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FOI-0177-2023	Journalist	02/08/2023	Part Granted	Any records (including correspondence) received or sent by the Secretary General referencing the motorised transport grant or the mobility allowance in 2023 to date.
FOI-0178-2023	Journalist	16/08/2023	Part Granted	A copy of any correspondence between Stephen Donnelly, Robert Watt, and the board of the National Children's Hospital dated between January 2023 and July, 2023.
FOI-0180-2023	Public	20/07/2023	Granted	Copy of the diary of MOS Butler in the period of 1st January 2023 to 11th July 2023
FOI-0181-2023	Journalist	18/17/2023	Handled outside of foi	A database/spreadsheet/record of all purchase orders for the most recent twelve-month period, or the most recent twelve-month period for which they are available.
FOI-0182-2023	Business Interest Group	08/09/2023	Refused	<p>All Corrs. from Medical Practitioners/Allied Health Professionals/Smear takers to Department of Health and/or the Office of the Minister(s) for Health concerning the inconsistency of reporting of cytology under the National Screening Programme for Cervical Cancer since its establishment in 2008;</p> <p>2. indicating a concern that there were errors being made in the reporting of cytology by outsourced laboratories under the Cervical Check Programme since its establishment in 2008</p>

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				<p>3. re: inconsistency of cytology reports being received back from the contracted laboratories under the Cervical Check Screening Programme since its establishment in 2008;</p> <p>4. regarding the decline of unsatisfactory /inadequate samples being reported by the contracted laboratories under the Cervical Check Screening Programme since its establishment in 2008</p> <p>5. Corrs and/or concerns/or complaints raised at 1-4 above and: - i. The National Screening Service; ii. Any laboratory involved in reviewing samples taken as part of the Cervical Check Screening Programme; iii. Any other person involved in advising the Department of Health and/or the Office of the Minister(s);</p> <p>6. Briefing memos to DOH/Minister(s) for Health/Office of the Minister(s) for Health re: correspondence and/or communications raised at 1-5 above including but not limited to briefing memos re: proposed response(s) to any such correspondence referenced at 1-4 above.</p> <p>7. All correspondence issued by or on behalf of DOH and/or the Office of Minister(s) to that or those Medical Practitioners / Allied Health Professionals / Smear takers in response to their correspondence at 1 – 4 above.</p>
FOI-0184-2023	Public	15/08/2023	Granted	all correspondence and minutes/notes of discussions between the Department of Health and D'Per from 1st June 2022 to the current date in 2023 in respect of the implementation of

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				<p>"Periodic and Pro-Rata Application of Abatement" as described in Clauses 11 and 12 of D'per Circular 24/22 attached and as set out in Example 5 – Periodic &amp; Pro-Rata in the appendix of the Circular .</p> <p>all correspondence and minutes/notes of discussions between the Department of Health and the HSE from 1st June 2022 to the current date in 2023 in respect of the implementation of "Periodic and Pro-Rata Application of Abatement" as described in Clauses 11 and 12 of D'per Circular 24/22 attached and as set out in Example 5 – Periodic &amp; Pro-Rata in the appendix of the Circular .</p>
FOI-0185-2023	Journalist	28/07/2023	Refused	<p>In accordance with Section 7 of the Freedom of Information Act, 1997 &amp; 2003 &amp; 2014 I wish to request access to the following documents, which I believe to be held by your organisation:</p> <p>All correspondence (letter/email) received from the Chair of the Pre-Hospital Care Emergency Council (PHECC) to the Minister for Health and Department of Health Secretary General from 1 January 2023 to 18 July 2023. I also request any return correspondence.</p>
FOI-0186-2023	Journalist	08/09/2023	Part Granted	<p>All records associated with the e-submission sent to the Minister for Health through the e-submissions channel in relation to the “Ministerial Briefing HSE DOH Quarterly Meeting” that took place in May.</p>

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				I wish for my request to cover the period from 1/5/2023-31/6/23.
FOI-0187-2023	Journalist	24/08/2023	Refused	<p>Any correspondence between the Department and the National Rehabilitation Hospital in relation to the Disabled Drivers Medical Board of Appeal since February 2023.</p> <p>Records of minutes from meetings between the Department and the National Rehabilitation Hospital that have taken place since February 2023.</p> <p>Any correspondence between the Department of Health and the Department of Finance since February of the year in relation to the National Rehabilitation Hospital and the Disabled Drivers Medical Board of Appeal.</p>
FOI-0188-2023	Journalist	08/08/2023	Refused	Any correspondence between President Michael D Higgins and Minister Donnelly, dated between January 1st, 2023 and July 20, 2023.

