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05/01/2023 20544	Member of the Public	<p>I am seeking any information in relation to the proposed settlement between KPMG and the workers in Debenhams that was announced on Friday 4th September 2020. https://www.rte.ie/news/business/2020/0904/1163233-debenhams-reaches-deal-with-workers/.</p> <p>Any conversations that were had by the Minister and Ministers of State or any other senior official in relation to this matter during the reference period cited. I would appreciate any conversations between KPMG and this Department or between the senior officials/Minister within the Department.</p>	Refused	27/01/2023
09/01/2023 20552	Member of Business/Interest Group	<p>The list of schools receiving funding under the School Meals Programme for the current school year 2022 / 23, run by The Department of Social Protection to include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School name, • Roll number, • No of children being funded • Amount of funding provided to each school 	Part Granted	31/01/2023
10/01/2023 20555	Journalist	<p>All briefing material prepared for the Department's secretary general John McKeon for his appearance before the Dáil's Public Accounts committee on December 1 2022.</p> <p>https://www.oireachtas.ie/en/debates/debate/committee_of_public_accounts/2022-12-01/6/</p>	Part Granted	08/03/2023
20/01/2023 20599	Member of Business/Interest Group	Records on the success rate of the Community Employment (CE) scheme for jobseekers in obtaining full time work and removing themselves from social welfare supports.	Refused	21/02/2023
19/01/2023 20623	Member of the Public	What categories of social welfare recipients are getting Continuing Eligibility Certification Forms each year from the Department	Refused	17/02/2023
25/01/2023 20633	Journalist	Briefing documents prepared for incoming Ministers in December 2022.	Part Granted	22/02/2023

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25/01/2023 20635	Member of Business/Interest Group	<p>The number of Civil/Public Servants in the Department in the last 10 years who have been granted full-service retirement of 40 years for compassionate/discretionary reasons when they retired on ill health grounds (on the advice of a medical advisor).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The number of recipients to whom full service has been awarded, even, if it was beyond their nearest potential service age for retirement of 60 or 65 (whichever is applicable to their status) i.e. despite 40 yrs being beyond their official retirement age they were not paid just to the nearest pensionable age but instead were awarded full pension. • The number of years granted to these retirees in these cases. 	Refused	20/02/2023
03/02/2023 20705	Member of the Public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internal guidelines and any other criteria and/or framework used for making eligibility decisions on Disability Allowance applications. Specifically detailed DSP procedures that specify what constitutes being "substantially restricted in undertaking work" or not. • Please also forward the thresholds and other framework(s) used for the means testing portion of the same application e.g. what asset limits are allowed, income threshold limits, partner's income, income that may cause a reduction in payment etc. • The same means testing criteria (as above) and/or framework for Supplementary Welfare Allowance payment as well as the Exceptional Needs payments. 	Part Granted	13/03/2023
07/02/2023 20711	Journalist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The total amount of money which the Department paid out to claimants via the Pandemic Unemployment Payment Scheme, the Temporary Wage Subsidy Scheme and the Employment Wage Subsidy Scheme during its operation. • How many cases of fraud were detected and brought to court and the results of the same. • Copies of all notes and briefing prepared for the relevant Ministers and the Secretary General of the Department concerning the above. 	Part Granted	06/03/2023
08/02/2023 20717	Member of the Oireachtas	Briefing notes and related documents relating to DPMA litigation, settlements, strategy, and related matters, prepared for the Minister and Ministers of State from 14 June 2007 to 7 May 2008.	Part Granted	29/03/2023
08/02/2023 20718	Member of the Oireachtas	Briefing notes and related documents relating to DPMA litigation, settlements, strategy, and related matters, prepared for the Minister and Ministers of State from 7 May 2008 to 23 March 2010.	Part Granted	29/03/2023
08/02/2023 20719	Member of the Oireachtas	Briefing notes and related documents relating to DPMA litigation, settlements, strategy, and related matters, prepared for the Minister and Ministers of State from 23 March 2010 to 9 March 2011.	Part Granted	29/03/2023

