

Department of the Taoiseach

List of non-personal Freedom of Information requests granted

Quarter 3 2018

Reference No	Description	Completion Date	Status
FOI/2018/0178	Access to the following records dated between June 30, 2017 and the date of this letter. 1. A record of all correspondence, letters, emails, briefing documents and phone calls to and from the Taoiseach's office with Facebook. 2. A record of all correspondence, letters, emails, briefing documents and phone calls to and from the Minister of States' offices with Facebook. 3. A record of briefing documents prepared for the Taoiseach and Ministers about Facebook. 4. Minutes and notes from meetings members of the Department, including but not limited to the Taoiseach and Ministers, had with Facebook representatives.	09/07/2018	Part granted
FOI/2018/0195	All communications and details of meetings between Ministers, staff and representatives of the Department of the Taoiseach and any persons working for or on behalf of Google Inc, YouTube, Alphabet Inc or any of its Irish subsidiaries and companies.	04/07/2018	Part granted
FOI/2018/0214	The following records for the period 2016, 2017 & 2018: Copies of submissions received in relation to changes to the Planning and Development Act 2000 regarding the categorisation of data centres as 'strategic infrastructure'. Details of any meeting requests in relation to changes to the Planning and Development Act 2000 regarding the categorisation of data centres as 'strategic infrastructure'. Details of any meetings held in relation to changes to the Planning and Development Act 2000 regarding the categorisation of data centres as 'strategic infrastructure'. Copies of any briefing notes prepared regarding the categorisation of data centres as 'strategic infrastructure'. Details of any submissions in relation to the Planning and Development (Amendment) Bill 2016 regarding the categorisation of data centres as 'strategic infrastructure'. Details of any meetings to discuss the Planning and Development (Amendment) Bill 2016 regarding the categorisation of data centres as 'strategic infrastructure'. Details of any parliamentary or legislative queries regarding the categorisation of data centres as 'strategic infrastructure'.	02/07/2018	Part granted
FOI/2018/0224	Copies of all correspondence to/from the office of the Taoiseach relating to the upcoming visit of Pope Francis to Ireland. The time period can be limited to dates between January 1, 2018 and May 21, 2018. Please include copies of any documents enclosed/attached to the above correspondence.	26/06/2018	Part granted
FOI/2018/0239	Correspondence (sent and received) between the Taoiseach Leo Varadkar and; Apple, Facebook, Google, Microsoft, PayPal, AirBnb, Amazon, and Twitter, between 1st January and 20th May 2018.	11/07/2018	Part granted

FOI/2018/0258	Details of each book and map bought in 2017 and up to the end of June 2018 to include: the name of each book and the author, the individual costs and the quantity of each book bought.	06/07/2018	Granted
FOI/2018/0260	Copies of all correspondence sent/received by officials from this Department or the Minister(s) in relation to smartphones or internet access for minors since 2016. This should include all correspondence including letters, emails etc. And it should include correspondence from members of the public as well as official representations.	13/07/2018	Part granted
FOI/2018/0262	A breakdown of the spend on uniforms and footwear in 2017 and up to June 2018 to include: the individual cost for each item, quantity purchased and reason for the purchase.	09/07/2018	Granted
FOI/2018/0263	All correspondence including any emails, notes of phone conversations or any other document held by the Department in relation to the Taoiseach's attendance at any music concerts between the period 14 June 2017 and 12 June 2018.	23/07/2018	Part granted
FOI/2018/0267	Copies of correspondence received by Taoiseach Leo Varadkar concerning the referendum on the Eighth Amendment between 27 March 2018 and 31 May 2018. Records of the gifts given by or on behalf of Taoiseach Leo Varadkar to Heads of State and foreign dignitaries between 14 June 2017 and 7 June 2018, including a description of each gift, the cost of each gift and who each gift was or. Records of the gifts received by Taoiseach Leo Varadkar between 14 June 2017 and 7 June 2018, including a description of the gift and who it was from.	23/07/2018	Part granted
FOI/2018/0268	Details of all correspondence sent to the Department of An Taoiseach relating to the following areas: Cervical Check; Breast Check and Bowel Screen programmes. I am seeking correspondence sent to the Department of An Taoiseach from April 1st 2018 until May 31st, 2018.	17/08/2018	Part granted
FOI/2018/0273	Copies of any records held by the Department relating to the possibility that Sean Canney could stay on as Assistant Government Whip after stepping down from the Independent Alliance. Copies of any correspondence between the Department of the Taoiseach and Mr Canney in period 1 January 2018 to the current date relating to his position as Assistant Government Whip and his resignation from that post.	03/07/2018	Granted
FOI/2018/0274	A copy of all correspondence sent and received by the Taoiseach and members of the judiciary since June 2017 to date. Please include copies of any memos of meetings between the Taoiseach and members of the judiciary in that time.	23/07/2018	Part granted
FOI/2018/0275	Appointments diaries for the Minister of State for European Affairs for the year of 2017 in full (and up until June 2018 if possible).	11/07/2018	Part granted
FOI/2018/0277	Purchase orders in relation to plastic cups, cutlery and straws dated 2013-2018. These records should reflect both quantity of goods ordered and the amount paid.	17/07/2018	Granted

