

Date Received Reference No	Category of Requester	Request	Decision Made	Date of Decision
04/01/2022 18402	Member of the Public	Details of all the Department's Information Campaigns regarding the Dissemination of information to eligible applicants for State Pension Contributory for period 01/01/2015 to 31/12/2021 with particular emphasis on distribution of information to eligible persons personally by mail shot, media adverts, Aertel etc. The information requested should include actual details of the adverts, leaflets etc. published and by what agency the campaign was delivered on behalf of the Department.	Granted	10/03/2022
04/01/2022 18403	Journalist	All records held referring or relating to the preparation and issuing of the following press release: https://www.gov.ie/en/press-release/c73c8-3-millionth-person-registers-for-a-mygovid-account/ Records held in the email account or phone of the Minister or Secretary General referring or relating to the above-mentioned press release.	Granted	01/02/2022
05/01/2022 18406	Journalist	Minutes or notes of the following meeting with regard to the special rapporteur report on the PSC: Following its receipt on 14 April, the communication was forwarded to the Department and copied to DPER, Dept of Finance and Dept of An Taoiseach. DSP has primary responsibility for implementation of the PSC and has engaged actively on the proposed response. It is particularly concerned at the effect that publication of this communication might have on legal proceedings currently underway at the Circuit Court which involve the State in a challenge to the findings of the Data Protection Commission on the PSC. It convened a teleconference of senior DEASP officials this morning, chaired by SG McKeon with participation from DFAT (Director and Deputy Director Human Rights Unit and a Legal Counsellor), Office of the Attorney General, Chief State Solicitors Office & Counsel.	Refused	02/02/2022
14/01/2022 18443	Journalist	Information on and/or records of the following, from 2019-2021: Complaints received from staff alleging that they were bullied by fellow staff Complaints received from staff alleging that they were harassed by fellow staff Complaints received from staff alleging they were sexually harassed by fellow staff I seek copies of the complaints themselves. If this is not possible, I would like to receive data on the number and type of complaints made within this timeframe.	Part Granted	08/02/2022

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17/01/2022 18448	Member of the Public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Data sharing agreement(s) between the Department and named Citizens Information Service regarding access to the "INFOSYS" social welfare claims data system. •Audit reports produced by Department's management in the named Region for 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021 regarding access by named Citizens Information Service to INFOSYS. •Data protection impact assessments carried out by the Department regarding access by named Citizens Information Service to INFOSYS in 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021. 	Part Granted	14/02/2022
18/01/2022 18452	Journalist	List of e-submissions sent to Minister Humphreys between 1/11/21 and the date of this request.	Granted	15/02/2022
28/01/2022 18524	Journalist	Correspondence between the Department, DPER, and/or the Department of Finance since March 2021 and now, on the cost/affordability of the PUP.	Refused	13/04/2022
31/01/2022 18529	Journalist	Copies of any advisories, guidance documents, guidelines or other such explanatory documents on how the Department would manage welfare claims in cases where individuals are suffering from long-Covid.	Part Granted	28/02/2022
31/01/2022 18530	Journalist	According to the Lobbying Register, ABP sent a letter to a number of politicians regarding labour market issues, including a letter to Minister Humphreys. Could I please get a copy of the letter, any replies and any associated notes or correspondence, including all electronic communications.	Refused	02/03/2022
01/02/2022 18537	Member of the Public	Breakdown of both incoming and outgoing U1 forms for both Irish national and non-Irish nationals in the period 2004 to 2020.	Granted	25/02/2022
03/02/2022 18550	Journalist	<p>From January 2020 to date -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •All correspondence between any Department officials and any company lobbying on behalf of or representing Maximus/ Maximus Health and Human Services Ireland or Maximus themselves. •All correspondence from Department staff and the Minister on Maximus. •Any tender supplied by Maximus for a department contract. 	Part Granted	03/03/2022
07/02/2022 18561	Journalist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •A full breakdown (category of) those who qualify for the free travel scheme on public and private transport services. •The number of old age pensioners on contributory pensions included in those eligible for the scheme. 	Granted	07/03/2022