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08/02/2023 20720	Member of the Oireachtas	Briefing notes and related documents relating to DPMA litigation, settlements, strategy, and related matters, prepared for the Minister and Ministers of State from 9 March 2011 to 6 May 2016.	Part Granted	29/03/2023
08/02/2023 20721	Member of the Oireachtas	Briefing notes and related documents relating to DPMA litigation, settlements, strategy, and related matters, prepared for the Minister and Ministers of State from 27 June 2020 to 1 February 2023.	Part Granted	29/03/2023
08/02/2023 20722	Member of the Oireachtas	Briefing notes and related documents relating to DPMA litigation, settlements, strategy, and related matters, prepared for the Minister and Ministers of State from 14 June 2017 to 27 June 2020.	Part Granted	29/03/2023
08/02/2023 20723	Member of the Oireachtas	Briefing notes and related documents relating to DPMA litigation, settlements, strategy, and related matters, prepared for the Minister and Ministers of State from 6 May 2016 to 14 June 2017.	Part Granted	29/03/2023
13/02/2023 20750	Member of the Public	All correspondence (policy documents, briefings, questions and answers etc.) between the Department and the Office of the Parliamentary Counsel to the Government (OPC) in relation to the Gender Recognition Act 2015.	Refused	13/03/2023
14/02/2023 20766	Member of the Public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With regard to Child Benefit, how many requests to provide child residency and/or school details are requested per month (or year). • Please specify what are the criteria for selecting to which children/parents these requests are being sent. 	Granted	16/02/2023
15/02/2023 20776	Journalist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • List of medical practices and/or practitioners and the cumulative payments made to each of them for the provision of medical certificates for social welfare applications in 2022. • List of the top 100 earners (identifying the practice/practitioner) and the cumulative amount paid to them in each year would suffice. 	Granted	10/03/2023
21/02/2023 20831	Member of the Public	The Department of Social Protection Policy which states that in extenuating circumstances BTEA can be applied for within a 30 day period only.	Refused	10/03/2023

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24/02/2023 20857	Member of Business/Interest Group	<p>I am seeking copies of the following in respect of the three years 2020, 2021 and 2022:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 completed certificates, 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. 	Refused	23/03/2023
24/02/2023 20859	Member of Business/Interest Group	<p>All correspondence, notes, emails etc relating to the Review of the Dental Treatment Benefit scheme administered by the Department from 1 January 2018 to 1 February 2023. Correspondence with the relevant Minister and Irish Dental Association and/or its representatives should be included.</p>	Part Granted	19/04/2023
09/03/2023 20973	Member of the Public	<p>Under the Freedom of Information Acts, I hereby request copies of records in the Department, in c. 2013, in relation to the following, please:</p> <p>Responses (likely issued via email), from Scope Section, to a particular case-representation, involving proprietary Company Directors and their owned Company, that were received, in 2013, from An Taoiseach Enda Kenny, T.D. Similarly, regarding the same case, the like Scope Section (email) responses that were sent to the agents / accountants acting in this case; which responses at the time, both to An Taoiseach and to the case agents, set out on the significant reasons, in law, why certain Scope statutory Decisions were then suspended by the Department / Minister.</p> <p>Seeking the general explanation responses from the Department / Minister, concerning the serious matters of law which then underlay the suspension of statutory decisions for some thirty months.</p>	Refused	12/04/2023
16/03/2023 21033	Member of the Public	<p>Records around the funding of a named service and any other services who received funding from the Department, without having full planning permission.</p>	Refused	29/03/2023
21/03/2023 21044	Member of Business/Interest Group	<p>The number of paper applications in relation to redundancy and insolvency the Department has accepted in both 2022 and 2023.</p>	Granted	14/04/2023

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28/03/2023 21097	Journalist	Copies of any research papers, discussion documents, memos, submissions or other such overview/discussion documents from 1 January 2022 to date, with regard to the impact of Long Covid on social welfare payments/budgets.	Part Granted	27/04/2023
28/03/2023 21115	Member of Business/Interest Group	HR Office Notice 12/2019	Granted	04/04/2023
30/03/2023 21125	Member of Business/Interest Group	<p>From 1 September 2022 to present-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a copy of any procedure, policy, guidance note or similar document dealing with the administration of the Daily Expense Allowance scheme by the Department; • a copy of any procedure, policy, guidance note, correspondence or similar document on the processing by the Department of applications for the Daily Expense Allowance by applicants for international protection; • a copy of any guidance, information, correspondence or similar document issued to social welfare offices and/or units regarding the processing of applications for the Daily Expense Allowance by applicants for international protection who have no fixed address and/or who are homeless; • a copy of any guidance, information, correspondence or similar document issued to social welfare offices or units regarding the processing of applications for the Daily Expense Allowance by applicants for international protection who are residing at City West Transit Hub; and • a copy of correspondence exchanged by the Department with any other government Departments regarding Daily Expense Allowance applications and processing procedures. 	Granted	02/05/2023