FOI/2018/0278	Copies of all correspondence made to and from the Department in relation to the imminent visit of Prince Harry and his wife Meghan Markle this year.	27/07/2018	Part granted
FOI/2018/0279	All correspondence between the Department and Apple Inc. including details of telephone calls, emails, memos and briefings from the period 04 April 2018 to 19 June 2018 inclusive. All correspondence between the Department and Facebook, including details of telephone calls, emails, memos and briefings from the period 04 April 2018 to 19 June 2018 inclusive. All correspondence between the Department and Amazon, including details of telephone calls, emails, memos and briefings from the period 04 April 2018 to 19 June 2018 inclusive. All correspondence between the Department and Twitter, including details of telephone calls, emails, memos and briefings from the period 04 April 2018 to 19 June 2018 inclusive. All correspondence between the Department and Google, including details of telephone calls, emails, memos and briefings from the period 04 April 2018 to 19 June 2018 inclusive.	20/07/2018	Part granted
FOI/2018/0280	To know whether any other persons (other than the three named people) have been appointed to the Commission under section 8 of the Commission of Investigation Act 2004. If so, I would like to know who was appointed under section 8. If there have not been any appointments under section 8 (save for the three named people) I would like confirmation of this.	31/07/2018	Granted
FOI/2018/0281	A copy of all correspondence between the SCU and PHD from June 2017 to date and a copy of the invoice relating to the SCU booking of the Action Plan for Education advertorial(s). Please include all emails and copies of texts or WhatsApp messages. Please include all records of communications between John Concannon and Jason Nebenzahl.	23/07/2018	Part granted
FOI/2018/0282	Copies of early drafts of the Global Ireland 2025 report and correspondence between the Department of the Taoiseach and the Ministers or their senior officials at the Departments of Foreign Affairs, Business and Culture in relation to comments on those early drafts before the report's final publication on Monday, June 11th, 2018.	20/07/2018	Part granted
FOI/2018/0283	A breakdown of the spend on gifts in 2017 and up to end of June 2018 to include: a description, cost and reason for purchase for each gift.	20/07/2018	Granted
FOI/2018/0285	A breakdown of the spend on official and State entertainment in 2017 to include the amounts spent under different categories for each event, as well as the details of each event, plus any other information available about the expenditure on this entertainment.	27/07/2018	Part granted
FOI/2018/0287	A breakdown of the spend on off-site storage in 2017 and up to the end of June 2018: to include a list of items in storage.	17/07/2018	Granted
FOI/2018/0290	Documents which have been recently released through FOI about the Pope's visit.	09/07/2018	Part granted