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07/02/2022 18563	Journalist	<p>Any correspondence between the Department Social Protection the following, regarding problems caused by or related to the free travel scheme, such as anti-social behaviour or financial issues etc:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Iarnrod Eireann •Luas •CIE •Any other Gov Department <p>To cover the period 1 September 2021- 1 February 2022.</p>	Granted	07/03/2022
07/02/2022 18566	Journalist	Records of the locations and details (such as type of fraud, romance, phone etc) of each reported scam/fraud case from the beginning of the pandemic (March 2020) to as recent a date for which records are available.	Refused	03/03/2022

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08/02/2022 18574	Journalist	<p>A request regarding the use of data analytics by the Department in relation to welfare fraud. More specifically, this request pertains to (statistical) and/or machine learning models.</p> <p>1.a Documents containing a full set of (input) features used in the model(s). 1.b Documents containing descriptions of how the features in 1.a are defined and/or derived. 1.c Technical documentation describing how the model(s) work.</p> <p>2. Documents containing the attributes of the raw data used by the model as well as any transformations of the raw data for use in the model(s).</p> <p>3.a Technical documentation related to any algorithm or code used to build the predictive model(s). 3.b Documents containing the following information (1) the name of the algorithm or model(s) and (2) the programming language it was programmed in.</p> <p>4.a. Documents containing outputs and/or pertaining to outputs from the model(s) / algorithm. 4.b Handbooks or other manuals for how end-users should interpret and act upon algorithmic / model outputs.</p> <p>5. Documents pertaining to tests and/or evaluations of the model(s), algorithm, and/or its behavior.</p> <p>6.a Data and/or privacy impact assessments pertaining to the model(s). 6.b Handbooks or other manuals for the model(s) and/or algorithm.</p> <p>See CLARIFICATION on Next Page</p>	Part Granted	12/04/2022

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08/02/2022 18574	Journalist	<p><u>CLARIFICATION</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does the FOI relate to all models developed? <p>The FOI relates to all models developed through data analytics projects and work since the inception of the DSP data analytics project in 2014 to 2019.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By statistical model, we mean, in the broadest sense, any mathematical model and/or a piece of programming script that is built to approximate a set of data to understand the analytics of the data, or to predict certain properties about the data. The models in question relate to those used to detect, predict, or assess risk for welfare fraud. • Models that never went into production do not fall within the scope of our request. The scope of the request will be limited to Machine Learning models and: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Only focusing on technical documentation, including input features / variables used for the models and data preparation o Only focusing on evaluations of a technical nature and not administrative evaluations o Handbooks or other documents explaining how end-users (i.e. fraud controllers or investigators) should interpret and act up on algorithmic/model outputs o Data and/or privacy impact assessments pertaining to the model(s) o Handbooks for data scientists or technicians using the models 	Part Granted	12/04/2022
09/02/2022 18577	Member of the Public	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Record of the number of Gender Recognition Certificates issued to date 2. Record (if possible) delineating the ratio of male/female Gender Recognition Certificates issued to date 	Granted	28/02/2022
09/02/2022 18587	Journalist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copies of all correspondence between Minister Heather Humphreys and An Post. • Copies of the minutes of all meetings between Minister Humphreys and An Post from 1 September 2021 to 9 February 2022 	Part Granted	08/03/2022

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09/02/2022 18589	Journalist	Copies of all correspondence from 1 September 2021 to 9 February 2022 between Minister Heather Humphreys and the following individuals regarding the return of social protection services to post offices: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Minister of State Robert Troy •Michael Healy Rae TD •Senator Micheál Carrigy 	Part Granted	08/03/2022
14/02/2022 18608	Member of the Public	Minutes of the meetings of the Food Poverty Working Group that were held in June, July, September and November 2021.	Granted	11/03/2022
15/02/2022 18627	Journalist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •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 2021. •A list of the top 100 earners (identifying the practice/practitioner) and the cumulative amount paid to them in each year will suffice. 	Granted	14/03/2022
17/02/2022 18649	Journalist	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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Breakdown of same by device and year •Whether devices were encrypted or not. 	Granted	25/02/2022

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18/02/2022 18654	Member of the Public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Number of new entrants for 2019, 2020 and 2021 for established positions (not temporary contracts) – broken down by grade. •If it is possible to extract the data, would you be able to provide years of experience of the new entrants? Eg. Less than 10 years experience – how many new entrants, between 10 and 20 years experience – how many new entrants. •How long the probationary period is for and if it varies, how many in each particular time frame broken down by year? •How many new entrants went through formal training as part of the induction process or as part of their new position, broken down by year? – not on the job training, but took part in formal classes. •Outline of topics or subjects covered in the formal training. •How many new entrants had their probationary contract terminated, broken down by year? •For what reason probationary contract was terminated – to differentiate between competency and other, broken down by year? – I understand that if the numbers are low you may not wish to release exact figures but can you provide as the percentage of the total hired. 	Part Granted	22/03/2022
24/02/2022 18688	Member of the Public	The landlord/owner and their contact details where possible of the named Intreo Office.	Refused	24/03/2022
25/02/2022 18691	Member of the Public	<p>The following information for the period covering from 1 January 2018 to 22 February 2022 -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The number of applications submitted for Invalidity Pension by self-employed construction workers •The number of applications for Invalidity Pension by self-employed construction workers that were successful •The number of applications submitted for Invalidity pension by self-employed? •The number of applications for Invalidity Pension by self employed that were successful •The number of applications submitted for Invalidity Pension by employees •The number of applications for Invalidity Pension by employees that were successful 	Refused	08/03/2022

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01/03/2022 18712	Member of the Public		Part Granted	10/05/2022
03/03/2022 18734	Member of Business/Interest Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Number of IT devices in the Department (Please differentiate the devices, e.g. desktops, laptops, servers, etc). •If planning to procure IT devices in any FY period starting from 2022 till the end of 2025, please list out the devices and their spend or budget (allocated/indicative) along with a mention of the specific financial year. •If planning to procure any IT Software applications, please list out the names of software applications and their spend or the month/year of procurement. 	Refused	16/03/2022
07/03/2022 18746	Member of Business/Interest Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The number of lone mothers in higher education in 2016 and in 2021 •The number of lone mothers who were in receipt of BTEA in 2016 and in 2021 •Government`s expenditure on higher education 	Granted	16/03/2022
16/03/2022 18808	Member of the Public	<p>Period covered 1 January 2018 to date for applications for Invalidity Pension. (a) self employed, (b) employees/PAYE workers (c) public servants including semi-state.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.for a, b, c, the number of applications and the percentage of successful applications; 2.for a, b, c, the percentage of successful applications that obtained fuel allowance and/or support for family members of the applicant; 3.the total cost to the State for all of the above. 4.for b, c, is tax clearance required for Invalidity Pension; 5.the number of sick days vouched and unvouched paid to the staff of Social Welfare Services Office, Longford. The cost to the State. The requirements for sick pay for the staff of SWSO Longford. 6.Complaints against decisions made by the Deciding Officers. Action/Non action made by the SWSO on receipt of such complaints. Position of the person assisting complaints and his/her qualifications for that position; 7.Qualifications and training of Deciding Officers (is training enough?) 	Part Granted	05/04/2022

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23/03/2022 18824	Journalist	<p>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	22/04/2022
28/03/2022 18842	Journalist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •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. •The total number of employees, and how many are full time and part time. 	Granted	26/04/2022
28/03/2022 18850	Member of the Public	Rules and Regulations regarding Carers Allowance - full rate and half rate.	Part Granted	25/04/2022
28/03/2022 501261	Journalist	Any information, documents or correspondence held by the Department relating to complaints of, or investigations into, workplace sexual harassment over the last five years.	Refused	18/05/2022
30/03/2022 18866	Journalist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Details of the number of assaults on staff of the Department for the calendar years 2021. •Brief line description of each assault involved, its location in the country, and the outcome/result, if available. 	Granted	28/04/2022