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3	05/01/2017 7094	Member of the public	1. All records, documents, electronic mails, memos and briefing notes regarding proposals to reform or recalibrate the local labour activation programmes of Community Employment, Tús and Gateway produced in the Department since February 2016. 2. Records inclusive of the minutes of any meetings where reform or recalibration as outlined in (1) was discussed, inclusive of records of the attendance at those meetings. 3. A copy of all records and information provided by officials to the Minister on the above issues in (1). 4. Copies of all records and information to and from Ministerial advisors on the same above issues as outlined in (1).	Refused	01/02/2017
4	04/01/2017 7095	Journalist	The number and value of overpayments recorded in social welfare payments in Longford over the past five years. How much of this has been retrieved and how much was attributed to suspected welfare fraud.	Refused	27/01/2017
5	04/01/2017 7096	Journalist	The number of court cases and convictions and value of subsequent overpayments recorded in social welfare payments in Longford over the past five years. The amount retrieved and how much attributed to suspected welfare fraud.	Refused	27/01/2017
6	04/01/2017 7097	Journalist	The number of suspected welfare tip offs/complaints from members of the public in the past five years in relation to suspected fraudulent claims in Longford. Were they investigated and did any turn out to be accurate in relation to how much, in terms of overpayments, has been recorded in social welfare payments in Longford. The amount retrieved and amount attributed to suspected welfare fraud.	Part Granted	01/02/2017
7	04/01/2017 7098	Journalist	The number of instances of abuse levelled at staff by customers over the past five years in Longford, the types of abuse that have been recorded and if any other episodes of criminal violence occurred.	Part Granted	01/02/2017
8	10/01/2017 7112	Member of the public	All bulletins and information briefings issued from the Social Welfare Decisions Advisory Office to Local Social Welfare Offices and Intreo offices since 01 January 2014 to present; All Regional Support Unit Circulars issued from 01 January 2014 to present.	Granted	27/02/2017
9	10/01/2017 7125	Journalist	Correspondence within the Department and between the Department and other government Departments in relation to the gender pay gap.	Refused	06/02/2017
10	18/01/2017 7179	Journalist	List of all disabilities that qualified for the Disability Allowance in 2016. A breakdown of how much was paid out for each disability and the total amount spent on Disability Allowance in 2016.	Part Granted	15/02/2017
11	19/01/2017 7189	Journalist	All correspondence including emails, memos and any written communications between the Department and Bus Eireann between 1st January 2016 and 1st January 2017. Any correspondence between the Minister or any of his advisors with Bus Eireann in relation to whether revenue could be raised by charging travel card holders for services.	Part Granted	16/02/2017

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12	18/01/2017 7190	Member of the public	A list of nationwide CE Schemes in the Republic of Ireland in 2016 excluding Limerick City and County, including the scheme sponsor name, Scheme Co. Name, Scheme address, scheme supervisor and scheme contact number.	Refused	25/01/2017
13	19/01/2017 7191	Journalist	The amount paid in exceptional needs payments in 2014, 2015 and 2016 - broken down by category for each year.	Granted	15/02/2017
14	23/01/2017 7201	Journalist	A copy of Minister Varadkar's diary since taking office in the department. All representations made by Mr Varadkar/his office to the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform/his department since becoming minister.	Granted	15/02/2017
15	23/01/2017 7209	Journalist	The number of people who have had their Free Travel Pass taken from them in 2015 & 2016. Information to be broken down in terms of offences ie. pass out of date, pass issued to someone else. The number of people who have been given fines for misusing their pass for the same periods.	Part Granted	09/02/2017
16	24/01/2017 7220	Member of the public	All available information on how Turas Nua gets paid; How do they select people; how much exactly do they receive for taking one person off Social Welfare.	Refused	02/02/2017
17	25/01/2017 7229	Journalist	A copy of the review of Local Employment Services (either in draft or in final form whichever is available at the time of this request). This is the unpublished review referred to by Minister Leo Varadkar during PQs on 21/01/17	Refused	07/02/2017
18	26/01/2017 7242	Journalist	A list of external legal practitioners paid in 2015 and 2016 for services carried out on behalf of the Department, including the name of the practitioner, the sum paid and, where possible, a general description of the work carried out.	Granted	13/03/2017
19	31/01/2017 7274	Journalist	All internal and external correspondence, files, and reports related to the 119 complaints about the Jobpath programme mentioned by Minister Leo Varadkar in the Dail on October 6, 2016	Part Granted	15/02/2017
20	31/01/2017 7275	Journalist	All internal and external correspondence, files and reports related to any complaints about the Jobpath programme since October 19.	Part Granted	15/02/2017
21	31/01/2017 7276	Journalist	All internal and external correspondence, files and reports related to complaints against the companies Seetec and/or Turas Nua.	Part Granted	15/02/2017
22	31/01/2017 7278	Journalist	Any files or correspondence related to any assessments or reviews of the performance of Seetec and/or Turas Nua in carrying out their contracted duties on behalf of the Department.	Refused	14/02/2017
23	03/02/2017 7309	Journalist	The amount of money in total per year the Department spends on: hairstyling, make-up, personal grooming and general cosmetic expenses. A monetary breakdown of each category mentioned, if possible. I'm looking for records relating from 2010 - 2017. Does the Department have a beautician or make-up artist or hairdresser on staff, or on retainer? If so, how much do they get paid per year, for the above years.	Granted	17/02/2017

