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1	FOI DISCLOSURE LOG 2015				
2	DATE OF REQUEST	CATEGORY OF REQUESTER	DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL PROTECTION (DSP) SUMMARY OF 2015 FOI REQUESTS (CATEGORIES OF RECORDS SOUGHT)	DECISION MADE	DATE OF REPLY
3	05/01/2015 2670	Journalist	The total number of people who requested funds to furnish a council house in 2013 and 2014, the number who were successful and the number who were refused.	PART-GRANTED	20/01/2015
4	06/01/2015 2673	Member of business/interest group	Grants over €5,000 payable in 2011/2012/2013 to each of the following and their associated organisations: Irish Family Planning Association, Women's Aid, Irish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, Barnardos, Society of SVP, National Women's Council of Ireland.	GRANTED	26/01/2015
5	07/01/2015 2675	Journalist	All letters/correspondence between the named group of companies and Tánaiste Burton.	REFUSED	20/01/2015
6	07/01/2015 2683	Member of business/interest group	All circulars regarding Direct Provision Allowance, Supplementary Welfare Allowance and Exceptional Needs Payments insofar as the circulars relate to the application/availability of these payments to asylum seekers and/or residents of Direct Provision centres.	GRANTED	02/02/2015
7	14/01/2015 2684	Journalist	Records/Correspondence relating to proposed policy measures which were placed under consideration in the context of Budget 2015 in the period June 2014 to the end of Oct 2014.	PART-GRANTED	11/02/2015
8	07/01/2015 2685	Journalist	Records relating to bi-lateral meetings between the Ministers for Social Protection, Public Expenditure and Finance relating to Budget 2015.	REFUSED	14/01/2015
9	07/01/2015 2687	Journalist	Access to dataset of names and amounts received by property owners in the form of rent supplement payments.	REFUSED	27/01/2015
10	08/01/2015 2689	Journalist	All records between Minister Joan Burton and Minister Kevin Humphreys with the Dept. of Justice and An Garda Síochána on the secondment of members of An Garda Síochána to DSP to tackle welfare fraud.	PART-GRANTED	18/02/2015
11	13/01/2015 2713	Journalist	A breakdown of all expenses claimed by each civilian driver employed by DSP in 2014.	GRANTED	23/01/2015
12	08/01/2015 2722	Journalist	The number of cases in which it was discovered that social welfare payments were being made to family members of deceased claimants and people living abroad.	REFUSED	09/02/2015
13	07/01/2015 2735	Member of business/interest group	Copy of details published on the DSP's website on 16th December of the information specifically given to employers seeking to take members of the unemployed population who are not registered on the Live Register as part of Work Placement Programmes.	REFUSED	02/02/2015
14	19/01/2015 2743	Journalist	Total expenditure on 1) photography and 2) professional video/filmmakers by the DSP in 2014.	GRANTED	10/02/2015
15	20/01/2015 2757	Journalist	Records of all companies "banned" from using the JobBridge Scheme since its establishment including all correspondence with the banned companies.	REFUSED	12/02/2015
16	27/01/2015 2798	Journalist	Copies of the minutes of the September 2014 meeting of the DSP/Revenue High Level Steering Group.	PART-GRANTED	24/02/2015

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17	27/01/2015 2799	Journalist	<p>Under the FOI Act, in relation to the Tanaiste, Minister, or Ministers, who have served at your Department at any time between the formation of last government in early 2011 and the 31st December 2014.</p> <p>Details of all payments made to them by way of salary or expenses in the above period, and broken down by calendar year for 2011, 2012, 2013 & 2014.</p> <p>This is to include, but is not limited to, the following. It excludes costs relating to overseas travel.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The allowance (gross) paid to them as Taoiseach, Tanaiste, Minister, Junior Minister, Officeholder etc. broken down year by year. - The total in mileage expenses paid to them, broken down year by year. - The total in other expense claims, subsistence, hotel bills and so on, broken down year by year. - Mobile phone bills paid for by the Department broken down year by year. - The purchase of mobile phone, computer equipment and other related material for them broken down year by year. - Payment of any other expenses to them relating to their office as Minister(s), and broken down year by year. - The cost of any allowances claimed for by the Minister(s) and broken down year by year. 	GRANTED	18/02/2015
18	29/01/2015 2819	Member of Oireachtas	All correspondence between DSP and any other Government Department or Minister on the issue of the holding of a Debt Conference.	REFUSED	17/02/2015
19	30/01/2015 2824	Journalist	All correspondence to and from DSP in relation to the Irish Water Conservation Grant.	PART-GRANTED	24/02/2015
20	06/02/2015 2864	Member of business/interest group	Copy of full details as published on the DSP website on Dec 16th (the date Minister Humphreys replied to Dail Question 4816/14 asked by Deputy Michael McGrath) of the information specifically given to employers seeking to take members of the unemployed population who are not registered by the Minister for Social Protection on the Live Register as part of the Work Placement Programme.	PART-GRANTED	13/02/2015
21	09/02/2015 2866	Member of business/interest group	Records on 1) The details of all redundancy rebates paid over to [Company Name]; 2) The dates these payments were made; 3) The amounts of each payment; 4) The dates the employees signed the redundancy forms.	REFUSED	04/03/2015

