

Freedom of Information Disclosure Log - April - June 2023



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TCAGSM-FOI-2023-0090	27/06/2023	Other	22/11/2023	Refused	<p>Access to public files kept by the National Archives of Ireland:</p> <p>Gibraltar Shootings2020/23/28Mar 1988 - Jun 1989Department of Foreign AffairsScope and Content: Relates to the killing of three IRA (Irish Republican Army) members by the British Army in Gibraltar on 6 March 1988. Includes witness statements: Irish Government statement on the shootings</p> <p>Gibraltar Three: Inquest and reports2019/101/2236Dec 1988 - Apr 1989Department of Foreign AffairsScope and Content: Shooting of three IRA [Irish Republican Army] members in Gibraltar, 6 March 1988</p>
TCAGSM-FOI-2023-0091	29/06/2023	Journalist	24/08/2023	Part-Granted	All communications between Minister Catherine Martin and RTÉ; between 1 February 2023 and 27 June 2023, and all communications between Minister Martin and her officials related to a series of internal RTÉ; audits over payments to an RTÉ; presenter. Ryan Tubridy
TCAGSM-FOI-2023-0072	25/05/2023	Journalist	24/08/2023	Refused	All records from 1 January 2006 to 24 May 2023 concerning the award of €350,000 grant aid to Bailieborough Arts and Cultural Centre under the ACCESS II scheme.
TCAGSM-FOI-2023-0074	29/05/2023	Other	24/08/2023	Part-Granted	<p>A copy of all information memorandum that Údarás na Gaeltachta or the Department of the Gaeltacht personnel provided to the individuals below, that allowed them to make assurances that specific customers of Arramara Teo would be guaranteed supply of product on reasonable terms and conditions into the future:</p> <p>Minister Dinny McGinley, Minister of State at the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht. Minister Heather Humphries, Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht. Ms. Anna Ni Ghallachair, Udaras, Chairperson of the Board of Údarás na Gaeltachta.</p> <p>A copy of all information memorandum provided by Údarás to the Department of the Gaeltacht and Minister Humphries in support of the following statement she entered into the Dáil record on 15th July 2014:</p> <p>I am advised by Údarás na Gaeltachta that continuity of supply to Arramara's existing Irish customers is assured. One of the conditions of the sale agreement between Údarás na Gaeltachta and Acadian Seaplants Ltd related to existing Irish customers of Arramara Teo being guaranteed supply of product on reasonable terms and conditions into the future. In that regard, údarás na Gaeltachta has confirmed that the sale agreement provides for the protection of future supply to existing Irish customers of Arramara Teo, with no increase in price for Year 1 and with prices advantageous to the Irish customers as against international customers being secured. It is also understood that Acadian Seaplants Ltd has covenanted to continue to supply the Irish customers. In the event of a breach of covenant, Údarás na Gaeltachta has advised that penalties would apply" (ref: https://www.oireachtas.ie/en/debates/question/2014-07-15/422/)</p>
TCAGSM-FOI-2023-0086	23/06/2023	Journalist	21/08/2023	Part-Granted	<p>Correspondence between RTÉ; and Minister for Media Catherine Martin, on the topic of the pay and remunerationof any top ten RTÉ; highest paid on air presenters, and related issues, as well as the understatements of payments, as well as issues related to Grant Thornton audits and reviews of same, between 20th February and 22nd June 2023.</p> <p>Internal correspondence among Department officials,in the Media section, including the Secretary General, Assistant Secretary or Minister's Office employees on the topic of the pay and remunerationof any top ten RTÉ; highest paid on air presenters, and related issues, as well as the understatements of payments, as well as issues related to Grant Thornton audits and reviews of same, between 20th February and 22nd June 2023.</p> <p>Internal briefings or memos, or speaking notes prepared for the Minister, in relation to issues around the pay and remunerationof any top ten RTÉ; highest paid on air presenters, and related issues, as well as the understatements of payments, as well as issues related to Grant Thornton audits and reviews of same, between 20th February and 22nd June 2023</p>
TCAGSM-FOI-2023-0088	24/06/2023	Journalist	21/08/2023	Part-Granted	<p>Copies of all correspondencebetween Minister Catherine Martin and the following individuals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - RTÉ; Director General Dee Forbes - Ryan Tubridy - Incoming RTÉ; Director General Kevin Bakhurst - RTÉ; chairwoman Siún Ní Raghallaigh <p>Copies of the minutes of all meetings between Ms Martin and the above named individuals.</p> <p>Copies of all correspondence between secretary general Katherine Licken and the same above named individuals.</p>