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24	03/02/2017 7313	Member of the public	A copy of the contract that Named Intreo Centre has with a private security firm to cover the month of January 2017.	Granted	17/02/2017
25	07/02/2017 7331	Journalist	All correspondence between the Minister / Minister's staff and any other department / individual around the 'Working Family Payment' scheme. The timescale for this information should span from March 2016 to date.	Part Granted	07/03/2017
26	07/02/2017 7342	Member of business/interest group	Request regarding your IT network infrastructure for the Social Welfare Services Office, College Road, Sligo. 1. How many desktop PCs do you have at this site? Which brand(s) are they? 2. How many laptops/notebooks or tablet PCs do you have at this site? Which brand(s) are they? 3. How many thin clients do you have at this site? Which brand(s) are they? 4. What operating systems do you run on your PCs/Laptops? 5. How many desktops, laptops and thin clients do you have in total in your organisation across the country? 6. How many physical servers do you have on site? Which brand(s) are they? 7. How many virtual servers do you have on this site? 8. Which server virtualisation software do you use? 9. Which server operating systems do you use? 10. What supplier provides the maintenance (out of warranty) support on your desktops and servers and when does the contract expire? 11. What suppliers/brands of Storage Area Networking (SAN) do you use? 12. Which application do you use for Enterprise Resource Planning/Management (ERP/ERM)? 13. Which application do you use for Groupware Products? 14. Which application do you use for Database Products? 15. Which application do you use for CRM software? 16. Which application do you use for Business Intelligence Systems? 17. Which application do you use for Finance & Accounting Systems? 18. What application do you use for Human Resources Application Systems? 19. What are the names, line types and speeds of your ISPs? 20. Who is your primary voice carrier? 21. Approximately how many phone extensions do you have at this site? 22. Do you use VoIP for your internal communications? 23. Are your external calls through your voice carrier carried over VoIP or do they go over a conventional phone line? 24. Which brand of PBX do you use at this site? 25. Which supplier has the maintenance contract on your PBX and when does it expire? 26. Who supplies the outsourced or managed service for your date centre and when does the contract expire? 27. Who supplies the outsourced or managed service for your service desk and when does the contract expire? Please be aware that we may wish to reuse the information as part of the services we provide to clients.	Granted	23/02/2017

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27	02/03/2017 7344	Journalist	Any internal reports or briefing documents produced by the EU Affairs and/or Brexit Units in the Department, either for internal use or for distribution to another government department, from May 2016 to date, in relation to the potential effects of the UK leaving the European Union  And  Any internal reports or briefing documents produced by the Department, either for internal use or for distribution to another government department, from November 2016 to date, in relation to the potential effects of the election of Donald Trump.	Part Granted	31/03/2017
28	14/02/2017 7377	Member of public	Contract, Processes, Procedures, Forms and Guidelines in relation to services provided by Seetec (JobPath)	Part Granted	06/03/2017
29	15/02/2017 7386	Member of the public	List of the Direct Provision Centres in Ireland who have a Community Welfare Officer assigned to them/available directly to those within the centre and those who do not.	Granted	08/03/2017
30	01/03/2017 7387	Member of the public	All information related to any policy change which took place during November 2016, related to JST payment rules.	Granted	10/03/2017
31	16/02/2017 7392	Journalist	Details of the cost of the visit by Leo Varadkar and any other delegates/people who travelled to South America in January and February to include names for each person who went, as well as costs and receipts for each flight, hotel, taxis, food, drinks, gifts and any other expenditure	Granted	09/03/2017
32	16/02/2017 7393	Journalist	Information on the total expenditure by the Department in 2016 - cross referenced by suppliers for tea, coffee, sandwiches, biscuits/cakes.	Granted	22/03/2017
33	16/02/2017 7394	Journalist	The number of individuals who received Exceptional Needs Payments (ENP) in 2014, 2015 and 2016.. Information on the number of payments made each year. A breakdown of how much people can claim for each item/need. A breakdown by county of each item/need granted each year and the amounts granted. The average ENP (including all items/needs) grant received by social welfare recipients each year. The number of receipts received from those that received the grant and a breakdown of those receipts by amount and item/need. Any information about how many people had been caught trying to cheat the system. How much money has been paid back to date for each year. The number of fraud cases that had been pursued through the courts.	Granted	19/04/2017

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34	17/02/2017 7406	Journalist	Details of all additional costs incurred following the decision by Minister Leo Varadkar to cut short his recent trip to Colombia and reutrn to Ireland ahead of schedule including: - cost of airfares and any other transport for the Minister and his staff for the journey back to Ireland, a breakdown of the cost of the unused accommodation that would have resulted from this decision to leave South America early.	Granted	10/03/2017
35	22/02/2017 7426	Journalist	Records of the annual payment/budget under the School Meals programme to individual schools participating in the scheme for the years 2014/15, 2015/16 and 2016/17.	Granted	15/03/2017
36	27/02/2017 7478	Journalist	1. Details of the number of anonymous tip-offs made to the Department in relation to social welfare fraud in 2015 and 2016. 2. Details of the number of anonymous tip-offs made to the Department in relation to social welfare fraud in 2015 and 2016 that were investigated as a direct result of the tip off. 3. Details of the results of these subsequent investigations.	Granted	27/03/2017
37	28/02/2017 7479	Journalist	The number of people in receipt of direct provision allowance since 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, and so on, for each year to date. I wish for this information to be disaggregated into the following: the number of adults, the number of children.	Part Granted	23/03/2017
38	01/03/2017 7497	Journalist	Copies of the invoices/statements/receipts associated with road tolls incurred by Minister Leo Varadkar since his appointment (to include a re-release of previously released records).	Part Granted	20/03/2017
39	13/03/2017 7563	Member of business/interest group	Any guidelines, circulars or other communications which might establish the information which would be sought by a Deciding Officer from the Department of Justice or the Department of Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation. Any information that establishes under what other circumstances a Deciding Office might contact either of these Departments in relation to a social welfare claim.	Granted	05/04/2017
40	20/03/2017 7596	Member of the public	The Minister's travel costs to France for St. Patrick's Day, in particular - the cost of the Minister's flights to and from France (with an each-way breakdown if possible), - the cost of the Minister's accommodation during his stay in France, - any other expenses for the Minister's trip, including travel within France and the presentation of a bowl of shamrock.	Granted	18/04/2017
41	20/03/2017 7602	Journalist	The annual payments under the School Meals Programme to individual schools participating in the scheme for the years 2014/15, 2015/16 and 2016/17 with a breakdown by number of students for which meals are being provided and by which food club type.	Granted	11/04/2017
42	21/03/2017 7606	Member of the public	The number of roadside checkpoints with other state agencies eg Gardai, Revenue Commissioners etc where staff from the Department were involved in for the years 2014, 2015, 2017 and to-date in 2017. The number and percentage of Departmental payments which were stopped as a result of those checkpoints in each of those years.	Granted	07/04/2017

