

Freedom of Information Disclosure Log - October - December 2022



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

Request Number	Date Received	Request Category	Due Date	Decision Made	Request Details
TCAGSM-FOI-2022-0165	29/12/2022	Journalist	27/01/2023	Refused	The most recently updated Department Brief for an incoming Minister, either signed off and delivered to a new minister following the 2022 December reshuffle, or a draft prepared for a possible change of minister but never delivered as the minister wasn't changed.
TCAGSM-FOI-2022-0161	30/11/2022	Journalist	26/01/2023	Granted	Any emails, notes, memos, briefings and/or records between your department and Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sports & Media, Catherine Martin, and Amazon between 1 June and November 30, 2022.
TCAGSM-FOI-2022-0164	27/12/2022	Journalist	25/01/2023	Refused	Copies of all briefing material prepared for the new Minister of State for Sport Thomas Byrne. Copies of all briefing material prepared for the new Minister of State for the Gaeltacht Patrick O'Donovan.
TCAGSM-FOI-2022-0163	20/12/2022	Other	20/01/2023	Granted	For the years 2017 to 2021 that the Department provide the following information in tabular form: The Total Number of FOIs received by the Department. A Breakdown of the number of Personal v Non-personal v Mixed. The Number of FOIs that received a charge per year or had the applicant pay a cost. The Total cost per year for Search, Retrieval and Copying Charges.
TCAGSM-FOI-2022-0160	28/11/2022	Other	26/12/2022	Part-Granted	Any and all records Relating to the applicability of the TRIS process (the (eu) 2015/1535 procedure) to the Online Safety and Media Regulation Bill, to include but not limited to any correspondence relating to or arising from communications between the Irish state and the European Commission on the topic of the bill. The temporal scope of this request is limited to records created in 2022.
TCAGSM-FOI-2022-0159	24/11/2022	Journalist	22/12/2022	Refused	Copies of any correspondence (email, text, messaging services etc) between Minister Chambers and his office and the following company Communique International (or its staff) in the period 1 Jan 2021 to 31 Dec 2021. Searches of any mobile phones, relevant private email addresses and/or messaging services should be considered when processing this request. For avoidance of doubt, the minister had in place a contract for services with this company during 2021 and if any of the communications relate to his work or duties as a minister, they are subject to the FOI Act.
TCAGSM-FOI-2022-0157	21/11/2022	Journalist	19/12/2022	Granted	Copies of any correspondence between AirBnB, including its head of public policy in Ireland, Derek Nolan, and the Minister for Tourism Catherine Martin or her advisers, including Juno McEnroe, since May 1st, 2022. Copies of any departmental minutes of any meetings between the above parties since May 1st, 2022.
TCAGSM-FOI-2022-0156	16/11/2022	Journalist	14/12/2022	Granted	Requesting a copy of the letter from Minister Martin to Minister Donohoe (regarding Budget 2023) in full.
TCAGSM-FOI-2022-0154	15/11/2022	Journalist	13/12/2022	Refused	Any records between the minister/senior department officials and RTE relating to the misclassification of workers as self-employed over the last six months.
TCAGSM-FOI-2022-0153	14/11/2022	Journalist	12/12/2022	Granted	A copy of the minutes of each meeting of the Sustainable Tourism Working Group for 2021 and 2022, available to date.