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TCAGSM-FOI-2023-0087	24/06/2023	Journalist	21/08/2023	Part-Granted	<p>All correspondence between officials in the Department with the RTÉ board regarding the audits of financial accounts in RTÉ between January 1 2023 and the date of this request.</p> <p>All correspondence between RTE (including Dee Forbes) and officials in the Media section of the Department regarding the audits of financial accounts, Ryan Tubridy payments and barter accounts between January 1 2023 and the date of this request.</p> <p>All briefing notes and memos prepared for Minister Catherine Martin regarding RTÉ between March 1 2023 and the date of this request.</p> <p>Correspondence should include, but not be limited to, letters, emails, briefing notes, memos, text messages, WhatsApp messages etc</p>
TCAGSM-FOI-2023-0089	27/06/2023	Other	16/08/2023	Refused	<p>All correspondence and memos that relate to the appointment of the chairperson of Udarás na Gaeltachta (2023), dated from the 4th March 2023 to the 26th June 2023.</p>
TCAGSM-FOI-2023-0080	13/06/2023	Business /Interest Group	08/08/2023	Part-Granted	<p>As Minister of State at the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, Mr. Dinny McGinley stated the following in a letter addressed to BioAtlantis on the 7th of November, 2013</p> <p>"However, as you are aware, I approved the sale of the Udaras na Gaeltachta shares to Acadian Seaplants subject to a number of conditions being fulfilled. These conditions include the above named Irish customers of Arramara Teoranta being guaranteed supply of product on reasonable terms and conditions into the future"</p> <p>In a recent letter written to Mr. Dinny McGinley on 26th April, 2023, [A Company] requested that Mr. McGinley clarify the nature of the written commitments or assurances that he received regarding guaranteed supply of product, who provided them and for a copy of same. In this letter of reply on 10/05/2023, Mr. McGinley stated that "all relevant documentation to do with my responsibility as Minister of State is in the possession of the said Department. I am forwarding your letter to the Secretary General of that Department requesting that you be furnished with any documentation relating to your query".</p> <p>I request that you search the files referred to above by Mr. McGinley (specifically dealing with the sale of Arramara), for the following information:</p> <p>A copy of all assurances that were given in writing by údarás na Gaeltachta or another party (in either hard copy or electronic form) to Mr. Dinny McGinley (Minister of State at the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht) or the Department of the Gaeltacht, that allowed him to make assurances that specific customers of Arramara Teo would be guaranteed supply of product on reasonable terms and conditions into the future.</p>
TCAGSM-FOI-2023-0101	30/06/2023	Other	27/07/2023	Granted	<p>A breakdown of the allocation of the Artists Basic Income Scheme under gender, age, ethnic and sexual identity, and what branches of the arts these involved.</p>
TCAGSM-FOI-2023-0092	28/06/2023	Business/ Interest Group	26/07/2023	Granted	<p>Information and all correspondence, including the letter referred to, relating to lobbying return:</p> <p>Ibec (1 Jan, 2023 to 30 Apr, 2023 , Legislation - Lobbying.ie Lobbying.ie IBEC Dairy Industry Ireland contacted the Minister to "Ensure understanding of business position on progress and developments with regard to the OSMR Bill within the dairy sector."</p> <p>Request relates to the letter from the group and any further correspondence as a result of this letter, both to/from Dairy Industry Ireland and also with other departments.</p>
TCAGSM-FOI-2023-0093	28/06/2023	Other	26/07/2023	Granted	<p>Any record which is a formal delegation of a function or functions by the head of your body under section 20 of the Freedom of Information Act 2014 and which is currently in force</p>
TCAGSM-FOI-2023-0095	28/06/2023	Other	25/07/2023	Granted	<p>Any record which lists additional facilities or services recommended or provided in your department / office / body for cyclists since publication of the Government's Climate Action Plan in 2022.</p>
TCAGSM-FOI-2023-0096	28/06/2023	Other	25/07/2023	Granted	<p>Any records which showor analyse the carbon footprints of persons for whom your department / office / body pays, directly or indirectly, travel expenses</p> <p>Any records which outline measures taken in your department / office / body to reduce carbon footprints associated with travel since the government's Climate Action Plan was published</p>

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TCAGSM-FOI-2023-0097	28/06/2023	Journalist	25/07/2023	Part-Granted	Copies of all completed audits - internal and external - held by / conducted on behalf of the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sports, Media since January 1 2022 to date.