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43	21/03/2017 7609	Journalist	All records of expenses incurred by the Minister and the Minister of State(s) on their St. Patrick's Day trip.	Granted	18/04/2017
44	21/03/2017 7610	Journalist	(1) the number of allegations of social welfare fraud that were received by the Department in each of the following years; 2016, 2015, 2014. (2) the number of allegations that were sent forward for investigation (by year). (3) the number of these allegations that were dismissed with no action taken (by year). (4) the number of allegations that, upon investigation, were found to be false or have no supporting evidence (by year). (5) the number of allegations that resulted in a positive finding that a fraud had taken place (by year). (6) the number of cases in each year where overpayments were detected and found to be as a result of a clerical error or misapplication of a scheme rule	Granted	20/04/2017
45	28/03/2017 7667	Member of the public	Notes, minutes, preparatory briefings and follow up records pertaining to a meeting between the secretary general and their UK permanent secretary counterparts on 5/6 Oct 2016	Part Granted	27/04/2017
46	10/04/2017 7772	Member of the public	Regarding the provision of CE schemes in the Dun Laoghaire Rathdown area, the records being sought are for the last contract year for 1,3,4,5 and for last calendar year for 2 below: 1.Total number of schemes and the name of each scheme 2.Total number of participants per scheme 3.Total costs of running each scheme 4.A list of each sponsor and how many participants are signed up with each sponsor 5.All grants from the scheme to participants or their sponsors	Granted	09/05/2017
47	10/04/2017 7773	Journalist	(i) The number of, and the nature of, anonymous tip offs made to the Department in relation to welfare fraud in Limerick from 2012 to 2016 and the outcomes on any prosecution and debt recovery made thereafter.	Granted	12/05/2017
48	13/04/2017 7792	Member of the public	The number of Social Welfare recipients who have been penalised due to refusing to engage with employment services in the years 2014, 2015, 2016 and to-date in 2017. The penalties that apply for such persons e.g. their Social Welfare payments will be cut up to 25% etc.	Granted	21/04/2017

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49	04/05/2017 7808	Member of the public	<p>Exceptional Needs Payments made in 2016 to recipients of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Job Seekers Allowance</li> <li>•Job Seekers Benefits</li> <li>•Disability Allowance</li> <li>•Illness Benefit</li> <li>•Back to Education Allowance</li> </ul> <p>The specific queries are:</p> <p>1)The largest monetary Exceptional Needs Payment paid in 2016 (to a recipient of the 5 schemes mentioned) and a category reason for same</p> <p>2)A summary of total payments expenditure) made, broken down by each of the schemes listed</p> <p>3)A summary of the number of payments broken down by Exceptional Needs Payment categories to, recipients of these schemes (for example Funeral Costs, Clothing Costs etc)</p> <p>4)A summary of the frequency range of these payments to individual recipients (indicating whether such payments were once off or repeatedly).</p>	Granted	26/05/2017
50	18/04/2017 7814	Journalist	All complaints made to the Department with regard to social welfare applications/facilities/ staff between 1 October 2016 and 1 April 2017	Granted	12/05/2017
51	19/04/2017 7824	Member of the public	A list of all terms and codes used when closing a Jobseekers claim.	Granted	15/05/2017
52	21/04/2017 7835	Member of the public	The number of staff employed by the Department in each year 2006 - 2016 which were specifically tasked to work in areas of preventing social welfare fraud.	Granted	22/05/2017
53	21/04/2017 7836	Member of the public	The number of prosecutions brought by the department in each year between 2006 - 2016 in relation to social welfare fraud and the percentage which were successful.	Granted	17/05/2017
54	21/04/2017 7837	Member of the public	The amount of money allocated for each year between 2006 - 2016 to spend on social welfare fraud prevention measures. The staffing costs for each year (between 2006 - 2016) relating to the preventing social fraud.	Part Granted	22/05/2017
55	24/04/2017 7865	Journalist	Tender documents, submissions, memoranda, reports, recommendations relating to the purpose and targeting of the campaign launched by Department to tackle social welfare fraud earlier this month.	Part Granted	20/06/2017

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56	26/04/2017 7874	Journalist	1. Records pertaining to the decision to launch the "welfare cheats cheat us all" campaign, e.g. emails, records of any meetings on this matter (agendas, presentations, minutes). 2. Records pertaining to the drafting of the content of the advertisements and of the press release and of the minister's remarks at the launch, e.g. briefing notes and speaking notes, earlier drafts of the advertisements and of the press release, emails pertaining to the content of the ads, press release and minister's remarks.	Part Granted	22/06/2017
57	27/04/2017 7885	Member of the public	The audit report that would have been produced prior to the Department awarding the contract for welfare payments to An Post in 2013. It may be called a Management Letter or a Letter of Recommendation or some other name.	Refused	12/05/2017
58	02/05/2017 7900	Journalist	A breakdown of the number of calls to the welfare cheat hotline (since the introduction of a new advertising campaign) that were classed to be nuisance or joke calls. Response broken down into the reason given by the caller and to include the number of times members of the public making nuisance calls mentioned the minister.	Refused	30/05/2017
59	02/05/2017 7901	Journalist	All details in relation to education and training programmes offered to staff within the department from January 1, 2016, to date. This should include the following details: What courses were offered to staff? How many participated in each course? What was the cost and duration of each course? And what company/institute provided the education or training course? How many staff are currently employed by the department?	Part Granted	24/05/2017
60	02/05/2017 7905	Journalist	A detailed breakdown of the number of complaints to the Department of suspected welfare fraud since the launch of the 'Welfare Cheats Cheat Us All' campaign on 18 April 2017. In the breakdown can you include the date of the complaint, whether it was via online or phone, what category of fraud the complaint concerned, the age, gender and county of the suspected fraudster, and any other details provided.	Granted	30/05/2017
61	02/05/2017 7909	Journalist	All correspondence, emails, notes, memoranda, briefing material and letters dating from 1/2/17 to 28/4/17 held by the Department relating to the 'Welfare Cheats Us All' publicity campaign designed to raise awareness of social welfare fraud and encourage members of the public to identify potential cheats.	Part Granted	28/06/2017



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62	28/04/2017 7912	Journalist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•The total cost to date of the Department's 'Welfare Cheats Cheat Us All' campaign</li> <li>•The estimated total cost of the Department's 'Welfare Cheats Cheat Us All' campaign</li> <li>•The cost incurred by the Department tackling welfare fraud annually from 2014, 2015 and 2016</li> <li>•The total amount of money lost by the State as a result of welfare fraud annually for 2014, 2015 and 2016</li> <li>•The total amount of money lost by the State as a result of Departmental error annually for 2014, 2015 and 2016</li> </ul>	Granted	26/05/2017
63	03/05/2017 7915	Member of the public	Amounts paid to contractors via the Department's treatment benefit scheme from the 1st January 2016 to the 31st December 2016 broken down as follows: Optical Treatment Benefit, Panel Number, Panel Name, Practice Address, Gross Value of payments per panel number, Hearing Aids, Treatment Benefit Panel Number, Panel Name, Practice Address, Gross Value of payments per panel number	Granted	15/05/2017
64	03/05/2017 7920	Journalist	A copy of the report on the Respite Care Grant scheme completed by the Department's Internal Audit section in early 2015 and any report or correspondence sent to the Department's secretary general since then regarding the implementation of recommendations made by the internal audit report into the Respite Care Grant scheme	Granted	24/05/2017
65	04/05/2017 7924	Member of the public	1) The number of Departmental staff only by grade in the Department Special Investigation Unit as of 31 December 2014, 31 December 2015, 31 December 2016 and 1 May 2017. 2) The number of vacancies by grade in the SIU as of each of those dates mentioned above.	Granted	04/05/2017
66	04/05/2017 7928	Journalist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•All correspondence to/from senior Department officials i.e. Principal Officers – Management Board Members – Minister – other government agencies relating to the administration and implementation of the affordable childcare scheme</li> <li>•Minutes of meetings attended by any/all of Principal Officers – Management Board Members – Minister on the issue.</li> <li>•Briefing material prepared for Management Board Members – Minister on the issue.</li> </ul> I wish for my request to cover the period between 1/5/16 – 26/4/17.	Part Granted	01/06/2017
67	09/05/2017 7952	Member of the public	A breakdown of the number of people claiming Jobseekers Allowance, Jobseekers Benefit and Jobseekers Transitional Payment for the years 2011-2016. A breakdown of the total sum of money paid by the department to people claiming Jobseekers Allowance, Jobseekers Benefit and Jobseekers Transitional Payment for each year from 2011-2016.	Part Granted	15/05/2017

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68	12/05/2017 7989	Journalist	A list of all submissions made to the Minister at your Department using the e-submissions system (or whatever relevant/similar system is in place at your Department) in the period 1 February 2017 to the date of receipt of this request. This request is to include the date of the submission and its title. I am not seeking copies of the submissions themselves.	Refused	12/06/2017
69	12/05/2017 7990	Journalist	Any reports/briefing notes/memoranda etc prepared for the Minister regarding delayed payments of maternity benefit.	Part Granted	28/06/2017
70	12/05/2017 7991	Journalist	Any representations received by your Department with regard to the introduction of ad campaign around welfare fraud.	Part Granted	10/07/2017
71	15/05/2017 8001	Journalist	All Department records which contain reference to staffing levels and staff numbers in the Department's Buncrana Office between 1 May 2016 and 14 May 2017. All department records which contain reference to maternity benefit delays between 1 May 2016 and 14 May 2017. Briefing documents prepared for the Minister relating to same.	Part Granted	28/06/2017
72	16/05/2017 8006	Journalist	All internal communications (including emails, memos, briefing notes/material, reports, minutes of meetings and statistics) relating to the minister's recent welfare fraud campaign. A breakdown of all costs involved in the campaign - including advertising/consultancy costs and any other external costs.	Part Granted	12/07/2017
73	16/05/2017 8007	Member of the public	CE Schemes Dun Laoghaire Rathdown area for last one full year of calendar or contract. I would like to find out per sponsor /scheme the number of CE learners assigned to each group/club within that sponsor area.	Part Granted	08/06/2017
74	16/05/2017 8008	Journalist	Any memos / reports circulated in relation to the introduction of a public advertising campaign in 2017 about welfare fraud between January 1, 2017 and April 25, 2017. Any value-for-money estimates relating to the expenditure on the campaign and the possible return from tip-offs. Any internal correspondence regarding the proposed campaign between January 1, 2017 and April 25, 2017, including any correspondence with the Minister's office. Any correspondence showing how the slogan was chosen: "Welfare cheats cheat us all".	Part Granted	12/07/2017
75	16/05/2017 8020	Journalist	Data relating to the Department's recent ads aimed at clamping down on welfare fraud, including the number of ad spaces paid for, the total cost of producing the ads (including consultation and paying for ad spaces), the most expensive ad spaces paid for, the cost of launching the campaign (including photo-shoots and the rental of venues) and any other expenses related to the campaign.	Part Granted	12/07/2017

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76	17/05/2017 8028	Member of the public	Records and documents concerning discussions of the discrimination or potential discrimination inherent in making the eligibility for Paternity Benefits dependent upon having paid a minimum number of relevant PRSI contributions.	Refused	12/06/2017
77	17/05/2107 8029	Journalist	1) Internal Departmental correspondence or meetings' minutes in which the idea for the current advertisement campaign on 'welfare cheats' was discussed, since June 2016 2) All tender notices inviting advertising companies to pitch to create the current advertisement campaign on 'welfare cheats', since June 2016 3) All internal Departmental correspondence or meetings' minutes in which the current advertisement campaign on 'welfare cheats' was discussed, since June 2016 4) all correspondence or meetings' minutes with anyone or organisation outside the Department, in which the current advertisement campaign on 'welfare cheats' was discussed, since June 2016.	Part Granted	13/07/2017
78	19/05/2017 8040	Journalist	Details of any gym, fitness or wellbeing facilities on or off site, used by staff that is linked to, and/or funded by, the Department. or any gym, fitness or wellbeing facility that is provided by the Department for staff? Can you confirm whether the Department refunds staff for gym membership subscriptions? If so, what is the yearly cost of this and how many staff avail of it? Does the Department fund other wellbeing activates for staff such as yoga classes, mindfulness or meditation? Can you please provide details of what these activities are and the yearly cost of them. You can narrow the request down to dealing with the period of 2015 – 2016 only.	Granted	22/06/2017
79	19/05/2017 8042	Journalist	1.The number of incidents of comppter-base fraud attacks in each of the past five years - details as to the nature of each attack. 2.All details concerning any monies stolen by cyber criminals from bank accounts connected with the Department, arising from each attack in each of the past five years. 3.All details concerning any sensitive data stolen arising from each cyber attack in each of the past five years. This would include details in relation to the type of data stolen in each case, and whether the data was subsequently recovered.	Granted	09/06/2017

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80	22/05/2017 8053	Journalist	All correspondence about the 'Welfare Cheats Cheat Us All' anti-fraud campaign to date in 2017 between Minister Leo Varadkar's office and the following members of the Department: Niamh O'Donoghue (Secretary General); Anne Vaughan (Deputy Secretary General); John Conlon, Helen Faughnan, Teresa Leonard, Michael Bunyan, Tim Duggan, Oliver Egan, John McKeon, Patricia Murphy, Simonetta Ryan, Kathleen Stack (Assistant Secretaries); Joan Gordon (Chief Appeals Officer); TJ Fleming, Phil Cox, Terry Corcoran (Principal Officers).	Part Granted	17/07/2017
81	23/05/2017 8077	Interest Groups	Information pertaining to the proposals of the Citizens Information Board to merge 51 Local Independent MABS Boards and 42 CIS Structures into 8 Regional Boards, being particularly mindful of any advice that the Minister may or may not have received from the Office of the Attorney General in relation to his role as Minister with oversight of the CIB, and any advice pertaining to the overall governance of the process and the social benefit of such a proposal.	Refused	21/06/2017
82	26/05/2017 8094	Member of Oireachtas	1. All written correspondence from the Department to JobPath providers (Turas Nua, Seetec) including, email communications 2. All written correspondence to the Department from JobPath providers (Turas Nua, Seetec) including, email communications 3. All financial transactions between the Department and JobPath providers (Turas Nua, Seetec) 4. The contract in place between the Department and JobPath providers (Turas Nua, Seetec)	Refused	31/07/2017
83	29/05/2017 8095	Journalist	For years 2014, 2015 and 2016; 1: A full list and description of incidents recorded as verbal or physical against staff members working in the Department. 2: Locations of what offices the incidents took place in, 3: What actions were taken in relation to the incidents.	Granted	06/06/2017
84	30/05/2017 8104	Member of Oireachtas	1.The number of AP2s in the Department 2.The number of AP1s in the Department 3.The number of AP1s in the Department who are assigned to designated posts 4.The number of AP1s in the Department who are assigned extra work over and above AP2s to justify the extra remuneration they received over and above AP2s 5.The number of AP1s who are also in receipt of an upgrade payment under the 1% PCW Allowance 6.The rules, regulations and method of appointment of AP1s in the Department.	Granted	21/06/2017

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85	31/05/2017 8118	Journalist	The number of people claiming disability benefits on the basis of being disabled due to overweight or obesity?	Refused	27/06/2017
86	01/06/2017 8131	Member of the public	Reports on the results of any internal staff surveys carried out in 2017 and 2016.	Refused	23/06/2017
87	02/06/2017 8142	Interest Groups	a) All documents drawn up or otherwise generated relating to and/or concerning the implementation into national law of Directive 2008/94/EC and in particular, the requirement in the Directive concerning the establishment of a state insolvency on the part of a corporate employer; b) All documents comprising advice received concerning the implementation into national law of Directive 2008/94/EC and, in particular, the requirement in the Directive concerning the establishment of a state of insolvency on the part of a corporation employer, c) All documents comprising notification to the State or its agencies that Directive 2008/94/EC has not been fully and properly implemented. d) All documents received from the Commission or any other agencies of the European Union concerning the implementation into national law of Directive 2008/94/EC and, in particular, the requirement in that Directive concerning the establishment of a state of insolvency on the part of a corporate employer.	Refused	31/07/2017
88	06/06/2017 8146	Journalist	All correspondence between officials in the Department regarding the Welfare Cheats Cheat Us All campaign between the period 06 May 2016 and 06 June 2017. - All correspondence between officials in the Department and the minister and his office regarding the Welfare Cheats Cheat Us All campaign between the period 06 May 2016 and 06 June 2017. - All correspondence between officials in the department and the minister's office regarding anti-welfare fraud measures between the period 06 May 2016 and 06 June 2017.	Part Granted	31/07/2017
89	06/06/2017 8156	Journalist	All complaints made to the Department about staff dealing with welfare applicants in the Dublin Central Division from 1 October 2016 to 1 April 2017.	Part Granted	26/06/2017
90	07/06/2017 8157	Member of the public	A copy of the agreement between the Department and the Shared Services facility (PeoplePoint/Department of Public Expenditure & Reform) on the transfer of responsibility for the operation of Processing of Annual Leave/Pensions/Worksharing arrangements for staff in the Department. All emails/letters between the Department, PeoplePoint and the Department of Public Expenditure & Reform on the quality of the service provided under this agreement or these arrangements covering the period 1st January to 31st December 2017.	Part Granted	11/07/2017

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91	15/06/2017 8210	Journalist	All briefing materials prepared for the new Minister.	Part Granted	11/07/2017
92	16/06/2017 8218	Member of business/interest group	1. All communications between Department officials, Department ministers of state, the Minister, in the lead up to the announced increases to child and adult direct provision allowances announced on 14 June 2017. This should include communications between the Department and Department of Justice. This request relates to how this change of monetary allowances emerged. 2. Any lobbying/letters/emails etc that would have been sent to/from the Children's Rights Alliance that related to these increases in direct provision allowance.	Part Granted	14/07/2017
93	15/06/2017 8219	Journalist	Briefing documents prepared and provided to the new incoming Minister, Regina Doherty TD, following the Cabinet reshuffle.	Part Granted	11/07/2017
94	16/06/2017 8221	Journalist	Briefing documents prepared for the new Minister to appraise them of their new portfolio.	Part Granted	11/07/2017
95	20/06/2017 8263	Member of Oireachtas	Any references made to the proposed restructuring of the Money Advice & Budgetary Service (MABS) under the Citizens Information Board (CIB). Any correspondence about these proposed changes between the Department and CIB.	Granted	18/07/2017
96	20/06/2017 8264	Others	1) A full list of capital projects valued in excess of €10,000 that were carried out in any of your Department offices in the years 2014,2015,2016 and to-date in 2017 2) Please provide a brief description of each capital project and the length of time each project took to complete 3) If any capital project that was due to commence in the years 2014, 2015 and 2016 but has yet to commence, if so the reasons why the project has yet to commence 4) A list of capital projects that have been approved by the Department but the works have yet to commence, if so could you tell me when they expect to commence	Granted	19/07/2017
97	20/06/2017 8265	Journalist	The last 30 emails sent by Leo Varadkar and Nick Miller on their Social Protection emails. I would also like copies of the last 30 emails received on the same email accounts.	Granted	01/08/2017
98	21/06/2017 8270	Journalist	Any reports, briefing notes, memoranda, submissions and so on relating to announcement of the increase in back to school allowance and increase in rate of payment for people in direct provision. Any emails sent to or sent from the email address of Leo Varadkar relating to the above two measures. This should include use of gmail or personal addresses when used for professional purposes.	Part Granted	18/07/2017

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99	21/06/2017 8271	Journalist	I would like a copy of all briefing material supplied to the Minister upon her appointment last week.	Part Granted	11/07/2017
100	21/06/2017 8272	Journalist	Briefing material prepared for the new minister appointed to this department in June 2017.	Part Granted	11/07/2017
101	23/06/2017 8282	Journalist	Copies/memos of all complaints made to management from staff members who said they were verbally or physically assaulted, as well as copies/memos of all complaints from staff who said they were assaulted or threatened as they carried out their work. This information should account for 2012-2017 and should be broken down by year. It should include details about the nature of the incident, how the person was injured or abused, their job, the location of the incident, the nature of their injuries (if any) and if any criminal investigation was launched. If the injured party also had to take time off work, please state how long.	Granted	04/07/2017
102	29/06/2017 8323	Journalist	A copy of the "Crowe - Howarth Report on the Review of Governance Arrangements in Inishowen Tourism", commissioned by the Department and completed on December 21, 2016.	Granted	24/07/2017
103	29/06/2017 8329	Journalist	1. A copy of the template letter sent to customers who are being asked for consent to allow the department use their passport images from the Department of Foreign Affairs, or other data sourced from other public bodies, for the purposes of issuing the Public Services Card. 2. A copy of all internal criteria used to define a customer as "low risk" for the purposes of obtaining such personal data from another public body and who may therefore be issued with a Public Services Card without undergoing a face-to-face SAFE registration. 3. All records from April to June 2017 concerning targets for issuing Public Services Cards by the end of 2017.	Granted	27/07/2017
104	03/07/2017 8352	Member of the public	All records from 1/01/2013-31/07/2016 including but not limited to emails, letters, hand written documents/notes, instant messages, references to all employees, Department phone text messages, calendar/diary entries , contracts,etc. which reference Foxford Development Company or its members	Granted	27/07/2017
105	05/07/2017 8361	Journalist	All correspondence between the Department and B&Q Ireland Ltd and/or its representatives in 2017, including correspondence with former Minister for Social Protection Leo Varadkar, in relation to the social welfare register. All notes and associated correspondence relating to any meetings held between B&Q Ireland Ltd and/or its representatives and Mr Varadkar in relation to the welfare register, including notes and emails between department staff, and between the department and advisors to the minister.	Refused	14/07/2017

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106	10/07/2017 8381	Journalist	A total of the number of days staff were absent from work due to illness in 2015 & 2016.	Granted	24/07/2017
107	10/07/2017 8393	Journalist	All correspondence to and from Minister Regina Doherty since June 14 on the Government's policy to name "welfare cheats" All internal correspondence in the Department since June 14 on the Government's policy to name "welfare cheats".	Part Granted	04/08/2017
108	10/07/2017 8404	Journalist	Details of free travel passes that were revoked in 2014, 2015 and 2016 respectively, including the reason that they were revoked. Please also include how many people were in receipt of a free travel pass on 31 December 2016.	Granted	02/08/2017
109	10/07/2017 8405	Journalist	Copies of claims and complaints (such as threats, assaults and incidents of violence among others) made to staff members of the Department from members of the public between 1 January 2014 to 31 December 2016. Please also include details of the procedure that the Department follows when such a claim or complaint is made.	Granted	25/07/2017
110	11/07/2017 8412	00	The cost to the Department of overpaid social welfare payments since 2011 and the number of individuals who have been overpaid (with a breakdown of each by year and branch), and how much of that money has since been recouped by the Department.	Granted	04/08/2017
111	17/07/2017 8443	Member of the public	A breakdown by grade of the 19.78 posts reduced in the Department following the transfer of HR administrative functions to Peoplepoint in February 2014	Granted	04/08/2017
112	18/07/2017 8445	Journalist	All records that would explain why a decision was made that naming and shaming those found to have defrauded the welfare system would now have to involve fraud in excess of €5,000.	Part Granted	16/08/2017
113	18/07/2017 8446	Journalist	Details of any purchases of computer equipment, mobile equipment, tablets, laptops, any mobile or computer accessories, any electrical equipment or appliances on behalf of any officeholder, minister or minister of state at your Department in period between 1 May 2017 and the current date. Copies of any requests for additional office space, furniture, decoration, or paintings by any officeholder, minister of minister of state at your Department in period as outlined above. Copies of the response that issued in any such instance. Copies of any receipts or invoices associated with the above.	Granted	11/08/2017
114	13/07/2017 8449	Journalist	All correspondence between the dates of 1 Feb and 15 June 2017 between the former Minister for Social Protection Leo Varadkar and the Minister for Health Simon Harris	Granted	11/08/2017



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115	19/07/2017 8457	Journalist	All records relating to the removal of a section of the Social Welfare Pensions and Civil Registration Bill regarding companies that cease payments into defined benefit pensions schemes without warning or notice.	Refused	27/07/2017
116	19/07/2017 8458	Journalist	<p>1. A record of all correspondence, letters, emails, briefing documents and phone calls to and from the Minister's office, the office of the Minister of State, the Secretary General and the Assistant Secretary General with representatives and lobbyists from the drinks industry in Ireland, including but not limited to; the Vintners Federation of Ireland, the Alcohol Beverage Federation of Ireland, the Irish Hotels Federation, Tesco, the National Off-Licence Association, RGDATA, Heineken, Restaurants Association of Ireland, Dublin Airport Authority, Aer Lingus, Licensed Vintners Association, Diageo, Responsible Retailers.</p> <p>2. A record of all meetings and notes from meetings the Minister, Minister of State, Secretary General and Assistant Secretary General had with representatives and lobbyists from the drinks industry in Ireland, including but not limited to; the Vintners Federation of Ireland, the Alcohol Beverage Federation of Ireland, the Irish Hotels Federation, Tesco, the National Off-Licence Association, RGDATA, Heineken, Restaurants Association of Ireland, Dublin Airport Authority, Aer Lingus, Licensed Vintners Association, Diageo, Responsible Retailers.</p> <p>3. A record of all correspondence, letters, emails, briefing documents and phone calls to and from the Minister's office, the office of the Minister of State, the Secretary General and the Assistant Secretary General with Designated Public Officials and Former Designated Public Officials acting on behalf of drinks industry representatives, including but not limited to Imelda Henry.</p> <p>4. A record of all meetings and notes from meetings the Minister, Minister of State, Secretary General and Assistant Secretary General had with Designated Public Officials and Former Designated Public Officials acting on behalf of drinks industry representatives, including but not limited to Imelda Henry</p>	Granted	16/08/2017

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117	20/07/2017 8470	Member of the public	Can you provide the following data for 2016 for inspection of employers: The number of employer inspections performed. The number of employer inspections found to be compliant. The number of employer inspections found to be non compliant. The number of employer inspections where non payment of correct PRSI was detected. The number of cases refereed to other bodies (both internal and external) for further investigation. The number of cases sent for prosecution. The numbers of employers prosecuted. The number of employers found guilty of an offence.	Granted	18/08/2017
118	24/07/2017 8486	Member of the public	The total number of medical assessments conducted by Named Official for the Medical Review and Assessment Section of DSP in the years 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016. Also the total number of medical assessments that were conducted in the period 01 January 2017 to 21 July 2017.	Granted	21/08/2017
119	26/07/2017 8505	Member of the public	Client requests limited but not limited to the information connected to the tender contract of Named Social Welfare office.	Refused	14/08/2017
120	26/07/2017 8506	Member of the public	Information connected to the insurance details connected to Named Social Welfare Office	Refused	14/08/2017
121	25/07/2017 8514	Member of the public	Grade details at 1st January 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 for the HR Division, including and excluding SDU details in the Department. Grade details are from Principal Officer grade down to Clerical Officer grade.	Granted	02/08/2017
122	25/07/2017 8515	Member of the public	A breakdown by grade of all staff transferred from the Department to the National Shared Services Office (including Peoplepoint) from February 2014 to the end of April 2017.	Granted	02/08/2017

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123	27/07/2017 8522	Member of the public	<p>Information on the generation and implementation of form "IA 49 Possible non-compliance" Jul 08. To include but not limited to the following records:</p> <p>The proposal to generate the Jul 08 or any earlier version.</p> <p>Any memos relating to generation.</p> <p>Changes and approval of the form.</p> <p>Implementation and any issues that arose.</p> <p>How this form integrated into the control system.</p> <p>Definition to require the mandatory use of this form when an employee reports possible non-compliance.</p> <p>Proposed data input, collection and tracking information.</p> <p>Routing to Social Welfare Inspector.</p> <p>Any procedure/guideline that defines its use.</p> <p>Any procedure/guideline that references its use.</p> <p>Any training plans and records for this form.</p>	Part Granted	25/08/2017

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124	28/07/2017 8528	Member of the public	<p>A breakdown by category the following actions documented in the 2016 annual report. (To include "failed to deduct or remit Pay Related Social Insurance to Revenue.")</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. "Department referred 181 cases to the Chief State Solicitor to initiate legal proceedings for breaches of the Social Welfare Acts.</li> <li>2. A further 160 cases were referred to An Garda Síochána for consideration for prosecution under Criminal Justice legislation relating to more serious forms of fraud, including identity fraud, falsification of documents and personation.</li> <li>3. The Department also lodged 18 civil actions for failure to adhere to statutory provisions."</li> <li>4. "The Department received 19,000 such reports in 2016. Nearly three-quarters of reports contained sufficient information to warrant further examination and investigation."</li> </ol> <p>Breakout the 14,250 allegations by the following categories. How may allegations were proven true by category.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working &amp; claiming:</li> <li>• Cohabitation:</li> <li>• Living abroad</li> <li>• Social Insurance and employer non-compliance:</li> <li>• Other reasons include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Non-disclosure of means:</li> <li>– Multiple claiming or personation:</li> <li>– Life events:</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>"In 2016,an estimated €12.4 million was written-off the employer debt figure." How many individual employers were involved.</p>	Granted	28/08/2017
125	04/08/2017 8572	Journalist	Statistical breakdown of Exceptional needs payments broken down county by county for each of the following years: 2014, 2015, and 2016.	Granted	15/08/2017
126	09/08/2017 8587	Member of the public	Copies of the award contracts connected to the tender of the Named Social Welfare office, a copy of guidelines for tender which 2 Named Persons must submit to.	Refused	06/09/2017
127	11/08/2017 8601	Journalist	Any submissions, briefing notes, reports, analysis, recommendations, or similar such summary documents prepared regarding the perceived low uptake of paternity leave since its introduction.	Granted	07/09/2017

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128	14/08/2017 8614	Journalist	<p>1. How much has the Department spent on social media in 2016 and 2017? Is there a breakdown of that spend available?</p> <p>2. How much was spent on boosting posts on social media in 2016 and 2017?</p> <p>3. Does the Department have a social media team? If so, how many people are on it and how much do they cost the Department per year?</p> <p>4. How much has the Department spent on photography or videos making costs in 2016 and 2017? Is there a breakdown of that spend available?</p> <p>5. How much money has the Department spent on advertising (print, radio, TV or online) in 2016 and 2017? Is there a breakdown of that spend available?</p>	Granted	15/09/2017
129	14/08/2017 8616	Member of business/interest group	<p>Any report or reports compiled for and/or after the Department's annual Pre-Budget Forum to discuss priorities for Budget 2018 inclusive of a summary of policy proposals discussed or tabled, and any correspondence provided to the Minister following the hosting of forum.</p> <p>Any correspondence between those at the Forum and the Department after the forum.</p>	Part Granted	24/08/2017
130	14/08/2017 8620	Member of the public	<p>1)The relevant legislation which states that you need to have 520 full rate contributions to qualify for the Contributory Pension.</p> <p>2)The relevant legislation which states that Credited Contributions cannot be used when calculating the 520 full rate contributions referred to above or if not available the relevant legislation outlining the legal status of Credited Contributions.</p> <p>3)The relevant legislation which states that Employee (P60) Income should be treated as Gross of PAYE and USC when calculating Income for the means test for the Non Contributory Pension. That is, that PAYE and USC should not be treated as taxation and hence, as income rather than an expense.</p>	Granted	07/09/2017
131	17/08/2017 8642	Member of Oireachtas	A copy of the service level agreement between the Department and Peoplepoint.	Granted	30/08/2017
132	14/08/2017 8650	Member of the public	All payments/(or fees charged) made either directly to the National Shared Services Office or indirectly through the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform for financial years ending 31st December, 2014, 31st December 2015, and 31st December 2016 in respect of services provided for the Department for the processing of Annual Leave/Pensions/Worksharing arrangements for staff employed by that Department.	Granted	09/10/2017
133	23/08/2017 8677	Member of the public	A copy of Government Decision, S180/20/10/1789	Granted	29/08/2017

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134	24/08/2017 8697	Member of the public	All records of representations made to the Department concerning the measures to increase protections for members of Defined Benefit Occupational Pension schemes under the General Scheme of the Social Welfare and Pensions Bill 2017.	Part Granted	11/09/2017
135	30/08/2017 8724	Journalist	All correspondence between the Department and the Data Protection Commissioner (to and from) in relation to the Public Services Card since the start of 2016 and access to all results / reports of pilot schemes testing the Public Services Card on employees of the Department over the last decade.	Part Granted	02/10/2017
136	30/08/2017 8730	Member of the public	(a)The total amount of Social Protection Payments that were paid in each of Longford, Leitrim & Roscommon in 2016, broken down by the type of payment i.e. Jobseeker's allowance etc. (b) the total amount of money that the Department reclaimed as a result of 'welfare fraud' or wrongly claimed payments in each of counties Longford, Leitrim, and Roscommon last year, broken down by type of payment. (c) The number of court proceedings that the Department took against people in Longford, