

Freedom of Information Disclosure Log - January - March 2023



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

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TCAGSM-FOI-2023-0036	28/03/2023	Journalist	26/04/2023	Part-Granted	Under the FOI Act 2014, I am seeking the following:- a copy of any internal audits completed in the department in 2021 or 2022.
TCAGSM-FOI-2023-0038	28/03/2023	Journalist	25/04/2023	Part-Granted	Under the FOI Act 2014, I am seeking the following: Any emails, notes, memos, briefings and/or records in relation to a meeting between Minister Martin and Google on November 15, 2022. I would prefer to receive this information electronically, preferably in its original formatting.
TCAGSM-FOI-2023-0035	23/03/2023	Journalist	21/04/2023	Refused	Under the FOI Act 2014, I request the following - A copy of the communication received from the EU Commission to the Department of Tourism on March 22 2023 regarding the proposed short term letting laws. I prefer to receive this information in its original format, preferably automatically. Many thanks
TCAGSM-FOI-2023-0034	23/03/2023	Journalist	21/04/2023	Refused	I wish to make an application under the Freedom of Information Act. The application is for any correspondence received on the subject of 2rn in the previous two years.
TCAGSM-FOI-2023-0023	27/02/2023	Journalist	20/04/2023	Granted	I am seeking copies of letters, submissions and requests for changes to the section 481 film incentive scheme dating back to September 1, 2022 to today's date (27/02/23). These would be from bodies representing the TV and film sector, such as Screen Ireland and Screen Producers Ireland, as well as those working in the film and television sector.
TCAGSM-FOI-2023-0011	07/02/2023	Journalist	14/04/2023	Part-Granted	I wish to request, under the Freedom of Information Act, all correspondence between the Department / Minister(s) and the Abbey Theatre in relation to the theatre's redevelopment since the start of 2021. I also wish to request, under Fol, all correspondence between the Department / Minister(s) and the OPW in relation to the redevelopment of the Abbey Theatre since the start of 2021.
TCAGSM-FOI-2023-0033	14/03/2023	Other	13/04/2023	Part-Granted	Under the FOI Act 2014, I am seeking the following: Any communication between ministers for sport or their advisers and anyone regarding 'Ballybrack Seagulls' supporters club from 1 January 2023 to 13 March 2023.
TCAGSM-FOI-2023-0032	13/03/2023	Journalist	12/04/2023	Refused	All correspondence from and to either minister Catherine Martin or minister Thomas Byrne with the GAA in relation to its ticketing policy from June 2022 to date.
TCAGSM-FOI-2023-0031	09/03/2023	Journalist	07/04/2023	Granted	I wish to request the following under the Freedom of Information Act 2014: Copies of the central registers maintained by the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media, as per its obligations as set out under Department of Public Expenditure and Reform Circular 01/2020: Procedures for Offsetting the Emissions Associating with Official Air Travel.Under the Circular, it is expected that registers contain details of individual flights, associated greenhouse gas emissions, and the monetary value calculated for each flight to be paid into the Climate Action Fund by the Department.electronically via email in its original formatting. I am seeking the information for all years since the inception of the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform Circular 01/2020.the specific information is as follows:Flight Origin and DestinationFlight DatesMileage Per FlightCO2 emission per flightCost Per Flight for CO2Totals for year for mileage, CO2 emitted and flight costs (CO2 calculation).
TCAGSM-FOI-2023-0027	28/02/2023	Journalist	29/03/2023	Part-Granted	Specially I am looking for all correspondence to or from either Minister Thomas Byrne or Minister Catherine Martin in relation to Ireland's Euro 2028 bid during January and February 2023.