TCAGSM-FOI-2023-0083	20/06/2023	Journalist	18/07/2023	Granted	Records of minutes from meetings (if any) that took place with Eddie Hearn or representatives from Matchroom Boxing regarding Katie Taylor fighting in Croke Park. Records related to the security costs of hosting this fight in Croke Park.
TCAGSM-FOI-2023-0085	21/06/2023	Journalist	18/07/2023	Refused	The number of complaints the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport & Media received over television coverage of the League of Ireland since February 2023. The correspondence/ details of complaints the Department received during this timeframe. Minutes of the most recent meeting held between the Department, the FAI, RTÉ, LOITV and Virgin Media over television coverage of the League of Ireland.
TCAGSM-FOI-2023-0082	19/06/2023	Journalist	17/07/2023	Part-Granted	A list/record of all submissions made to the Minister or Ministers of State at your Department (if applicable) using the e-submissions system (or whatever relevant/similar system is in place at your Department) in the period 1 Jan 2023 to the date of receipt of this request.
TCAGSM-FOI-2023-0081	13/06/2023	Other	10/07/2023	Refused	Review of Ireland's bid to host the 2023 Rugby World Cup commissioned from Aidan Pender Consulting in 2018 by the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media.
TCAGSM-FOI-2023-0078	06/06/2023	Journalist	04/07/2023	Part-Granted	All correspondence to the Minister, including representations, from the public, businesses, and elected representatives, RTE and GAA in relation to the issue of GAAGO and the broadcasting arrangements for GAA sporting events between 1.4.23 and 31.5.23. In cases where the Minister / Department provided a response, please provide the reply.
TCAGSM-FOI-2023-0077	06/06/2023	Other	04/07/2023	Part-Granted	(1) Records created on or after 1 March 2022, until 5 June 2023, relating to the interactions between the Department and third parties, with the purpose of blocking access on the internet to the Russia Today website, rt.com. I have read Statutory Instrument No. 94/2022 - European Union (Restrictive Measures Concerning Ukraine) (No.5) Regulations 2022, which was enacted following the decision at EU level on 1 March 2022 to block access to a number of Russian related outlets, including Russia Today, which has a website rt.com. This website is no longer accessible in Ireland, despite its servers being located in other jurisdictions and outside the EU. I have read how, in other countries, such as Holland, that its government instructed a statutory agency to compel internet service providers [ISPs] to block access to several Russian websites in Holland. I am trying to find out, what actions the Department here took to effect a blocking by ISPs of the rt.com website in Ireland. I am particularly interested in correspondence between the Dept and third parties relating to the compulsion of ISPs to block access to the RT.com website.
TCAGSM-FOI-2023-0079	06/06/2023	Journalist	04/07/2023	Granted	All correspondence between The Department and Mr Richard Shakespeare of Dublin City Council regarding the redevelopment of Dalymount Park, and funding streams related to same, dated between 06/06/2019 and 06/06/2020.
TCAGSM-FOI-2023-0076	31/05/2023	Journalist	28/06/2023	Refused	A copy of Minister Chamber's ministerial diary for the periods 1 August 2020 to 31 August 2020; 1 August 2021 to 31 August 2021; 1 August 2022 to 31 August 2022; A copy of Minister Chamber's mileage expense claims (showing actual kilometres claimed) for the periods 1 August 2020 to 31 August 2020; 1 August 2021 to 31 August 2021; 1 August 2022 to 31 August 2022; A copy of Minister Martin's mileage expense claims (showing actual kilometres claimed) for the periods 1 August 2020 to 31 August 2020; 1 August 2021 to 31 August 2021; 1 August 2022 to 31 August 2022
TCAGSM-FOI-2023-0075	30/05/2023	Journalist	27/06/2023	Part-Granted	A copy of any correspondence, complaints, or representations received by the department with regard to GAAGO and/or the availability of GAA matches on free-to-air services. This request to cover the period 1 Jan 2023 to date.