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22	11/02/2015 2890	Member of business/interest group	Copy of any audits carried out on CE schemes nationally from 2013 and 2014.	GRANTED	24/02/2015
23	26/02/2015 2896	Journalist	1. All records relating to the report of an investigation carried out by the Ombudsman Emily O'Reilly into restrictions on access to historical records of births, deaths and marriages held by the GRO (published in July 2012) 2. All records held by DSP relating to the computerisation system for records held by the GRO.	REFUSED	26/03/2015
24	16/02/2015 2909	Journalist	Correspondence between the Secretary General and the Dept. of Public Expenditure relating to Irish Water.	GRANTED	11/03/2015
25	16/02/2015 2917	Journalist	A Review of in-work Support for the Advisory Group on Tax and Social Welfare carried out by Mel Cousins & Associates.	REFUSED	11/03/2015
26	16/02/2015 2918	Journalist	A copy of the Health & Safety review of DSP premises at Upper Gardiner St, Dublin 1 carried out by CPL Training Ltd.	GRANTED	06/03/2015
27	16/02/2015 2919	Journalist	A copy of the report on Organisation by Axiom Consultants for the Department	GRANTED	12/03/2015
28	16/02/2015 2921	Member of business/interest group	All records regarding Irish Congress of Trade Unions' use of the JobBridge schemes.	GRANTED	11/03/2015
29	16/02/2015 2927	Member of business/interest group	Records detailing the DSP funding of certain training programmes.	REFUSED	03/03/2015

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30	17/02/2015 2933	Member of the public	<p>Details of the DSP's internal policies, procedures, guidelines or any other internal directive in relation to identifying and notifying Irish residents of their entitlement to a state pension allowance in the situation that the Department became aware, either directly (by the individual making a pension claim) or indirectly (by the individual making a non-pension social allowance claim), that a resident was of an age at which a State pension was payable. This request covers the Department's internal policies, etc., in operation during the years 1990 through to 2012.</p> <p>The purpose of this FOI (non-personal) request is to ascertain if at the time in question Irish and European law required that the Department identify and notify Irish residents who were about to retire, or who were retired, of their state pension entitlements so that they could make a pension claim in the prescribed manner. In particular, in situations where the Department became aware of the resident's age, work history, income and pension arrangements from pension or non-pension dealings with the resident.</p>	GRANTED	11/03/2015
31	17/02/2015 2936	Journalist	Digital copies of all records relating to DSP's Universal Retirement Savings Group.	PART-GRANTED	13/03/2015
32	20/02/2015 2964	Journalist	A data dump of the entire DSP/ FAS's JobBridge database.	PART-GRANTED	23/03/2015
33	27/02/2015 3006	Member of business/interest group	Records exchanged between RTE, the RTE Authority and the Minister and her Dept concerning the payment or the subsidisation of the RTE Licence fee, and other related matters.	REFUSED	16/03/2015
34	02/03/2015 3020	Journalist	Records of business, company or individual who have been or were ever barred from participating in the JobBridge scheme and the reasons why.	REFUSED	24/03/2015
35	26/03/2015 3052	Journalist	1) A list of all companies that received nominated payments under the Exceptional Payments Scheme in 2014 & 2015, in the New Accommodation Kit Out and 2) Total amount paid to [furniture shop] 3) List of companies that have supplied quotes in relation to ENP scheme in 2014 & 2015.	REFUSED	25/05/2015
36	05/03/2015 3054	Journalist	1) Details of the number of marriages between EU and non EU citizens in Ireland in every year 2005 - 2015 and 2) A complete breakdown of the EU and non EU patterns in 2014/15.	GRANTED	27/03/2015
37	05/03/2015 3055	Journalist	Records of any meetings between foreign governments or organisations and DSP and its agencies on the issue of sham marriages/marriages of convenience in Ireland between 2005 and 2015.	PART-GRANTED	07/04/2015
38	09/03/2015 3079	Member of the public	Copies of all correspondence with Deputy F. Feighan and Tánaiste and Minister Burton over the past six months.	PART-GRANTED	23/03/2015

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39	18/03/2015 3165	Member of business/interest group	Records relevant to the matter of PRSI refunds for Social Welfare Branch Managers and Sub-Postmasters.	PART-GRANTED	07/04/2015
40	23/03/2015 3197	Member of business/interest group	Copy of the internal report: 'Auto Enrolment and Applicability to Ireland (Pensions) by DSP in mid-2013.	REFUSED	13/04/2015
41	26/03/2015 3234	Journalist	The total number of employees in the DSP broken down by gender and salary brackets.	GRANTED	20/04/2015
42	27/03/2015 3238	Journalist	Record of the DSP spend on PR in 2014 to date.	GRANTED	22/04/2015
43	27/03/2015 3239	Journalist	Record of the DSP spend on phones, laptops and tablets for employees in 2014 to date.	GRANTED	24/04/2015
44	27/03/2015 3240	Journalist	Record of the DSP spend on phone bills for staff in 2014 to date.	PART-GRANTED	23/04/2015
45	27/03/2015 3241	Journalist	Records of social media accounts that are operated by/on behalf of DSP, spend on social media related costs from 2010-2015 and operations of social media.	GRANTED	21/04/2015
46	30/03/2015 3242	Journalist	All correspondence internally in DSP and with other organisations/individuals on the issue of the appointment of agency medical assessors for the social welfare system.	REFUSED	27/04/2015
47	30/03/2015 3249	Member of business/interest group	The amount recovered through Operation DIRT in 2014 and 2013 and since its inception and relevant statistics.	PART-GRANTED	19/05/2015
48	31/03/2015 3293	Journalist	All details since 2011 of JobBridge schemes related to the FAI in their head office in Abbotstown.	PART-GRANTED	29/04/2015
49	07/04/2015 3299	Member of business/interest group	Record of minutes of meetings held between DSP and Dept of Public Expenditure on the issue of the pension claim or entitlements of CES supervisors and any written recommendations or reports and decisions arising from any such meeting	GRANTED	30/04/2015
50	07/04/2015 3301	Member of business/interest group	Record of a DSP memo dated 4th November 1999 regarding the establishment of the Direct Provision system.	GRANTED	30/04/2015
51	07/04/2015 3306	Member of business/interest group	Regarding the Tánaiste and her entourage on her visit to the USA for St Patrick's Day 2015 - clarify how the Tánaiste travelled over to the USA and internally and clarify costs and ownership if aircraft was chartered.	GRANTED	16/04/2015