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FOI-0189-2023	Public	01/08/2023	Refused	<p>I am submitting an FOI request for copies of tweets posted by Minister Donnelly on his twitter account for the last six months from today's date.</p> <p>It is no longer possible for access Minister Donnelly's Ministerial related tweets on his twitter account in the manner I had previously been advised in an FOI decision letter issued by the department and, as being able to access those tweets in that manner, what was the sole reason given by the department for refusing my previous request, I am now entitled to receive copies of those tweets.</p>
FOI-0190-2023	Oireachtas	06/09/2023	Refused	<p>Records relating to meetings between the Minister for Health and the National Paediatric Hospital Development Board in Q2 2023, including minutes and any related documentation.</p> <p>Records relating to meetings between the Minister for Health and the National Paediatric Hospital Development Board in 2020, including minutes and any related documentation.</p> <p>Records relating to meetings between the Minister for Health and the National Paediatric Hospital Development Board in 2021, including minutes and any related documentation.</p>

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FOI-0191-2023	Business/Interest Group	21/08/2023	Refused	<p>I would like to know how much your Department spent on advertising through the various forms of media available in the State in 2022 (or the closest previous, non-Covid year).</p> <p>I would like to see the total amount broken down by media type, i.e.:</p> <p>Television, Radio, Print, Online</p> <p>In relation to the total spend on radio advertising, I would like to know the breakdown of that figure by :</p> <p>RTE Radio, Other National Radio, Local Commercial Radio, Community Radio</p>
FOI-0192-2023	Journalist	09/08/2023	Granted	<p>In accordance with Section 7 of the Freedom of Information Act, 1997 &amp; 2003 &amp; 2014 I wish to request access to the following documents, which I believe to be held by your organisation:</p> <p>Minutes of the last four meetings of the Connecting for Life Cross Sectoral Steering and Implementation Group, which is chaired by the Department of Health. I request the records via email.</p>
FOI-0193-2023	Journalist	25/09/2023	Part Granted	<p>The number of complaints that have been made to the Department of Health regarding abortion services since they were implemented in 2019. Correspondence of the</p>

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				complaints made to the Department of health regarding the complaints. The number of requests for Safe Access Zones for people accessing abortion services at hospitals or healthcare facilities.
FOI-0194-2023	Public	17/08/2023	Refused	All Divisional Report Cards for each month in the five years ending May 2023. Please copy these in the original electronic format. I mean all records which are titled, named, or referred to, or known as a “Divisional Report Card.
FOI-0195-2023	Journalist	06/09/2023	Refused	<p>- Minutes of the meetings between Minister for Health Stephen Donnelly and the Chairperson of the National Paediatric Hospital Development Board (NPHDB).</p> <p>- Minutes of the meetings between Minister for Health Stephen Donnelly and the Chief Officer, Chairperson of the National Paediatric Hospital Development Board (NPHDB) and the Chairperson and Chief Executive of Children’s Health Ireland.</p> <p>I wish for my request to cover the period from 1/5/2023-1/8/23.</p>
FOI-0196-2023	Journalist	22/08/2023	Part Granted	All correspondence between the Minister for Health Stephen Donnelly and the Ukrainian Ambassador to Ireland Gerasko Larysa.

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FOI-0197-2023	Journalist	31/08/2023	Part Granted	Minutes of the meetings of the Medicines Criticality Group, which I understand was reconvened in late 2022 or early 2023.
FOI-0199-2023	Public	07/09/2023	Refused	<p>As I understand from the job description posted recently on public jobs, the salary scale of the Director, National Patient Safety Office is a Higher Principal Officer with a Director salary uplift of c. €14,000.</p> <p>Under FOI act, could you kindly forward the below please:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the specific grade code for this salary. Its not clear if this is a standalone grade code or a combination of two grade codes.</li> <li>- the current number of posts in the Department of Health with a Director uplift.</li> <li>- Could you provide any records (papers, emails, criteria etc) as to the basis of how the Director uplift was arrived at and approved .</li> </ul>



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FOI-0201-2023	Public	18/01/2024	Granted	Records created on or after 20 June 2020, until 11 August 2023, relating to the impact of the expansion of free General Practitioner services to six- and seven-year-old children, or, in the alternative, and if such a document exists, a copy of an impact assessment report on this policy.
FOI-0202-2023	Journalist	07/09/2023	Refused	All documents held by the Department that relate to work underway to prepare for an inquiry into the State's handling of Covid-19 including, but not limited to, any email correspondence, memos, research papers, and any other relevant documentation.
FOI-0203-2023	Journalist	14/09/2023	Part Granted	A copy of any briefings, reports, memos, submissions, or other such high-level documents prepared or shared with the Minister, the Secretary General, or the CMO with regard to the following: a/ Long Covid, b/ the number of people suffering from symptoms of Long Covid, c/ the provision of treatment to individuals with Long Covid, d/ resourcing of clinics or other health facilities for the treatment of Long Covid. period 1 Jan 2022 to date of receipt of the request.

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FOI-0204-2023	Journalist	15/09/2023	Part Granted	Under the FOI Act 2014, I am seeking the following: Any text message or email sent by Health Minister Stephen Donnelly between January 1st 2020 and December 31st 2022 that contains the words “unvaccinated,” “unvaxxed” or “unjabbed.”
FOI-0205-2023	Oireachtas	09/10/2023	Granted	Quarterly Ministerial Briefings from the HSE for Quarterly Meeting with the Minister, for each quarter since the Minister took office
FOI-0206-2023	Journalist	13/11/2023	Part Granted	<p>- a copy of all records held referring or relating to the processing, management, and response to the following two FOIs: FOI-0164-2023 and FOI-0086-202.</p> <p>- a copy of all records held referring or relating to media queries submitted with regard to the above FOI requests.</p> <p>Searches of any mobile phones, relevant private email addresses and/or messaging services should be considered when processing this request.</p>
FOI-0207-2023	Journalist	02/10/2023	Part Granted	1. Any correspondence (sent and received) between the Department and company Novo Nordisk, on the topic of Ozempic, Wegovy, Saxenda, or issues related to shortages or the usage or regulation of the above, between 1st October 2022 and 25th August 2023.

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				<p>2. Minutes of any meetings between the Department and company Novo Nordisk, on the topic of Ozempic, Wegovy, Saxenda, or issues related to shortages or the usage or regulation of the above, between 1st October 2022 and 25th August 2023.</p> <p>3. Correspondence (sent and received) between the Department and the HPRA, HSE, or Medical Council, related to Novo Nordisk or the topic of Ozempic, Wegovy, Saxenda, or issues related to shortages or the usage or regulation of the above, between 1st April 2023 and 25th August 2023.</p> <p>4. Any internal department briefings prepared on Ozempic, Wegovy, Saxenda, or issues related to shortages or the usage or regulation of the above, between 1st October 2022 and 25th August 2023.</p>
FOI-0209-2023	Journalist	Refused	07/09/2023	A copy of any report prepared by the department for the Minister on the North Inner-City Drug and Alcohol Task (I believe this report was being considered by the Minister in the first half of 2023).
FOI-0210-2023	Journalist	Refused	27/09/2023	<p>copies of all direct correspondence whether via email, letter, or text between Minister Donnelly and Robert Watt in the period 1 July 2023 to date.</p> <p><u>Searches of any mobile phones, relevant private email addresses and/or messaging services</u> should be considered when processing this request.</p>

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FOI-0211-2023	Journalist	Refused	21/09/2023	Minutes of any meeting between Sunbeam House Services and Minister for Health Stephen Donnelly, between 1st January and 28th August 2023.
FOI-0213-2023	Journalist	28/09/2023	Granted	Correspondence (sent and received including attachments) between the Voluntary Healthcare Forum, Minister Stephen Donnelly, between 25th June and 31st August 2023.
FOI-0214-2023	Public	06/09/2023	Refused	All records held by your office relating the procurement. of midazalom.
FOI-0215-2023	Public	12/09/2023	Refused	Protocol in the various settings relating to the retention of organs and any investigations regarding same.
FOI-0216-2023	Business Interest Group	02/10/2023	Granted	<p>Correspondence either from the Department of Health to the Department of the Taoiseach or from the Department of the Taoiseach to the Department of Health on the subject of "Citizens' Assembly" or including the words/phrase "Citizens' Assembly" from the time period of January 2023 - August 2023.</p> <p>Correspondence either from the Department of Health to the Department of Justice or from the Department of Justice to the Department of Health on the subject of "Citizens' Assembly" or including the words/phrase "Citizens' Assembly" from the time period of January 2023 - August 2023.</p> <p>Documents/files/transcripts/meeting minutes held by the Department of Health on the subject of "Citizens' Assembly" or including the words/phrase "Citizens' Assembly" from the</p>

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FOI-0217-2023	Business Interest Group	03/10/2023	Refused	<p>Meeting minutes from the 'Strategic Implementation Group on Alternatives to Coercive Sanctions for drug-related offences' a subgroup of the National Oversight Committee of Ireland's National Drugs Strategy which was established in November 2021.</p> <p>Meeting dates and attendance logs of these meetings.</p> <p>Agendas relating to these meetings.</p>
FOI-0218-2023	Public	27/10/2023	Part Granted	All records/correspondence/memos/briefing notes/reports regarding the NCCP plan to centralise surgical services for bladder cancer and cystectomy".

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FOI-0219-2023	Journalist	27/10/2023	Part Granted	<p>Under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 I am seeking a list of</p> <p>e-submissions submitted to the Minister for Health through the</p> <p>e-submissions channel.</p> <p>I wish for my request to cover the period from 01-08-2023 - 31-08-2023.</p>
FOI-0220-2023	Business Interest Group	29/09/2023	Granted	<p>All Department of Health notes and documents in relation to the development of a national hearing care plan, as recommended by the World Health Organisation in 2021. Specifically, I am seeking any minutes, notes and related documents held in the Department of Health relating to:</p> <p>(i) Emails and correspondence from Chime to the Department of Health on the need for a national hearing care plan since March 3rd 2021;</p> <p>(ii) A meeting between Chime and Department officials on September 9th 2022;</p> <p>(iii) A meeting between Chime, the Minister for Health Stephen Donnelly, T.D. and Department officials on May 8th 2023.</p>

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FOI-0221-2023	Journalist	09/10/2023	Part Granted	<p>Copies of all correspondence to/from Minister Stephen Donnelly on the topic of health labels on alcoholic drinks.</p> <p>Records of all meetings attended by Mr Donnelly on the same topic including the date, agenda and minutes of those meetings.</p> <p>Records of any phone calls involving Mr Donnelly on the same topic including the dates, names of the participants and any notes taken on the contents of the calls.</p> <p>The time period for the records involved can be limited to between 1/6/2023 and 11/9/2023.</p>

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FOI-0223-2023	Public	08/11/2023	Part Granted	<p>Copies of all documents, correspondence, and communications, including emails, memos, and reports, related to the announcement and allocation of €750,000 for the Doctorate in Counselling Psychology announced in 2022.</p> <p>Details of the criteria and guidelines used to determine the allocation of this funding, particularly the absence of funding for the third-year cohort.</p> <p>Any internal or external assessments, evaluations, or reviews conducted to determine the appropriateness of the allocation decision.</p> <p>Information regarding any changes or modifications made to the allocation of funding after the initial announcement.</p> <p>Records of meetings, discussions, or consultations held with relevant stakeholders, organizations, or experts regarding the allocation of funding since the announcement in 2022.</p> <p>Any correspondence or feedback received from individuals, organizations, or advocacy groups regarding the allocation of funding.</p> <p>Any other information or documentation relevant to the decision-making process and concerning the delay in the decision-making process related to this funding allocation.</p>



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FOI-0224-2023	Journalist	30/11/2023	Part-granted	All correspondence between the Department of Health and the National Paediatric Hospital Development Board related to increases in construction costs for the building of the new Children's Hospital. Such correspondence to cover the period from January 1st, 2023, to today 13th September 2023.
FOI-0225-2023	Public	19/09/2023	Refused	<p>All records relating to the meeting held between the Minister of State, Hildegard Naughton TD, and XXXX, as listed. This should include, but is not limited to, records of any meeting minutes, meeting notes, a list of attendees, briefing material, associated reports, presentations and correspondence shared and/or referenced at the meeting.</p> <p>I also request any letters, emails, text messages, WhatsApp messages, memos, notes, reports, draft reports any other relevant records that were created, sent or received before, during or after the meeting.</p>

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FOI-0226-2023	Journalist	21/09/2023	Part Granted	<p>All correspondence involving either the secretary general; the deputy secretary (corporate affairs) or the principal officer (press and communications) which relate to the formulation, consideration and approval of responses to the Data Protection Commissioner in the course to its inquiry into data held by the Department of Health and commenced in March 2021. This can be confined to responses to drafts of the report or substantive queries and can exclude any administration queries, such as access to buildings or logistics, and briefing material for the appearance by the Secretary General at the Oireachtas Health Committee on May 5, 2021. This can be confined to the period March 2021 to June 2021. All correspondence involving either the secretary general; the deputy secretary (corporate affairs) or the principal officer (press and communications) which relate the formulation, consideration and approval of the contents a letter sent to affected families in April 2021 by the secretary general. This can be confined to the period March 2021 to April 15 2021. All correspondence involving either the secretary general; the deputy secretary (corporate affairs) or the principal officer (press and communications) which relate the formulation, consideration and approval of responses or correspondence to RTÉ in relation to a programme broadcast on this issue on March 27, 2021. This can be confined to the period March 2021 to May 2021.</p>

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FOI-0227-2023	Journalist	11/10/2023	Refused	All correspondence between the Chief Medical Officer Dr Breda Smyth and the Minister for Health (including correspondence directed to the minister's secretary) between August 1st, 2023 and today's date September 13th, 2023 which relate to new variants of Covid-19.
FOI-0229-2023	Journalist	02/10/2023	Refused	Minutes of meetings held between the Department and the HSE National Women and Infants Health Programme (NWIHP) during 2023 to date. I also request copies of NWIHP's updates to the Department/Minister, which I believe are sent quarterly, during 2023 to date.
FOI-0231-2023	Journalist	15/12/2023	Refused	Correspondence between the Eamonn Quinn, Principal Officer, Department of Health and the board of National Paediatric Hospital Development Board (NPHDB) from January 1st 2023 to September 18th 2023 regarding the new National Children's Hospital to include all memo's, reports, Email attachments, text messages and minutes.
FOI-0232-2023	Journalist	24/10/2023	Refused	Correspondence between Professor Breda Smyth, Chief Medical Officer, Department of Health and the board of National Paediatric Hospital Development Board (NPHDB) from January 1st 2023 to 18th September 2023 regarding the new National Children's Hospital to include all memo's, reports, Email attachments, text messages and minutes.
FOI-0233-2023	Journalist	16/10/2023	Refused	Correspondence between the Greg Dempsey, Deputy Secretary General, Department of Health and the board of National Paediatric Hospital Development Board (NPHDB) from January 1st 2023 to September 18th 2023 regarding the new National Children's Hospital to include all memo's, reports, Email attachments, text messages and minutes.

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FOI-0234-2023	Journalist	15/12/2023	Refused	Correspondence between the Secretary General of the Department of Health and the CEO of the HSE from January 1st 2023 to September 18 2023 regarding the new National Children's Hospital to include all memo's, reports, Email attachments, text messages and minutes.
FOI-0235-2023	Journalist	16/10/2023	Refused	Correspondence between Louise McGirr, Assistant Secretary the Department of Health and the board of National Paediatric Hospital Development Board (NPHDB) from January 1st 2023 to September 18th 2023 regarding the new National Children's Hospital to include all memo's, reports, Email attachments, text messages and minutes.
FOI-0236-2023	Journalist	15/12/2023	Refused	Correspondence between the Robert Watt, Secretary General of the Department of Health and the board of National Paediatric Hospital Development Board (NPHDB) from January 1st 2023 to September 18th 2023 regarding the new National Children's Hospital to include all memo's, reports, Email attachments, text messages and minutes.
FOI-0237-2023	Journalist	15/12/2023	Refused	Correspondence between the Derek Tierney, Assistant Secretary, Department of Health and the board of National Paediatric Hospital Development Board (NPHDB) from January 1st 2023 to September 18th 2023 regarding the new National Children's Hospital to include all memo's, reports, Email attachments, text messages and minutes.
FOI-0238-2023	Journalist	19/10/2023	Granted	Any minutes from a meeting between The Medical Protection Society Limited and Dympna Kavanagh, chief dental officer at the Department of Health, on a date between 1 May 2023 and 31 Aug 2023, and relating to dentists working for corporates and LTDs being left

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				<p>vulnerable to vicarious liability claims.</p> <p>Any correspondences between the Department and The Medical Protection Society Limited regarding the above meeting, including any follow up emails/letters,</p> <p>Any briefing documents prepared by the Department for the chief medical officer in advance of the meeting</p> <p>Any supplementary documents exchanged between the parties in relation to the meeting.</p>
FOI-0239-2023	Business/Interest	03/11/2023	Granted	<p>The Financial Emergency Measures in the Public Interest Act 2009 gave the Minister for Health and Children, with the consent of the Minister for Finance, the power to reduce by regulation (whether by formula or otherwise) the amount, or the rate, of payment to be made to health professionals, or classes of health professionals, in respect of any services that they render to or on behalf of a health body. The Act gave the Minister for Health and Children the power to carry out a review of the operation, effectiveness and impact of the amount and rates fixed by the Act before 30 June in 2010 and every year after 2010. I would like a copy of each of the respective reviews that the Minister received (or carried out) before June 30th in 2010 - 2023 inclusive.</p>

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FOI-0240-2023	Business/Interest	20/10/2023	Granted	All records relating to correspondence between the Minister of Health, Stephen Donnelly TD, Susan Mitchell, Special Adviser, and GSK, as listed here. This should include, but is not limited to, any letters, emails, text messages, WhatsApp messages, memos, notes, reports, draft reports and any other relevant records that were created, sent or received by the Minister's office related to this correspondence.
FOI-0241-2023	Journalist	17/11/2023	Refused	Happy to limit the “correspondence” to emails in the given timeframe. Records of correspondence to/from the minister's office in relation to (a) paediatric spinal/orthopaedic surgery and (b) scoliosis and (c) spina bifida in 2022 and 2023.
FOI-0242-2023	Journalist	12/10/2023	Granted	Records of any correspondence on budget issues and in particular on overspends in Department of Health between the Minister for Health and the Minister for Public Expenditure from the beginning of September 2023 until today's date. (Sep. 25th, 2023)
FOI-0246-2023	Oireachtas	17/11/2023	Refused	Correspondence and related documents from the Department/Minister for Health to the Taoiseach/Department of an Taoiseach in July, August, September 2023 regarding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children’s Health Ireland patient safety concerns at Temple Street, and/or</li> <li>• The use of unauthorised implants</li> </ul>
FOI-0247-2023	Oireachtas	17/11/2023	Refused	Correspondence and related documents from Children’s Health Ireland to the Minister/Department of Health relating

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				to patient safety incidents and related reviews or reports in September-December 2022
FOI-0248-2023	Business Interest Group	13/11/2023	Granted	Details of the meeting that took place on 01/06/2023 between Minister Hildegard Naughton and officials from the Department of Health and Food Drinks Ireland (FDI) including agenda, minutes, briefing documentation and any follow-up correspondence or briefings.