FOI/2018/0291	All records, correspondence, briefings etc. relating to the consideration of granting a money message in relation to the Central Bank (Amendment) Bill 2018.	23/07/2018	Granted
FOI/2018/0292	All records, correspondence, briefings etc. relating to the consideration of granting a money message in relation to the Island Fisheries (Heritage Licence) Bill 2017.	23/07/2018	Granted
FOI/2018/0293	All records, correspondence, briefings etc. relating to the consideration of granting a money message in relation to the Multi-Party Actions Bill 2017.	23/07/2018	Part granted
FOI/2018/0294	All records, correspondence, briefings etc. relating to the consideration of granting a money message in relation to the Consumer Insurance Contracts Bill 2017.	23/07/2018	Granted
FOI/2018/0295	<p>Copies of minutes of the following meetings/phone calls and copies of correspondence to/from the Taoiseach and/or the Secretary General in relation to the meetings (sent either before or after the meeting). I am also seeking copies of briefing notes prepared ahead of these meetings/calls.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jan 18 meeting with Mark Wilson, group CEO Aviva - February 9 phone call with Tim Cook of Apple - March 7 meeting with Mark Weinberger of Ernst and Young - March 8 meeting with Vittorio Colao and Anne O'Leary of Vodafone - March 28 meeting with Mick Wallace TD - April 23 meeting with heads of housing NGOS - May 10 call with the Chinese Party Secretary - May 10 meeting with the CEO of Tesco. 	25/07/2018	Part granted
FOI/2018/0297	All correspondence between the Taoiseach and anyone working in the Department of Taoiseach with Michael Lowry TD, timespan June 2017 to date.	25/07/2018	Granted
FOI/2018/0298	Any correspondence, including records of all emails/phone calls from the office of the Taoiseach with any of the Independent TD's in Dáil Éireann in the period January 1 2018 to present; records of any follow up contact between officials in the Department with offices of Ministers from other departments from correspondence received.	01/09/2018	Part granted
FOI/2018/0300	All correspondence between Deputy Michael Lowry and the Department of the Taoiseach, and the Taoiseach Leo Varadkar between 1st June 2017 and 2nd July 2018.	30/07/2018	Granted

FOI/2018/0302	<p>Records and policy on internal and external transfer requests for AP and PO staff. What transfer lists apply i.e. - central transfer lists; organisation internal list; head to head lists. Please outline how transfer requests work e.g. seniority, suitability based on PMDS, business reasons. Where business reasons apply please detail how such decisions are made i.e. reasoning and method. Since 2016 how many APs and POs have been moved based on transfer requests and the basis for the decision to transfer those involved.</p> <p>Whether any vacancies exist currently and where. Whether external transfer requests are considered.</p> <p>Any internal mobility policy and number of persons seeking transfer by location and grade and date sought.</p>	26/07/2018	Granted
FOI/2018/0304	<p>Copies of all requests for use of official transport by former Taoisigh/officeholders for the period 2017 and to date in 2018. Copies of all records relating to such requests and the responses that issued in each case.</p>	31/07/2018	Part granted
FOI/2018/0305	<p>A copy of the speech, speaking notes or any briefing notes prepared for Taoiseach Leo Varadkar for a speech/talk he gave on 2nd July 2018, at a New York lunch hosted by the Irish Consul General Ciarán Madden for young Irish people working across a range of sectors in the city. Any emails sent or received (including the full thread) between Taoiseach Leo Varadkar and any of his staff, press officers, advisers, or department staff, in relation to the above lunch. (This would include correspondence between any members of staff, and not just restricted to correspondence directly with the Taoiseach). Further information: The speech/talk in question is referred to in this article https://www.irishtimes.com/news/politics/varadkar-says-he-sympathises-with-trump-on-media-1.3552890</p>	31/07/2018	Part granted