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TCAGSM-FOI-2022-0137	06/10/2022	Other	02/12/2022	Part-Granted	1. All correspondence between the Prison Service, the Department of Justice and the National Archives of Ireland relating to Prisoner Files (sometimes noted as closed prisoner files) dating between 1949 and 1960, which have been deposited in the National Archives under the legal requirements specified in the National Archives Act, 1986 (section 8). 2. A copy of the schedule/list/catalogue of these files. 3. A copy of all correspondence between the Prison Service, the Department of Justice and the National Archives of Ireland regarding allowing researchers access to these records. Under the National Archives Act, 1986, such records are expected to be made available for research under a thirty-year rule. 4. A copy of all correspondence between the Prison Service and the Department of Justice and the National Archives of Ireland regarding making such research possible given the fact that GDPR provides exemptions and allowances for historical research. This should include copies of any policy documents in place relating to access to these files after the introduction of GDPR in 2018, copies of arrangements previously made with researchers under GDPR who have already researched and published,(since 2012) on these closed prisoner files [c1920 and 1964], and correspondence regarding who makes the decision about whether these prisoner files are open for research and which Government Department is responsible for granting access. 5. The file list/s (held by the Prison Service) for the 18/series of records, previous requests ignored.
TCAGSM-FOI-2022-0148	02/11/2022	Journalist	30/11/2022	Part-Granted	A list of all e submissions sent to the cabinet minister in this Department during August, September and October of 2022.
TCAGSM-FOI-2022-0149	02/11/2022	Journalist	30/11/2022	Part-Granted	A Copy of the following esubmissions made to the Minister: CHG 00044-22 and CHG 00086-22.
TCAGSM-FOI-2022-0150	02/11/2022	Journalist	30/11/2022	Part-Granted	A copy of the Departmental risk register.
TCAGSM-FOI-2022-0151	02/11/2022	Journalist	30/11/2022	Part-Granted	All correspondence to and from the minister for sport in relation to the women's senior national football team during October 2022.
TCAGSM-FOI-2022-0147	01/11/2022	Journalist	29/11/2022	Granted	A copy of any records held in the email account of Minister Catherine Martin referring or relating to the volume of hotel accommodation being used for housing refugees from the war in Ukraine. This request to cover the period 1 Aug 2022 to date of receipt of the request.
TCAGSM-FOI-2022-0146	27/10/2022	Journalist	25/11/2022	Granted	Documents and memos in relation to tourism accommodation occupied by Ukrainian Refugees in relation to impact on tourism industry. Ideally, this might include-concerns raised at Department, industry and ministerial level about the impact on tourism and lack of availability of mid price hotels and accommodation to domestic and overseas tourists-concerns about the cost to the exchequer and advice about rates to charge providers if any. Input from Minister Martin if any on her tourism brief in relation to impact of Ukrainian refugees. The period would be March to October, 2022.
TCAGSM-FOI-2022-0144	21/10/2022	Other	21/11/2022	Refused	List of the 2000 artists who received the three years salary [Basic Income for The Arts].
TCAGSM-FOI-2022-0140	18/10/2022	Other	16/11/2022	Part-Granted	Information relating to invoices, receipts or invoices and payments made to The Malahide and Swords Canoe Club from June 2022 to date.
TCAGSM-FOI-2022-0141	18/10/2022	Journalist	16/11/2022	Granted	Copies of all correspondence to/from the secretary general related to the return to office working at the Department following the Covid-19 pandemic. The correspondence can be limited to items to/from the following: ministers; unions. The time period for the correspondence can be limited to 1/8/2022 to 18/10/2022. The records should include copies of any documents attached or enclosed with the correspondence. Details of the total number of staff employed by the Department as of 18/10/2022 and a breakdown of how many are working from home; working in the office; working in a hybrid arrangement. Copies of any internal publications/reports on remote working/return to the office drawn up since 31/1/2022.
TCAGSM-FOI-2022-0139	14/10/2022	Journalist	14/11/2022	Part-Granted	Copies of all correspondence between Minister Catherine Martin and Virgin Media Television managing director Paul Farrell. Copies of all correspondence between Minister Catherine Martin and RTÉ Director General Dee Forbes. Copies of the minutes of all meetings between Ms Martin and the above named individuals.The time period can be limited to 1/5/2022 to 13/10/2022. The records should include copies of any documents attached or enclosed with the correspondence.
TCAGSM-FOI-2022-0135	01/10/2022	Other	28/10/2022	Part-Granted	Receipts and expenses claims of Minister Chambers relating to his trip to Los Angeles earlier this year. Receipts and expenses claims of any support staff who accompanied the Minister on the trip.

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