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TCAGSM-FOI-2023-0025	28/02/2023	Journalist	29/03/2023	Granted	Under the FOI Act 2014, I am seeking the following: a copy of any correspondence between the National Archives and the Dept of Housing with regard to the following:4. Letter from Local Authority Archivists There was discussion on the letter received from Niamh Brennan on behalf of the Local Authority and Record Managers Group arising from the publication in November 2021 of the Action Plan for Survivors and Former Residents of Mother and Baby and County Home Institutions, specifically concerning the archival management of records that document among other things actions carried out by local authorities and their historic predecessors in relation to the health and welfare of individuals at local level. It was agreed that a sub-group of the NAAC would draft a letter for issuing to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage specifically highlighting the need for these records to be held in the custody of the relevant local authority in accordance with section 80 (2) of the Local Government Act of 2001 which states that 'it is a function of a local authority to make arrangements for the proper management, custody, care and conservation of local records and local archives and for inspection by the public of local archives. It was also agreed that the letter would advocate for the employment of archivists in every local authority acknowledging the tremendous contribution made by individual local authority archivists in the preservation of their county's history. There are currently 12 counties which do not have a permanent archivist. The absence of permanent, professional archivists puts local archives at risk.
TCAGSM-FOI-2023-0024	27/02/2023	Journalist	28/03/2023	Part-Granted	Copies of any records held by the minister or the sec gen with regard to the issue of hotel availability due to the refugee crisis, and/or the return of such accommodation to the tourism market.This request to cover the period 1 Jan 2023 to date of receipt.
TCAGSM-FOI-2023-0016	10/02/2023	Journalist	28/03/2023	Part-Granted	Faoin Acht um Shaoráil Faisnéise 2014, is mian liom iarratas a dhéanamh ar na taifid seo a leanas - Cumarsáid ag leibhéal ArdOifigeach Feidhmiúcháin nó os a cheann a bhaineann le tithíocht shóisialta nó tithíochta inacmhainne nó talamh lena n-aghaidh a chur ar fáil sa Ghaeltacht ón thréimhse idir 1/3/2022 chun dáta. [[Eng]Under the Freedom of Information Act 2014, I wish to request the following records - Communication at or above Higher Executive Officer level relating to social housing or affordable housing or the provision of land for them in the Gaeltacht from the period between 1/3/2022 to date.
TCAGSM-FOI-2023-0026	24/02/2023	Other	27/03/2023	Refused	This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act, 2014. I am seeking copies of the following in respect of the three years 2020, 2021 and 2022: 1. Certificates for Retention of Departmental Records or Part(s) Thereof, pursuant to Section 8(2) of the National Archives Act, 1986. 2. Certificates for Retention or Withholding from Public Inspection of Departmental Records pursuant to Section 8(4) of the National Archives Act, 1986. Please note, I am seeking copies of the completedcertificates, indicating whether the Consenting Officer of the Department of the Taoiseach has consented to the making of the certificates. 3. Schedules of records (if any) attached to the certificates specified at 1) and 2) above.
TCAGSM-FOI-2023-0022	24/02/2023	Other	27/03/2023	Part-Granted	Faoin Acht um Shaoráil Faisnéise 2014 táim ag lorg an mhéid seo a leanas:Gach comhfhreagras trí ríomhphost agus trí litreacha idir Údarás na Gaeltachta agus an Roinn Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon agus Meán maidir le Plean Teanga Oileáin Chléire ("Plean Teanga Chléire") a rinneadh idir na dátaí seo: 1 Nollaig 2020 - 31 Eanáir 2021. B'fhéarr liom an fhaisnéis a fháil i bhfoirm leictreonach ina formáidíú bunaidh más féidir. [translation]Under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 I am seeking the following:All correspondence by e-mail and letters between Údarás na Gaeltachta and the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts and Media regarding the Cléire Islands Language Plan ("Cléire Language Plan") made between these dates: 1 December 2020 - 31 January 2021. I would prefer to receive the information in electronic form in its original formatting if possible.

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TCAGSM-FOI-2023-0021	22/02/2023	Other	23/03/2023	Refused	Correspondence with the Public Appointments Service regarding the reduction in the number of appointments to the board of Údarás na Gaeltachta through the ongoing PAS process from seven to five.
TCAGSM-FOI-2023-0020	21/02/2023	Journalist	22/03/2023	Granted	Under the FOI Act 2014, I am requesting the release of the Department's submission and briefing to the Minister in relation to the development of a National Counter Disinformation Strategy, the Working Group, its membership and the approach/timeline/milestones.
TCAGSM-FOI-2023-0019	15/02/2023	Journalist	15/03/2023	Part-Granted	I'd like to submit a Freedom of Information request. I am looking for any documents showing the awarding of two grants to Malahide, 43,547 Euro in 2018, and 19,737 Euro in 2020. Just any documents confirming the awarding of these two grants to the club please.
TCAGSM-FOI-2023-0018	14/02/2023	Journalist	14/03/2023	Granted	Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request copies of all records relating to the decision to provide funding towards the purchase by the National Gallery of Ireland of the William Butler Yeats painting, Bachelor's Walk, In Memory.
TCAGSM-FOI-2023-0017	14/02/2023	Journalist	14/03/2023	Granted	Copies of all records relating to the decision to provide funding for the purchase of items from the sale of contents of Howth Castle, which took place on September 8th and 9th, 2021.
TCAGSM-FOI-2023-0014	08/02/2023	Journalist	08/03/2023	Part-Granted	I am requesting the following information under the Freedom of Information Act. All correspondence between the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media and the Office of Public Works regarding the budget for the redevelopment of the National Concert Hall, between the dates of July 1 2022 to December 8 2022. A copy of the briefing note prepared for Minister Catherine Martin about the redevelopment of the National Concert Hall.
TCAGSM-FOI-2023-0015	08/02/2023	Other	08/03/2023	Granted	Teastaíonn uaim rochtain a fháil ar na taifid go léir laistigh den Roinn Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán (RTCEGSM) a bhaineann le iarratas ar dheontas a rinne Cumann Peile Cill na Martra chuig RTCEGSM i mí an Mhárta 2022 agus a fógraíodh deontas de €60,079 ina leith ar an 7/2/2023, ón dáta a rinneadh iarratas ar an deontas go dtí an lá inniu. Níl an t-iarratas a tháinig ó Chumann Lúthchleas Gael Cill na Martra ag teastáil uaim. Deontas faoi Chlár Tacaíochtaí Pobail agus Teanga na Roinne atá i gceist. [Translation] I want to access all the records within the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media (RTCEGSM) relating to a grant application made by Cumann Peile Kilna Martra to RTCEGSM in March 2022, and following which a grant of €60,079 was awarded in respect of them on 7/2/2023, from the date the grant was applied for until today. I don't need the request that came from Cumann Lúthchleas Gael Kilna Martra. The grant is under the Department's Community and Language Supports Programme.
TCAGSM-FOI-2023-0012	07/02/2023	Oireachtas/Public Representatives	07/03/2023	Refused	Under FOI legislation, I wish to request the following records: the budgetary proposals submitted by Olympic Council of Ireland to the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media in advance of Budget 2023.
TCAGSM-FOI-2023-0013	07/02/2023	Other	07/03/2023	Refused	Under the Freedom of Information Act 2014, we make application for copies of records, in whatever form of the Undertaking in respect of compliance with all relevant legislation, which is submitted to the Minister as part of the Application for Certification of a film under S481 of the Taxes Consolidation Act 1997 and the Film Regulations SI 119/2019 by Metropolitan Film Productions International Limited relating to the following: "The Last Duel" "Disenchanted" "Moonhaven Season 1" "Vikings Valhalla" "Kin" "The Banshees of Inisherin" "Harry Wild" "Redemption" "Valhalla 2" "Silver" "Sanctuary"

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TCAGSM-FOI-2023-0010	03/02/2023	Other	06/03/2023	Part-Granted	Wish to submit an FOI request for all records relating to the imposition of a year prohibition on Cycle Ireland from submitting applications for capital grants due to the submission I believe was a false quotation. Also grateful if you could provide copies of any policies or Departmental guidelines relating to grants processing and any policies or Departmental guidelines relating to the imposition of this type or other type of censure/restrictions. Lastly, can you provide the number by year (for the last 5 years) of any grants refused or restrictions imposed due to irregularity.
TCAGSM-FOI-2023-0008	30/01/2023	Other	28/02/2023	Granted	All correspondence between the department and Sport Ireland in relation to the development of a cricket stadium in 2021, 2022 & 2023.
TCAGSM-FOI-2023-0006	23/01/2023	Journalist	21/02/2023	Part-Granted	The minutes of a meeting involving Minister Chambers and/or Assistant Secretary Cian Ó Lionáin on 18th November 2022 with representatives from the Football Association of Ireland, and any briefing materials prepared for the minister in advance. Any email sent by FAI chief executive Jonathan Hill to either of the individuals above following that meeting on 18 November 2022, and the response given. I would prefer to receive this information electronically, and in its original formatting.
TCAGSM-FOI-2023-0005	18/01/2023	Journalist	16/02/2023	Refused	I request the following under Freedom of Information: Copies of all correspondence, including but not limited to internal TCAGSM communication and apologies sent to Screen Ireland, pertaining to Minister Catherine Martin's non-attendance at the Fís Éireann industry day at the Dean Hotel in Galway on Monday October 3, 2022, from a week either side of that date (Sept 26-Oct 10).
TCAGSM-FOI-2023-0004	13/01/2023	Journalist	13/02/2023	Granted	Correspondence between the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media and the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform regarding the salary arrangements for the Secretary General of the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media. Any correspondence between their respective officials on these same matters. This request should cover the period July 2020 to the present day.
TCAGSM-FOI-2023-0003	12/01/2023	Journalist	10/02/2023	Part-Granted	I would like to put in a freedom of information request for the documents below. 1. All correspondences sent and received by the Minister regarding a potential shortage of tourist accommodation in Ireland in 2023. The timeframe for correspondence is between 1st December 2022 to 12th January 2023.
TCAGSM-FOI-2023-0002	09/01/2023	Journalist	07/02/2023	Granted	I wish to request, under the Freedom of Information Act, access to all correspondence in 2022 between the Department and the Arts Council in relation to funding for Culture Night.
TCAGSM-FOI-2023-0001	06/01/2023	Other	03/02/2023	Refused	I am submitting an FOI request under the Act for all records in the department in relation to two tweets posted by Neasa Hourigan TD and attach screen shots of the two relevant tweets - the department already has copies of these tweets.

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