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52	21/04/2015 3393	Journalist	How many people in receipt of a jobseekers payments have put in for a request to redeem lost or stolen payment received and how many were successful in their request and were thus paid the same payment twice.	GRANTED	20/05/2015
53	13/04/2015 3372	Member of the public	Record of evidence-based-protocols consulted by the Department's Medical Assessors when assessing scanned medical evidence online (SDM computer system) for the purposes of deciding eligibility for Disability Allowance and Invalidity Pension.	REFUSED	29/04/2015
54	22/04/2015 3398	Member of business/interest group	Any correspondence relating to the Minister's visit to the US for St Patrick's Day events in 2013	REFUSED	27/04/2015
55	22/04/2015 3400	Journalist	A record of how much the Minister and Minister of State has claimed in mobile phone charges and cost of providing mobile phones each year. A record of how much Minister and Minister of State has claimed in any expenses or costs associated with running their office.	GRANTED	28/05/2015
56	24/04/2015 3416	Member of business/interest group	Record of Requests for Tenders for the provision, maintenance, support and operation of a new online Public Employment Jobs Matching/Vacancy Service issued on 6 Sept 2014 (the "RFT") with OJEU reference number 2014/S 174-307852 .	REFUSED	05/05/2015
57	27/04/2015 3417	Member of business/interest group	Record of statistical information on the national amalgamation of Community Welfare Officers (CWOs) within the HSE to DSP as Higher Executive Officers (HEOs) in 2011. Did all CWOs, temporary or otherwise, retain all benefits, pay and contract on transfer to DSP.	GRANTED	21/05/2015
58	27/04/2015 3423	Member of business/interest group	1) Copies of any correspondence/memos/reports held by DSP in the period from January 1 2015 to date in relation to the General Scheme of the Marriage Bill 2015 and the role of registrars in marriage solemnisation. 2) Copies of any correspondence/memos/reports held by DSP in the period January 1 2015 to date in relation to the Register of Solemnisers and the role of registrars in marriage solemnisation. 3) Copies of any briefing materials prepared for the Minister in the period January 1 2015 to date in relation to the marriage referendum, the General Scheme of the Marriage Bill 2015 and the role of registrars in marriage solemnisation. 4) Copies of any correspondence between April 1 2015 to date between DSP and Kieran Feely in relation to the marriage referendum, the General Scheme of the Marriage Bill 2015 and the role of registrars in marriage solemnisation.	PART-GRANTED	26/05/2015
59	28/04/2015 3432	Member of Oireachtas	Copy of the Tánaiste's diary from September 2014 to date	GRANTED	20/05/2015
60	05/05/2015 3479	Journalist	The amount claimed for a list of items by each current or previous Minister or Minister of State each year since Feb 2011 to date.	GRANTED	19/05/2015

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61	06/05/2015 3480	Member of the public	Description of what exactly Disability Allowance is and encompasses.	PART-GRANTED	28/05/2015
62	06/05/2015 3485	Member of business/interest group	Eligibility rules for an Irish resident to qualify for HHB and Free Travel between 01/01/1992 and 31/12/1992.	GRANTED	02/06/2015
63	06/05/2015 3486	Journalist	All records held by DSP on the performance of the JobBridge Scheme to include any audits, appraisals and follow up reports of the scheme since its inception in 2011. All records, reports etc. between ministers, politicians, government officials, civil or public servants, heads of state or semi states agencies (excluding members of the public) from Sept 2014 to date.	GRANTED	29/05/2015
64	12/05/2015 3502	Member of business/interest group	The committee members who decided to deploy the Customer Charter. The proceedings, conclusions and the breakdown of opinion within the committee; the legal advice and who provided that advice - furnish the legal advice; proceedings and conclusions of the committee who decided to deploy the section of the Criminal Justice Act upon the unemployed and those in receipt of a social welfare pension.	GRANTED	02/06/2015
65	11/05/2015 3512	Journalist	All records on the predictive analytics modelling being rolled out to stop fraudulent claims which include the details of the analytics involved and the type of data and customer information that will be analysed.	REFUSED	09/06/2015
66	14/05/2015 3517	Member of business/interest group	Copy of any decision(s) made by the Minister for Social Protection in 2015 pursuant to Section 198 of the Social Welfare Consolidation Act 2005 and/or the Social Welfare (Consolidated Supplementary Welfare Allowance) Regulations (SI No 412/2007) in relation to the level of Rent supplement along with all records (to include correspondence) held which sets out the reasons for the decision.	PART-GRANTED	12/06/2015
67	18/05/2015 3552	Journalist	All records between DSP and the Dept. of Health on the issue of medical assessors in DSP between 1 November 2014 and 1 March 2015.	GRANTED	10/06/2015
68	19/05/2015 3557	Journalist	All records relating to correspondence/communications between the DSP and Aldi supermarket over their seeking job applicants to supply PPS numbers before being allowed to submit a job application.	GRANTED	21/05/2015
69	19/05/2015 3562	Member of business/interest group	A list of successful businesses who have been in receipt of the Back to Work Enterprise Allowance for the County of Westmeath from 2013 to present.	REFUSED	12/06/2015
70	19/05/2015 3563	Journalist	All correspondence between Insurance Ireland and DSP relating to the operation of the Recovery of Benefits and Assistance scheme from 2014 to present.	PART-GRANTED	17/06/2015
71	22/05/2015 3583	Member of business/interest group	Record of the review of the Community Welfare clinics in Co Roscommon recently carried out by DSP.	GRANTED	04/06/2015

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72	25/05/2015 3596	Journalist	All records of your attendance/flexi-time recording systems in respect of every DSP employee including surpluses or deficits at the end of each four-week period.	REFUSED	04/06/2015
73	20/05/2015 3595	Member of business/interest group	The number of negative and positive Invalidity Pension decisions and the number of times certain Deciding Officers departed from the Medical Assessor's opinion.	REFUSED	05/06/2015
74	27/05/2015 3635	Journalist	The number of people who informed DSP they were going on holidays in 2014 and so far in 2015? The number of people who had social welfare payments cut off in relation to taking holidays in 2014 and so far in 2015?	REFUSED	24/05/2015
75	28/05/2015 3622	Member of business/interest group	For staff members and Ministers - statements of credit cards used by DSP for transactions from 1 Jan 2015. Records of amounts spent on travel and accommodation and the reasons for travelling.	GRANTED	23/06/2015
76	02/06/2015 3640	Journalist	Correspondence between the Minister and Denis O'Brien since 1 Jan. 2014.	REFUSED	26/06/2015
77	04/06/2015 3656	Member of business/interest group	Total expenditure by DSP in 2014 cross-referenced by suppliers for tea, coffee, sandwiches, biscuits, pastries, cakes.	GRANTED	30/07/2015
78	08/06/2015 3665	Member of business/interest group	Records of each placement made under the JobBridge internship programme in workplaces managed by the Waterford and Wexford Education and Training Board in Waterford City from 2012 to date.	PART-GRANTED	02/07/2015
79	08/06/2015 3668	Journalist	The amount of money paid under fuel card schemes annually, by supplier, 1 Jan 2011 to date.	GRANTED	06/07/2015
80	10/06/2015 3705	Journalist	All documents, email, correspondence between Minister Burton, her special advisor Ed Brophy and Secretary General Niamh O'Donoghue since September 2014.	REFUSED	25/06/2015
81	10/06/2015 3710	Member of Oireachtas	1) Details of the steps taken if any by DSP to implement certain recommendations set out at paragraph 6.32 of the Mullarkey Report (Report of the Working Group on the Accountability of Secretaries General and Accounting Officers)(2002). 2) Any documents relating to the establishment of risk management procedures in DSP arising from 1 (above). 3) Copies of the most recent edition of any register of risks which exists within DSP as part of the Dept's wider risk management framework.	GRANTED	30/06/2015
82	11/06/2015 3713	Member of business/interest group	All records prepared for and relied upon by Mr J. McKeon and other DSP Officials accompanying him at 1) the Pathways to Work Presentation to the Joint Education and Social Protection Debate held on Wednesday 15 October 2014, 2) the Eligibility for Employment Activation Measures: Discussion debate held on Thursday 12 June 2014, and 3) the Update on employment Activation Measures: DSP debate held on Wednesday 18 February 2015.	PART-GRANTED	06/07/2015

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83	15/06/2015 3719	Member of business/interest group	All records on the State Airports (Shannon Group) Act 2014 and/or any other legislation written or amended in 2014 relating to or impacting on the IASS Pension.	REFUSED	04/08/2015
84	16/06/2015 3727	Member of Oireachtas	Records between DSP and named individual relating to appointments to the board of all state bodies to which the Minister for Social Protection has the statutory capacity to make board appointments.	REFUSED	13/07/2015
85	21/05/2015 3743	Member of the public	Statistics in relation to live register.	REFUSED	19/06/2015
86	23/06/2015 3767	Member of business/interest group	All submissions (including but not limited to policy documents, background information, briefing papers, etc.) made by DSP to the McMahon Working Group.	PART-GRANTED	16/07/2015
87	24/06/2015 3768	Member of business/interest group	Records on external Security and Cleaning companies that DSP have used in each of the past 3 years including the nature of service each company provided; the amount paid for such service; the number of occasions that each company has been used.	GRANTED	14/07/2015
88	30/06/2015 3811	Journalist	Correspondence between Minister Burton and her cabinet colleagues since July 1 2014.	GRANTED	11/08/2015
89	01/07/2015 3814	Member of Oireachtas	All records received by the Minister and her predecessors in relation to labour court recommendation 19293.	GRANTED	24/07/2015
90	02/07/2015 3828	Journalist	The amount of JobBridge internships offered to both broadcast and print media compared with the various different sectors including percentages.	GRANTED	30/07/2015
91	03/07/2015 3829	Member of Oireachtas	Records including DSP order papers, ministerial advice, special advisors briefing material, minutes of meetings, correspondence, legal advice sought and related documentation to cuts and reductions to Jobseeker's Allowance for 18-26 year olds considered by DSP as part of the budgetary process from 2009 to date.	REFUSED	17/07/2015
92	07/07/2015 3848	Member of business/interest group	The full list of items and the maximum amount to be spent on items that DSP will accept for the Exceptional Needs Payment Scheme. The measures that the DSP takes to ensure that any funds that are issued under the ENP Scheme are actually needed for Exceptional needs.	GRANTED	27/07/2015
93	10/07/2015 3719	Member of business/interest group	All records relating to or concerning the IASS Pension Scheme.	REFUSED	28/07/2015
94	14/07/2015 3890	Member of the public	Details of all payments made to Workstart West Cork Ltd, T/A Employability West Cork, for the years 2012, 2013, 2014 by DSP and all supporting documentation relating to these payments.	REFUSED	28/07/2015
95	15/07/2015 3904	Member of Oireachtas	Records of all expenses, travel and subsistence claimed and records of all DSP credit card statements for credit cards used by the Minister and Minister of State from March 2011.	GRANTED	24/07/2015

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96	14/07/2015 3895	Member of the public	Name of DSP Official.	REFUSED	17/07/2015
97	20/07/2015 3914	Journalist	A list of all debt collection agencies used by DSP, the amounts paid to them for the period 2013 to present.	GRANTED	21/07/2015
98	21/07/2015 3919	Member of the public	Copies of all correspondence between the office of the Bishop of Elphin Kevin Doran and Tánaiste Joan Burton since January 1 2015.	REFUSED	19/08/2015
99	15/07/2015 3942	Journalist	Briefing material prepared for the Sec. Gen. of DSP in relation to her appearance before the Dail Public Accounts Committee meeting on May 28 2015.	PART-GRANTED	21/08/2015
100	15/07/2015 3943	Journalist	Correspondence between DSP and Department of Public Expenditure in relation to the water conservation grant from January 1 2015.	GRANTED	11/08/2015
101	24/07/2015 3957	Journalist	Amount of the top ten payments to social welfare recipients in terms of the total annual payment in 2010 to 2014 and relevant breakdowns. The social welfare bill for each county for 2014 in terms of value in euros and also by the number of people in receipt of social welfare.	REFUSED	01/09/2015
102	05/08/2015 4012	Journalist	Copy of correspondence between the DSP and the Department of Public Expenditure from June 1 2014 to December 31 2014 on the agreement on pensions for former workers of Waterford Crystal.	REFUSED	20/08/2015
103	29/07/2015 4015	Member of Oireachtas	Record of CE schemes run by or through any sports club in the Dublin Area and related information.	REFUSED	08/09/2015
104	04/08/2015 4017	Journalist	Records on the number of individuals in need of emergency accommodation seen by the New Communities Unit in Dublin and related information and statistics.	REFUSED	31/08/2015
105	06/08/2015 4038	Journalist	All correspondence between Minister Burton and other Ministers in the last nine months concerning the water conservation grant. Minutes of all meetings of the programme oversight board that is supervising the implementation of the grant. All internal briefing documents sent to Minister Burton.	PART-GRANTED	01/09/2015
106	10/08/2015 4050	Member of business/interest group	1) A copy of DSP guidelines or protocols governing data protection breaches; 2) A copy of the log recording data protection beaches reported by DSP's staff for the years 2013 and 2014, including a description of the event resulting in the breach, whether it was notified to the Data Protection Commissioner and what action was taken subsequent to the breach.	PART-GRANTED	04/09/2015
107	10/08/2015 4053	Journalist	The minutes of all meetings of the project management team working on the payment and application system of the water conservation grant.	PART-GRANTED	03/09/2015
108	11/08/2015 4057	Member of business/interest group	Listing of Child Benefit collection data based on age group for the following parishes in South Dublin: Firhouse, Old Bawn, Knocklyon (Based on Census 2011 figures).	REFUSED	12/08/2015

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109	13/08/2015 4074	Journalist	From November 14 2014 all records involving Tánaiste and Minister Burton on the subject of protests and other incidents at Jobstown in Dublin on November 15 2014.	REFUSED	24/09/2015
110	17/08/2015 4090	Journalist	All records including anything relating to IT systems that is needed to administer the Water Conservation grant held by DSP dating from June 1 to August 17 2015.	REFUSED	09/09/2015
111	17/08/2015 4096	Journalist	Copies of all correspondence between Tánaiste Joan Burton's office and Taoiseach Enda Kenny's office since May 2014 relating to Irish Water.	GRANTED	08/09/2015
112	17/08/2015 4097	Journalist	Copies of any representations/submissions received on plans to partially reintroduce the Christmas bonus for social welfare recipients prior to Budget 2015.	PART-GRANTED	07/09/2015
113	18/08/2015 4103	Journalist	From 1 July 2014 - 1) All internal documents/correspondence/reports/investigations into alleged data breaches involving DSP Staff. This includes details of sanctions taken against staff and all documents relating to activities by so-called private investigators. All correspondence between DSP and the Office of the Data Protection Commissioner on the issue outlined.	PART-GRANTED	12/10/2015
114	14/09/2015 4133	Journalist	From her date of appointment, commissioned and formal reports to the Minister concerning back to school allowances. Any reports or assessments in relation to the issue in question undertaken by DSP or on its behalf.	REFUSED	09/10/2015
115	14/09/2015 4134	Journalist	From her date of appointment, commissioned and formal reports to the Minister concerning old age pension payments. Any reports or assessments in relation to the issue in question undertaken by DSP or on its behalf.	GRANTED	05/10/2015
116	14/09/2015 4135	Journalist	From her date of appointment, commissioned and formal reports to the Minister concerning child benefit. Any reports or assessments in relation to the issued in question undertaken by DSP or on its behalf.	REFUSED	06/10/2015
117	14/09/2015 4136	Journalist	From her date of appointment, commissioned and formal reports to the Minister concerning family income supplement. Any reports or assessments in relation to the issue in question undertaken by DSP or on its behalf.	REFUSED	06/10/2015
118	14/09/2015 4137	Journalist	From her date of appointment, commissioned and formal reports to the Minister concerning rent supplement payments. Any reports or assessments in relation to the issued in question undertaken by DSP or on its behalf.	REFUSED	09/10/2015
119	14/09/2015 4138	Journalist	From her date of appointment, commissioned and formal reports to the Minister concerning community employment schemes. Any reports or assessments in relation to the issue in question undertaken by DSP or on its behalf.	REFUSED	21/09/2015
120	14/09/2015 4139	Journalist	From her date of appointment, commissioned and formal reports to the Minister concerning disability allowances/payments. Any reports or assessments in relation to the issue in question undertaken by DSP or on its behalf.	GRANTED	12/10/2015
121	14/09/2015 4140	Journalist	From her date of appointment, commissioned and formal reports to the Minister concerning lone parents allowances/payments. Any reports or assessments in relation to the issue in question undertaken by DSP or on its behalf.	REFUSED	08/10/2015