FOI/2018/0307	<p>Any document created or received between 1 January 2014 and 1 July 2018 (inclusive) and whether held in hard copy or electronic form and comprising: 1. Any report of an investigation or analysis of the performance, efficiency or effectiveness of the National Asset Management Agency (NAMA) and /or National Asset Loan Management Limited (NALM) in relation to the functions of those bodies; 2. Any report of an investigation or analysis of the performance, efficiency or effectiveness of NAMA and/or NALM and/or any NAMA associated entity (as defined in the National Asset Management Agency Act 2009) in relation to the residential delivery programme announced by NAMA in its statement dated 13 October 2015. 3. Any report, study or analysis of any expert relating to the residential market in Ireland and/or the housing shortage in Ireland; 4. Any report, study or analysis of any expert relating to the delivery or construction of new houses or apartments in Ireland; 5. Any report, study or analysis of any expert relating to the role or potential role of NAMA and /or NALM in the delivery or construction of new houses or apartments in Ireland; 6. Any report, study or analysis of any expert relating to the viability of the delivery or construction of new houses or apartments in Ireland; 7. Any report, study or analysis of any expert relating to the viability of the delivery or construction of new houses or apartments in Ireland by NAMA and/or NALM and/or debtors of NAMA and/or NALM and/ or receivers appointed by NAMA and/or NALM; 8. Any report, study or analysis of any expert relating to public procurement issues relating to the delivery or construction of new houses or apartments in Ireland by NAMA and/or NALM and/or debtors of NAMA and/or NALM and/ or receivers appointed by NAMA and/or NALM; 9. Any report, study or analysis of any expert relating to the price or value of development land in Ireland; and 10. Any report, study or analysis of any expert submitted to the European Commission in relation to the complaint SA. 43791- Ireland- alleged State Aid to and through NAMA.</p>	28/09/2018	Part granted
FOI/2018/0310	<p>How many Secretary-Generals are there in the Department of the Taoiseach? Please tell me which one of them, (if more than one), is the actual Secretary to the Government. Would you please now confirm the name of this Secretary to the Government, and his official postal address.</p>	20/07/2018	Granted
FOI/2018/0312	<p>Copies of all correspondence to/from the office of the Taoiseach relating the subject of abortion. The time period can be limited to dates between June 14, 2017 and July 9, 2018. Please include copies of any documents enclosed/attached to the above correspondence.</p>	05/09/2018	Part granted
FOI/2018/0313	<p>A copy of all correspondence between the Taoiseach and Bono (Paul Hewson) or communications between their respective staff from the start of June 2017 to the end of June 2018.</p>	07/08/2018	Part granted
FOI/2018/0315	<p>A breakdown of the costs spent on international and national trips the Taoiseach has gone on since Leo Varadkar became Taoiseach.</p>	26/07/2018	Part granted

FOI/2018/0316	All minutes of meetings between representatives of Facebook and Google with An Taoiseach for the period of September 2017 - May 2018. All records, briefs or reports relating to the regulation of social media for the abortion referendum campaigns. All correspondence with SIPO re: the employment of Facebook and Google by abortion referendum campaign groups during the period of December 2017 - May 2018.	10/08/2018	Part granted
FOI/2018/0317	The most recent details on 'FOI/2018/0163' -- "A list of all the tweets that were "promoted" by the MerrionStreet Twitter account in the period 1 July 2017 to the current date. A description of the audience targeted/selected to see each of these promoted tweets. How much was spent on each of these promoted tweets " from the query log.	13/08/2018	Granted
FOI/2018/0320	All correspondence from 1 December 2017 to 17 July 2018 relating to the appointment of a digital safety commissioner. This correspondence should include letters, texts, emails, memos, essentially all internal correspondence. All correspondence as stated above to Minister Denis Naughten in relation to the establishment of the digital safety commissioner's office. All correspondence for the above dates to Minister Zappone and Minister Bruton discussing the digital safety commissioner and the office.	20/09/2018	Part granted
FOI/2018/0321	A breakdown of the travel, accommodation and other associated costs incurred by the Department of the Taoiseach in respect of the visit by the Taoiseach and his delegation to New York for the launch of the UN Security Council Campaign.	13/08/2018	Granted
FOI/2018/0325	Copies of all correspondence between Taoiseach Leo Varadkar and Minister Denis Naughten, Senator Maura Hopkins and TD Eugene Murphy and TD Michael Fitzmaurice concerning the Rosalie Unit in Castlerea in Roscommon between May 1st and July 20th this year.	24/08/2018	Granted
FOI/2018/0327	Copies of any correspondence received by the Department relating to comments reportedly made by the Taoiseach about the media on his recent visit to New York.	10/09/2018	Part granted
FOI/2018/0328	A spreadsheet of all costs incurred by your Department incurred as part of Ireland's bid to secure a seat on the UN Security Council. Details of how much was spent by your Department on the design of a logo as part of the bid process. The name of the company contracted for this project and a copy of the tender documents related to it.	24/08/2018	Granted

FOI/2018/0329	<p>1. Gach taiféad, comhfhreagras agus cáipéis a bhaineann leis an bplé faoi rioscaí i dtaobh na Gaeilge agus Gaeltachta maidir le cruthú an National Risk Assessment 2018. 2. Gach taiféad, comhfhreagras agus caipéis a bhaineann leis an bplé faoi rioscaí i dtaobh bánú na pobail oileandá agus tuaithe maidir le cruthú an National Risk Assessment 2018. Mar chuidiú tá tagairt den mhír a bhaineann leis an nGaeilge agus an Ghaeltacht atá luaite sa National Risk Assessment 2018 luaite thíos sa aguisín. Ag súil le cloisteáil uait go luath.</p> <p>Aguisín 1</p> <p>An mír a bhaineann leis an nGaeilge sa National Risk Assessment 2018 – lth. 86</p> <p>Risks around declining use of the Irish language in Gaeltacht areas and consequent risks to national identity - This specific issue is not included as a strategic risk this year.</p> <p>Risk of declining populations in Island communities (and rural areas) affecting service delivery etc. - This specific issue is not included as a strategic risk this year.</p>	12/09/2018	Part granted
FOI/2018/0330	<p>All briefing documents held by the Department relating to the Better Balance for Better Business initiative</p> <p>All correspondence between department officials including Ministers and the Department of Justice in relation to the initiative. The time period should cover May 1, 2018 to July 31, 2018.</p>	05/09/2018	Part granted
FOI/2018/0331	<p>A record of all correspondence, letters, emails, briefing documents and phone calls to and from the Taoiseach's office with Facebook. A record of all correspondence, letters, emails, briefing documents and phone calls to and from the Minister of States' offices with Facebook. A record of briefing documents prepared for the Taoiseach and Ministers about Facebook. Minutes and notes from meetings members of the Department, including but not limited to the Taoiseach and Ministers, had with Facebook representatives - dated between April 4, 2018 and the date of this letter.</p>	05/09/2018	Part granted
FOI/2018/0332	<p>Taoiseach Enda Kenny's diaries in full for the year of 2017 (January to June).</p>	06/09/2018	Part granted
FOI/2018/0336	<p>Copies of all records, to include files, letters, emails, briefing notes, meeting minutes, relating to meetings and correspondence between Amazon UK Services Ltd and the Taoiseach's office, including Brian Murphy & John Callinan, relating to the meeting with Leo Varadkar as registered in this return: https://www.lobbying.ie/return/25579/amazon-uk-services-ltd. Copies of all records, to include files, letters, emails, briefing notes, meeting minutes, relating to meetings and correspondence between Google Ireland Limited and the Taoiseach's office, including John Shaw and John Carroll relating to the meeting with Leo Varadkar as registered in https://www.lobbying.ie/return/25537/google-ireland-limited</p> <p>The period I am interested in is 1 Sep, 2017 to 31 Dec, 2017.</p>	05/09/2018	Part granted
FOI/2018/0338	<p>The appointments diary of the Taoiseach from January 1, 2018 to June 31, 2018, inclusive. The appointments diary of the Taoiseach from January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015, inclusive.</p>	06/09/2018	Part granted

