
0013/2022	27/01/2022	Journalist	<p>a request for records (including Searches of the Minister's mobile device and private email addresses) regarding a meeting between Defence Forces Chief of Staff Seán Clancy and the Russian ambassador to Ireland, specifically:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any correspondence - including emails, written correspondence or electronic communications (WhatsApp, SMS) between the Minister and Mr Clancy between 1 October and the present date; • Any correspondence between the Minister and the Defence Forces concerning such a meeting between 1 October and the present date. 	Refused	Section 15(1)(a)

0014/2022	28/01/2022	Staff	A request for all information, communication and correspondence in relation to the 35th RACCC & 36th RACCC (26th Young Officers Wing Course) promotion from 2nd Lieutenant to Lieutenant in the Irish Air Corps.	Transferred	Defence Forces accepted on full transfer
0015/2022	31/01/2022	Others	<p>A request for any documents pertaining to any exercises, manoeuvres, training missions, or weapons testing, but not transit, carried out by the UK, US, or French militaries (inclusive of naval, or air forces) in the Irish exclusive economic zone since the 21st of April 1998.</p> <p>If you require further specification, I would like to request documents informing the Government of Ireland/the Minister for Defence of any such exercises, manoeuvres, training missions, or weapons testing carried out by the UK, US, or French militaries (inclusive of naval, or air forces) in the Irish exclusive economic zone observed/sighted by the Defence Forces since the 21st of April 1998.</p>	Refused	Refused under Section 15(1)(c). Despite repeated efforts to clarify the matter with the applicant, he failed to narrow the scope and therefore request was refused.
0016/2022	31/01/2022	Journalist	<p>A copy of the mediation agreement associated with the following: https://www.leinsterleader.ie/news/home/727840/20-000-bill-for-mediation-between-kildare-county-council-and-department-of-defence-over-dumping-near-donnely-s-hollow-in-curragh.html</p> <p>- a copy of any environmental assessment, scoping exercises, cost-benefit analyses or other such records associated with the work required at the site.</p>	Withdrawn	
0017/2022	31/01/2022	Journalist	- a copy of any records held referring or relating to the use of disciplinary procedures with regards to Irish troops refusing to patrol in Syria with UNDOF.	Refused	Section 15(1)(a) no records exist
0018/2022	01/02/2022	Journalist	All internal emails relating to a proposal to redevelop Cathal Brugha barracks for housing dated between 25 January and 31 January 2022, including any correspondence between this Department/the Minister and the Department of Housing as well as the Department of Transport/Minister Ryan.	Part-Granted	Section 29(1)(a)(b), 30(1)(a)(c), 33(1)(a)(b), 36(1)(b)

0019/2022	01/02/2022	Oireachtas/Public Representatives	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Any correspondence or records between Department staff regarding the decision to establish a review into allegations of sexual violence, harassment and bullying alleged by the group known as 'the Women of Honour'. 2) Any correspondence or records by Minister Simon Coveney regarding the decision to establish a review into allegations of sexual violence, harassment and bullying alleged by the group known as 'the Women of Honour'. 3) Any correspondence of records regarding media advice to Minister Coveney regarding presentation or communications of the aforementioned decision. 4) Any correspondence or records regarding a meeting between the Minister and the Women of Honour group which took place on 25th January 2022. 	Part-Granted	Section 29(1), 30(1)(a), 30(1)(c) , 31(1)(c)(ii)(I), 31(2)(b), 31(3)
0021/2022	02/02/2022	Journalist	Any correspondence that relates to media coverage and other correspondence, from 01.05.21 with another Government department, or State agency (to include the Land Development Agency, Defence Forces, etc.) concerning the development or potential development of housing on the site of Cathal Brugha barracks.	Part-Granted	Section 29(1)(a)(b), 33(1)(a)(b)
0022/2022	02/02/2022	Journalist	<p>I wish to request, under the Freedom of Information Act, access to a list of all accommodation currently being let by the Department to tenants.</p> <p>I also wish to request details of rent arrears as of the start of 2022 relating to accommodation being let by the Department. Please break down the arrears by area.</p>	Part-Granted	Section 33(1) & 37(1)
0023/2022	15/02/2022	Journalist	A breakdown of 'Official Entertainment' spending for each Minister/Minister of State from June 2020 to date.	Refused	Section 15(1)(a) - no records exist

0024/2022	16/02/2022	Journalist	<p>1. The number of cases settled by way of NDAs (Non Disclosure Agreements) with serving and former members of the Defence Forces.</p> <p>2. The number of cases settled without NDAs with serving and former members of the Defence Forces.</p> <p>3. A breakdown by type of claim made by those taking the cases settled by NDA.</p> <p>4. A breakdown by type of claim made by those taking the cases which were settled or finalised without NDAs.</p>	Refused	Section 15(1)(a) - no records exist
0025/2022	17/02/2022	Journalist	<p>Records showing the number of employee/official mobile devices - to include smartphones, laptops and tablets - reported lost by or stolen by employees/officials in 2020 and 2021.</p> <p>:: Breakdown of same by device and year</p> <p>:: Whether devices were encrypted or not.</p>	Granted	
0027/2022	21/02/2022	Others	<p>All Reports/documents/records of communications (all types) from/about anyone working for the Department of Defence especially members of the Irish Defence Forces who received any adverse reactions from taking any Covid-19 vaccines. These reports/documents/records of communications (all types) requested are for the period 29/12/2020 to 31/1/2022 inclusive.</p>	Refused	Section 15(1)(a) - no records exist
0028/2022	25/02/2022	Business/Interest Groups	<p>Q1. Can you please list the number of devices deployed by your organisation for the following?</p> <p>Q2. Does your organisation have any plans for refreshing or replacing the above devices, if so, can you please provide the indicative or projected expenditure in the below format?</p> <p>Q3. Does your organisation have any plans for developing, refreshing, or replacing IT or ICT software applications, if so, can you please provide the information in the below format?</p>	Refused	Not valid - request for information as opposed to records

0029/2022	28/02/2022	Journalist	<p>Copies of any submissions, memos, reports, or other such overview/review/discussion documents prepared for either the Secretary General or the Minister with regard to the abuse and harassment of female members of the Defence Forces.</p> <p>Copies of any correspondence between the department and the DF with regard to the above matters.</p> <p>Both parts of this request to cover the period 1 October 2021 to date of receipt of the request.</p>	Part-Granted	<p>29(1)(a), 30(1)(a), 30(1)(c), 31(1)(a), 31(1)(c)(ii)(I), 31(2)(b) & (3), 32(1)(a)(ii), 32(1)(a)(iv), 35(1)(a) & (b), 37(1), 42(m)(i)</p>
0030/2022	02/03/2022	Others	<p>1. Any information the Department of Defence holds regarding the issue of far-right extremism within the Defence Forces, such as official reports, briefing documents, memos, emails, etc., generated during the time period January 2018 to present.</p> <p>2. Any complaints or correspondence the Department has received from members of the public regarding far-right extremism in the Defence Forces during the same time period.</p>	Part-Granted	<p>Section 37(1) - Personal Information (mobile, personal email and twitter handles)</p>
0031/2022	07/03/2022	Business/Interest Groups	<p>We are currently working on a research project funded by the SEAI RD&D fund on "Offshore Airborne Wind Energy (AWE) demonstrator" RD&D project along with Ampyx Power. We would like to exclude the areas where there are offshore military training areas. Do you have information on the location of these areas that you could share with us? Or do you know where can we get it?</p>	Transferred	<p>Full transfer to DF as they hold the records sought.</p>
0032/2022	08/03/2022	Journalist	<p>1. Details of every Partnership for Peace (PfP) Planning and Review Process (PARP) goal set for Ireland since 1999 including when the goals were set and how many have been satisfactorily completed to date.</p> <p>2. A copy of every PfP annual report held by the Department of Defence or the Defence Forces or Nato since 2012</p> <p>3. A copy of the PARP assessment report for Ireland dated June 20, 2019</p> <p>4. A copy of any other assessment report relating to Defence Forces capabilities under the PfP programme, completed by either Nato or the Department of Defence/Defence Forces, in the last ten years.</p>	Refused	<p>33(1)(a) & (b) & 33(2)(a)</p>

0033/2022	11/03/2022	Journalist	Copies of all correspondence between the office of the Minister for Defence, and the office of the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government (as it was then known), which culminated in the issue of S.I. 61/2020, concerning a planning application at Orwell Road in Rathgar.	Refused	Section 15(1)(a) - no records exist
0034/2022	14/03/2022	Journalist	The terms of reference, minutes and outputs (i.e., memos, correspondence, etc.) from a steering group set up to oversee the potential transfer of Cathal Brugha barracks to the LDA, and/or the feasibility study into same	Refused	29(1)(a) & 29(1)(b) - Deliberative process
0036/2022	15/03/2022	Business/Interest Groups	I am writing to you on the issue of Unidentified Aerial Phenomena (UAP) in the skies over the Republic of Ireland. Can you show any documentation that shows you have no reports of UAP? What monitoring of reports is being carried out? What is being done to record and investigate reports made in the Republic of Ireland?	Refused	Section 15(1)(a) - no records exist
0037/2022	15/03/2022	Journalist	Under the FOI Act 2014, I am seeking the following: - copies of all records held referring or relating to the decision to charter an aircraft for the use of the Taoiseach for overseas travel in the period between 10 March and 13 March. - copies of all records held referring or relating to maintenance, serviceability, reliability issues concerning the Learjet during the same period.	Part-Granted	Section 30(1), 36(1), 37(1)
0039/2022	16/03/2022	Journalist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The amount spent on the recruitment of women in the Defence Forces in 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and to date in 2022. • Correspondence sent/received by the Minister for Defence in relation to the recruitment of women in the Defence Forces in 2021 and to date in 2022. • Correspondence sent/received by the Defence Forces Chief of Staff in relation to the recruitment of women in the Defence Forces. 	Refused	Section 15(1)a - records do not exist

0041/2022	23/03/2022	Journalist	<p>A request for the release of records relating to expenses incurred and gifts received by the Minister and Junior Ministers at the department during their visits abroad for St Patrick's Day this year, specifically:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The cost of travel and accommodation for the minister/junior ministers • The cost of travel and accommodation for any advisers or other staff for the minister/junior ministers • The cost of any gifts (including shamrock) incurred by the department for the trip • Any other costs associated with the trips • Details of any gifts received while the minister/junior ministers were on the trips. 	Refused	Section 15(1)(a) - no records exist Advised to submit new request to DFA
0042/2022	25/03/2022	Journalist	1) In the past five years, how many sexual harassment incidents have been reported to the Department of Defence?	Granted	
0043/2022	28/03/2022	Journalist	Please state how many women and men in your department earn a salary of €100,000 or above, €75,000 or above, and €50,000 or above. Please also state the total number of employees, and how many are full time and part time.	Withdrawn	Information provided outside of the FOI process.
0044/2022	28/03/2022	Journalist	<p>- copies of all records held referring or relating to the use of the Ministerial Air Transport Service by the Taoiseach for travel to Brussels and Cork in the period 21 Feb to 28 Feb.</p> <p>I would prefer to receive this information electronically, ideally in its original electronic format.</p>	Part-Granted	Section 37(1)
0045/2022	31/03/2022	Business/Interest Groups	<p>I am writing to you on the issue of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO) in the skies over the Republic of Ireland.</p> <p>What monitoring of reports is being carried out?</p> <p>What is being done to record and investigate reports made in the Republic of Ireland?</p> <p>Can I request a copy of the documents be sent to me digitally asap so I can study them?</p> <p>Please use search terms that are interchangeable but specific: 'Unidentified Flying Objects' and 'UFO', 'Flying Saucer'</p>	Refused	Section 15(1)(a) - records do not exist