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122	14/09/2015 4141	Journalist	From her date of appointment, commissioned and formal reports to the Minister concerning carers' allowances and payments. Any reports or assessments in relation to the issue in question undertaken by DSP or on its behalf.	GRANTED	12/10/2015
123	14/09/2015 4142	Journalist	From her date of appointment, commissioned and formal reports to the Minister concerning jobseeker's allowance for young people. Any reports or assessments in relation to the issue in question undertaken by DSP or on its behalf.	REFUSED	08/10/2015
124	14/09/2015 4143	Journalist	From her date of appointment, commissioned and formal reports to the Minister concerning social welfare fraud. Any reports or assessments in relation to the issue in question undertaken by DSP or on its behalf.	GRANTED	09/10/2015
125	14/09/2015 4144	Journalist	From her date of appointment, commissioned and formal reports to the Minister concerning child care. Any reports or assessments in relation to the issue in question undertaken by DSP or on its behalf.	REFUSED	08/10/2015
126	25/08/2015 4157	Journalist	All records for 2014 and 2015 generated by the GRO relating to the general issue of marriages of convenience at policy level and perceived trends in marriages of convenience Correspondence to and from the HSE with regard to any concerns raised by registrars about marriages of convenience at a general level rather than at the level of specific marriages.	PENDING	
127	01/09/2015 4202	Journalist	Exceptional Needs Payments and the number of funerals/ burials paid for or contributed to by DSP in the last five years by year from Jan 2010 to June 2015 and the amount of money contributed towards each. Details of what is covered, how is this money approved.	GRANTED	17/09/2015
128	03/09/2015 4215	Journalist	Records of the claim forms on the mileage expenses submitted by the Minister or Ministers in the period since the current Government entered power.	GRANTED	23/09/2015
129	07/09/2015 4231	Journalist	A summary log of all non-personal requests submitted to DSP under the FOI Act 2013, 2014 and 2015 up until receipt of this request.	GRANTED	05/10/2015
130	09/09/2015 4251	Member of the public	The date when requester's employer, NUI Galway, first sought an insurability determination from Scope regarding any member of its staff who they had designated as being insurable at the Class A PRSI rate, when they should have been designated as being insurable at Class D PRSI rate.	GRANTED	10/09/2015
131	14/09/2015 4264	Member of the public	The number of debit and credit cards in use by DSP staff for the years 2013, 2014 and to-date in 2015; the card limit; did any staff member request the limit on any of the cards to be increased or decreased; if so the reasons for the request; the grades of staff who have access to the cards; the robust steps DSP takes to ensure that Officers who have access to the cards are instructed to ensure that any costs incurred by the card are strictly only work related costs.	GRANTED	14/10/2015

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132	21/09/2015 4306	Journalist	The total expenditure by the Dept since the current government came to power in 2011 up until date of receipt of this request (cross-referenced by suppliers) for coffee, tea, sandwiches, cakes, pastries. Provide breakdown for 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015).	GRANTED	19/10/2015
133	23/09/2015 4329	Member of the public	<p>Information in relation to JobBridge, from the date of commencement of the scheme up until and including 31 August 2015: 1) A list of individual internships commenced under the JobBridge scheme to include: a) The name of the company employing the intern*; b) The start date of the internship (MMYY); c) The end date/estimated end of the internship (MMYY); d) The county in which the internship took/is taking place; e) The job title of the internship position; f) The category of the job as outlined on the jobbridge webpage; g) If the individual transitioned into direct employment with the host employer following completion of their internship (y/n); - If yes, is the position the same or similar to the previous internship position undertaken by the individual (y/n)?; h) If no, did the individual transition into full-time employment with another employer in the six months following the completion of their internship (y/n)? - If yes, is the position the same or similar to the previous internship position undertaken by the individual (y/n)?; i) If no, did the individual transition into part-time employment with another employer in the six months following the completion of their internship? - If yes, is the position the same or similar to the previous internship position undertaken by the individual (y/n)?; j) Was the internship terminated prior to the completion of the designated internship period (6 or 9 months) (y/n)? - A brief summary of the reasons provided as to why the internship was terminated early.</p> <p>2) A list of individual complaints made against employers to include:</p> <p>a) Category of individual making the complaint; b) A brief summary of the reason for each individual complaint; c) The company name against whom the complaint was made**; d) Was an investigation taken following complaint (y/n)?; e) If the investigation resulted in a finding against a host organisation (y/n); f) Was action taken against the company? (y/n) - If yes, what form of action was taken (e.g. disqualified indefinitely; disqualified temporarily, disqualified from advertising for that particular post, orange flagged, etc)?</p> <p>*Company names have been previously released by DSP under a FOI request and subsequent appeals by a Mr Gerard Cunningham including names of Closed Vacancy Employers.</p> <p>**Information Commissioner Peter Tyndall ruled on 19/2/15 in a Review Application, case number 120314 (link to document: https://www.scribd.com/doc/256373895?FOI-jobbridge-external-appeal-decision) concerning the release of company names that "I find it difficult to accept that any employer who seeks to participate in the JobBridge scheme can seek, or be given everlasting guarantees of confidentiality about the fact of that participation or indeed</p>	PART-GRANTED	21/10/2015

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134	28/09/2015 4353	Journalist	Records showing the amount of money the DSP spent on the purchase of newspapers and magazines in 2011, '12, '13, '14 and '15. The name and quantity of each publication delivered to the Department daily.	GRANTED	30/10/2015
135	28/09/2015 4354	Journalist	Details of expenses/costs including credit card receipts for DSP entertainment including but not limited to Christmas parties in the months of Oct, Nov and Dec in 2011, '12, '13 and '14 specifying a breakdown per year. Also details of the budget allocated to Christmas parties for 2015.	GRANTED	23/10/2015
136	28/09/2015 4355	Journalist	A breakdown of all expenses, claimed by each civilian driver employed by DSP in 2011 (from when ministerial drivers were abolished), 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015. Relate the drivers expenses to the assigned minister and state the salary of each driver for those years.	GRANTED	07/10/2015
137	28/09/2015 4356	Journalist	The names of legal and accountancy firms used by DSP in 2011 (since government elected), 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015. Detail the amount paid to each firm in each year and the Department/Office the work was associated with.	GRANTED	23/10/2015
138	28/09/2015 4357	Journalist	A detailed breakdown on the fees DSP has spent in 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015 up until date of this requests on: 1) Advertising consultants; 2) Photography and videos; 3) PR consultants; 4) Advertising; and to whom monies were paid, the amount paid and the source stream of the expenditure.	GRANTED	15/10/2015
139	21/10/2015 4377	Journalist	All correspondence involving either the Tánaiste Joan Burton or officials from DSP on the subject of protests and other incidents at Jobstown in Dublin on 15 November 2014. The time periods for this request are 14-28 November 2014; 4-18 February 2015; 5-19 August 2015; and 8-22 September 2015. Correspondence should include letters, emails and notes taken during phone conversations where possible.	PART-GRANTED	26/11/2015
140	05/10/2015 4384	Member of the public	A record of the number of people working in Cork and Galway on JobBridge. A record of the average age of interns employed in Cork and Galway on JobBridge. A record of the number of JobBridge interns currently working for Cork County and City Council and Galway County Council and the departments they work in.	GRANTED	13/10/2015
141	09/10/2015 4423	Member of Oireachtas	1) The dates and times of any meetings with the Seanad Whips on the issue of Councillor's Pay and Conditions of Employment since the Local Government Reform Act 2014 was enacted. 2) The dates and times of any meetings with individual members of the Seanad or the Dáil relating to the issue of Councillor's Pay and Conditions. 3) The dates and times of any meetings with the representatives groups AILG or LAMA either together with Oireachtas members or separately. 4) The minutes of these meetings and details of any agreements reached or other outcomes.	GRANTED	06/11/2015
142	13/10/2015 4450	Member of the public	A list of the primary schools currently using the JobBridge scheme to employ interns and their position titles.	GRANTED	06/11/2015

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143	13/10/2015 4451	Journalist	All correspondence between the Minister and/or the Secretary General and the Minister for Public Expenditure and/or their Secretary General in the last three months concerning the 2016 Budget.	GRANTED	30/10/2015
144	13/10/2015 4452	Journalist	Briefing material or records prepared for bi-lateral meetings between the Minister and/or senior officials with the Ministers for Finance or Public Expenditure and/or senior officials in relation to Budget 2016.	PART-GRANTED	06/11/2015
145	14/10/2015 4465	Member of the public	In Cork and Galway - a record of 1) the companies that people work for on JobBridge; 2) the number of people working on JobBridge over the age of 40 and 3) the amount paid by government to the employers in JobBridge interns in January 2015.	GRANTED	03/11/2015
146	19/10/2015 4491	Journalist	All documents sent to and from the Department relating to the fire tragedy in Carrickmines in Oct 2015, including dealing with the relocation of family members and funeral details.	GRANTED	17/11/2015
147	20/10/2015 4492	Member of the public	All correspondence sent to An Tánaiste and Minister for Social Protection Joan Burton relating to the same-sex Marriage Referendum 2015.	GRANTED	19/11/2015
148	02/11/2015 4575	Journalist	All correspondence on the number of people in receipt of State benefits in the past five years who were overpaid by the Department. How did the overpayments arise? What was the single biggest overpayment? What is the cumulative cost of the overpayments? How much has been recovered to date?	GRANTED	27/11/2015
149	02/11/2015 4576	Member of business/interest group	Copy of the Client Identity Services Personal Public Service Number Allocation Procedures that were issued to staff in March 2015.	GRANTED	09/11/2015

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150	09/11/2015 4621	Member of Oireachtas	From October 2014 to November 1st 2015: Details of any meetings or written correspondence Minister Burton had with members of the Dail or Seanad to discuss the terms and conditions of employment of City and County Councillors including the following topics: 1) Representational Payment 2) Allowances 3) PRSI 4) Pension entitlements 5) Workload 6) Travel and subsistence 7) Names of people attending any of these meetings. Details of any meetings or communications (Letters or emails) Minister Burton had with individual City and County Councillors or their representative bodies (AILG and LAMA) concerning their terms and conditions of employment including the following topics: 1) Representational Payment 2) Allowances 3) PRSI 4) Pension entitlements 5) Workload 6) Travel and subsistence 7) Names of people attending any of these meetings.	GRANTED	07/11/2015
151	22/10/2015 4611	Member of business/interest group	All records held by the GRO in relation to exhumations carried out at the former Magdalene Laundry at High Park, Drumcondra and the location of death certificates for the women concerned from 1993 to 1995. All records held by the GRO in relation to a letter from Joseph McDonnell of the GRO to Graham Hanlon of Eugene F Collins, Solicitors, dated 14th January 1993, regarding exhumations.	REFUSED	19/11/2015
152	03/11/2015 4613	Member of business/interest group	Copy of Death Certificates containing details of all deaths recorded with Deep Vein Thrombosis and Fracture indicated from 2004 to date in the Leinster area.	REFUSED	11/11/2015
153	10/11/2015 4631	Journalist	A list of all the organisations which have been suspended from JobBridge since introduction and reasons why.	REFUSED	20/11/2015
154	10/11/2015 4641	Journalist	1) Records of all non-personal correspondence received by the DSP from external agencies, organisations, groups and interested persons in relation to parental and/or paternity leave policies, legislation and Government proposals from January 1, 2015 to date, and the replies to such correspondence. 2) Records showing the number of women and men in the country who availed of some or all of their parental leave entitlement in 2014.	GRANTED	03/12/2015
155	16/11/2015 4665	Member of the public	Copies of all records in the Dept relating to correspondence between DSP and Cork County Council from Jan 1st 2015 concerning the exclusion of some unemployed people from the live register and the exclusion and non access of some unemployed to job activation measures.	GRANTED	10/12/2015
156	16/11/2015 4666	Member of the public	Records relating to case (named) vs the Dept. including correspondence with the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission HREC and or Equality Authority.	PART-GRANTED	11/12/2015

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157	19/11/2015 4692	Journalist	Records of all complaints from DSP staff and their representative bodies/union about the PeoplePoint system in 2014 and '15. Details of the total number and amounts of over / underpayments to DSP staff in 2014 and 2015 through the PeoplePoint system and a breakdown of the grades, details of the highest and lowest over / underpayments.	GRANTED	19/01/2016
158	19/11/2015 4697	Member of business/interest group	At the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) on 17/11/2011 the CEO Mr B. Kennedy said that the Pensions Board has provided the Minister with an analysis of the various changes to the taxation of pensions which might be under consideration. Copy of the analysis, correspondence and briefing notes relating to the analysis referred to by Mr Kennedy.	GRANTED	10/12/2015
159	30/11/2015 4757	Journalist	All records relating to inspection reports of the school meals programme and any review of the overall scheme since 2012.	GRANTED	21/12/2015
160	25/11/2015 4779	Member of the public	How many non-asylum seekers presented as homeless to the New Communities Unit? How many of these were assisted with accommodation? How many were refused assistance? What were the reasons for refusal including the number of people refused for that reason? How many refusals pertained to clients with dependent children?	REFUSED	15/12/2015
161	03/12/2015 4792	Member of the public	All representations made to the Office of the Ombudsman re: Disabled Persons Maintenance Allowance from April 1991.	GRANTED	22/12/2015
162	08/12/2015 4803	Member of business/interest group	Details of the total RBA repayments received by DSP between 1st of August 2014 and 1st August 2015. A breakdown of the amounts received by DSP from each Compensator.	PART-GRANTED	09/12/2015
163	14/12/2015 4831	Journalist	Copy of the Rits Confidential Forensic Services report carried out for the Department in March this year.	REFUSED	08/01/2016
164	14/12/2015 4832	Journalist	Copy of the Deloitte's Confidential Information Security Report for the Department costing €7,749 in July this year.	REFUSED	08/01/2016
165	17/12/2015 4860	Member of Oireachtas	All documents relating to An Tánaiste Joan Burton and/or DSP's decision to move offices from Ballybay to Monaghan Town. All correspondence and instructions given to the Minister of State at D/Finance Simon Harris and the OPW. All representations and correspondence received from TDs and public representatives in relation to the DSP office in Ballybay and the proposed office being provided in Monaghan Town.	GRANTED	19/01/2016

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166	18/12/2015 4862	Journalist	A statement of the deficit / surplus of each Officer at the end of the most recent flexi-period and the same information one year earlier.	REFUSED	29/12/2015
167	21/12/2015 4886	Member of business/interest group	Copy of documentation submitted to Scope Section covering a decision of the insurability of employment.	GRANTED	23/12/2015
168	29/12/2015 4903	Journalist	Details of travel, accommodation and expenses, as well as destinations travelled to and duration of trips, clothes hired, make-up, gifts purchased etc for Minister Burton and retinue if any during the 2015 period.	GRANTED	21/01/2016