FOI/2018/0339	A copy, in electronic format, of any and all documents, whether originally in paper or electronic format which form the formal minutes of any inter-departmental steering meetings regarding GDPR planning and/or co-ordination.	07/09/2018	Part granted
FOI/2018/0341	A copy of all requests for meetings with the Taoiseach, advisors and/or officials from his Department from companies in the pharmaceutical sector from January 1, 2018 to date; all briefing notes prepared for such meetings; and all minutes of any such meetings that took place.	11/09/2018	Part granted
FOI/2018/0342	Agendas and Minutes of meetings of Taoiseach Leo Varadkar for the following: All meetings with DUP delegation since June 2017 All meetings with PM May since June 2017 All meetings with EU Commission President Jean Claude Juncker for the period of June 2017 to July 2018 All meetings with German Chancellor Angela Merkel for the period of June 2017 to July 2018 All meetings with the Minister for Housing for the period of July 2017-August 2018. And specifically: June 26th, 2017: 11.30am meeting with Atlantic Philanthropies Thursday July 5th 2017: 2.45pm Meeting with Jamie Dimon Friday July 21st, 2017: 12.15pm Meeting with Brian Moynihan	13/09/2018	Part granted
FOI/2018/0343	A copy of the letter/ briefings / memos relating to the correspondence and meetings between Daniela Marilungo in Bank of America and the Taoiseach; as outlined in the following lobbying return: https://www.lobbying.ie/return/27451/bank-of-america	09/09/2018	Part granted
FOI/2018/0344	Minutes / briefings / memos relating to the correspondence and meeting between Aughinish Alumina Limited, and the Assistant Minister, as outlined in the following lobbying return: https://www.lobbying.ie/return/27175/aughinish-alumina-limited	14/09/2018	Granted
FOI/2018/0347	Copies of correspondence between the Taoiseach/Taoiseach's Office/Department and Facebook dated March 1 2018 to date (August 20 2018). This correspondence may include letters, emails, faxes, SMS messages, notes of phone calls and minutes of meetings.	18/09/2018	Part granted

FOI/2018/0348	All correspondence between the Department and Apple Inc. including details of telephone calls, emails, memos and briefings from the period 20 June 2018 to 20 August 2018 inclusive. All correspondence between the Department and Facebook, including details of telephone calls, emails, memos and briefings from the period 20 June 2018 to 20 August 2018 inclusive. All correspondence between the Department and Amazon, including details of telephone calls, emails, memos and briefings from the period 20 June 2018 to 20 August 2018 inclusive. All correspondence between the Department and Twitter, including details of telephone calls, emails, memos and briefings from the period 20 June 2018 to 20 August 2018 inclusive. All correspondence between the Department and Google, including details of telephone calls, emails, memos and briefings from the period 20 June 2018 to 20 August 2018 inclusive.	18/09/2018	Part granted
FOI/2018/0350	All records and details held in the Department in relation to the cost of preparing and publishing the Department's annual reports. These to include, but not be limited to, the following: The specific cost paid for the compilation and presentation of the official report of the Department for the most recent calendar year. Copies of records relating to the costs of reports published for the past three consecutive years if applicable; 2017, 2016 and 2015. Additional and separately the costs for the publication of the reports in Irish. If the report was prepared out-of-house, who secured the contract for this project. Was the contract tendered if yes to above? Copies of records relating to any other costs associated with publications.	05/09/2018	Part granted
FOI/2018/0353	Copies of all contacts made to and from the Department in relation to Bono and Taoiseach Leo Varadkar since January 1 this year to date. This should include representations made on their behalf, emails, invitations, call or letters between the two since January 1 this year to date.	20/09/2018	Part granted
FOI/2018/0357	A re-release of the following FOI: FOI/2018/0111 - A list of all Department files (including file names and dates) which are 30 years or older, which have not been released for public view under the provisions of the National Archives Act, along with stated reason (e.g; public interest, cause distress or danger to living persons, etc) for their being withheld from public view.	19/09/2018	Granted
FOI/2018/0362	Any correspondence, during the referendum campaign, between health professionals and An Taoiseach Mr. Leo Varadkar TD.	28/09/2018	Part granted