TCAGSM-FOI-2023-0073	29/05/2023	Journalist	27/06/2023	Part-Granted	Correspondence received and sent by the Department of Sport regarding violence at matches since July 1, 2022 to May 31, 2023.
TCAGSM-FOI-2023-0071	24/05/2023	Oireachtas/ Public Rep	22/06/2023	Granted	Copies of all correspondence between the European Commission and the Department in March, April and May 2023 related to the GENERAL SCHEME REGISTRATION OF SHORT-TERM TOURIST LETTING BILL 2022

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TCAGSM-FOI-2023-0069	19/05/2023	Journalist	19/06/2023	Granted	Minutes of any meetings between RTÉ officials and the Minister, Triona Quill, Katherine Licken, Tanya Warren since 1 January regarding interim funding for RTÉ. Any memos or briefings prepared for the Minister since 1 January in advance or arising from meetings with RTÉ concerning interim funding for RTÉ. For reference, the records I'm seeking relate to this entry on the Lobbying Register.
TCAGSM-FOI-2023-0068	17/05/2023	Journalist	15/06/2023	Granted	Correspondence sent by the NUJ to Minister Catherine Martin regarding the acquisition of the Mayo News newspaper. For reference, I am seeking the correspondence referred to in this entry on the Lobbying Register
TCAGSM-FOI-2023-0067	15/05/2023	Journalist	13/06/2023	Part-Granted	Memos, briefings and minutes prepared for the Minister and/or Junior Minister for Sport following the KHSK report (on Betting Duty) from Nov 2021. Correspondence (including minutes of meetings) from HRI and GRI to the Minister and/or Junior Minister for Sport or officials in the Department of Sport in relation to Betting Duty following the publication of the KHSK report. Correspondence (including minutes of meetings) from the FAI and/or Dept. of Finance to the Minister and/or Junior Minister for Sport or officials in the Department of Sport since Oct 2021 regarding the distribution of Betting Duty.
TCAGSM-FOI-2023-0056	03/05/2023	Journalist	12/06/2023	Part-Granted	Minutes/notes/correspondence/briefing materials relating to a meeting between Bauer Media Audio Ireland and the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media in March, per the lobbying register.
TCAGSM-FOI-2023-0065	12/05/2023	Journalist	12/06/2023	Part-Granted	A copy of the letter sent by Minister Martin to Minister Donohue on August 9 2022 on proposals for funding of sports projects. A copy of any response received. Any internal memos or correspondence relating to the formulation of the August 9 letter and the proposal to increase betting tax to fund further investment in sport.
TCAGSM-FOI-2023-0066	12/05/2023	Journalist	12/06/2023	Part-Granted	Copies of all correspondence and records of meetings with the FAI in relation to the interest free loan of circa € 7.6m granted to help fund the FAI's Aviva Stadium payments. I am looking for all records relating to requests and negotiations to delay/waive etc the repayment of this loan since June 1, 2022 to date
TCAGSM-FOI-2023-0051	18/04/2023	Journalist	09/06/2023	Granted	All correspondence between Minister Catherine Martin and the RTE Board (including board members and representatives for the board Q4PR) between 01 March 2023 and current date about the RTE Director General appointment process. All correspondence between Katherine Licken (Secretary General of the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media) and the RTE Board (including board members and representatives for the board Q4PR) between 01 March 2023 and current date about the RTE Director General appointment process. All correspondence between Triona Quill (Assistant Secretary General with responsibility for the Broadcasting and Media Division) and the RTE Board (including board members and representatives for the board Q4PR) between 01 March 2023 and current date about the RTE Director General appointment process. All correspondence between Minister's Special Adviser Juno McEnroe and the RTE Board (including board members and representatives for the board Q4PR) between 01 March 2023 and current date about the RTE Director General appointment process. All correspondence between Minister's Special Adviser Tanya Warren and the RTE Board (including board members and representatives for the board Q4PR) between 01 March 2023 and current date about the RTE Director General
TCAGSM-FOI-2023-0054	29/04/2023	Other	09/06/2023	Part-Granted	Records held by the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media. The records are: Emails sent by Bauer Media Group to the department containing its position paper on the European Media Freedom Act. As referenced here: https://www.lobbying.ie/return/95250/bauer-media-audio-ireland
TCAGSM-FOI-2023-0059	05/05/2023	Journalist	02/06/2023	Refused	Correspondence (sent and received including attachments) between the GAA and the Department, in relation to safeguarding issues, historical abuse, a review into safeguarding, between 1st March and 4th May 2023

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TCAGSM-FOI-2023-0055	02/05/2023	Other	30/05/2023	Refused	Gach leagan den Phlean Gníomhaithe ar son na hAeráide, atá de dhualgas ag gach eagraíocht a bheith acu de réir an Acht Aeráide, le 1. Sonraí iomlán de gach Phleann a bhí agat ó dul-i-bhfeidhm an Achta 2. Dáta ar a foilsíodh gach Plean 3. Dáta ar a chuaigh gach Plean i bhfeidhm 4. An méid airgead, miondhealaithe de réir cúiseanna na gcostas, a caitheadh ar chruthú agus ar chur i bhfeidhm gach Plean.
TCAGSM-FOI-2023-0057	02/05/2023	Journalist	29/05/2023	Part-Granted	Copies of any correspondence, representations, or letters received by the department with regard to price gouging, or suggestions of price gouging, during the St Patrick's Day holiday period. This request to cover the period 1 March 2023 to date of receipt of the request. Press queries can be excluded from this request.
TCAGSM-FOI-2023-0053	25/04/2023	Journalist	23/05/2023	Refused	A list of gifts/high value items kept by the Department. This should include a list of items handed over to the Department by ministers, Oireachtas office holders, TDs and Senators - by name. Please include a description of the items and their estimated value. The FOI is to cover the period February 2020- present.
TCAGSM-FOI-2023-0052	24/04/2023	Journalist	23/05/2023	Part-Granted	Copies of all correspondence between Minister Catherine Martin, or the Department secretary general, and the following organisations and individuals, on the topic of the Online Media Safety Bill, or Coimisiún na Meán. Minutes of meetings between Minister Catherine Martin, or the Department secretary general, and the following organisations and individuals, on the topic of the Online Media Safety Bill, or Coimisiún na Meán. 1. Twitter, including but not limited to Sinead McSweeney 2. TikTok, including but not limited to, Susan Moss. 3. Facebook/Meta, including but not limited to Dualta O'Broin, Stephanie Anderson. 5. Google, including but not limited to, Ryan Meade The time period for this request is records between 1st January and 24th April 2023. The request would also include copies of any documents attached to records/emails
TCAGSM-FOI-2023-0046	06/04/2023	Journalist	15/05/2023	Part-Granted	Submissions to the Department about the proposal to require anyone or any body letting out a property for up to 21 nights - ie a 'short term let' - to register with Bord Failte, since the plan was first announced
TCAGSM-FOI-2023-0049	12/04/2023	Journalist	11/05/2023	Granted	Copies of all correspondence to/from sport national governing bodies on the topic of Ireland hosting international tournaments/competitions. The correspondence should include but not be limited to items related to Euro 2028. It should include all relevant items to/from ministers Catherine Martin and Thomas Byrne and all relevant officials at or above assistant secretary level. The time period can be limited to 1/2/2023 to 12/4/2023. The records should include copies of any documents attached or enclosed with the correspondence.
TCAGSM-FOI-2023-0045	05/04/2023	Other	05/05/2023	Refused	Records which show for Coimisiún na Meán, successor to BAI, the holders of the following positions: 1. The CEO or Director of the Commission/Coimisiún, 2. The Chair and individual members of the Board of Directors of the Commission, 3. The Chair and members of the Compliance Committee
TCAGSM-FOI-2023-0041	03/04/2023	Journalist	03/05/2023	Granted	Copies of all emails, letters, and correspondence from representatives of the following organisations - B&B Ireland, Irish B&B Owners Association, Irish Hotels Federation, and Irish Self-Catering Federation - sent to Minister Martin or her private secretary in relation to the housing of refugees since January 1, 2023.
TCAGSM-FOI-2023-0047	04/04/2023	Journalist	03/05/2023	Granted	Copies of correspondence between the EU Commission and the department relating to Registration of Short-Term Tourist Letting Bill between 15 March and 3 April 2023, including the communication from the Commission from 22 March 2023, extending the standstill period until 22 December 2023.

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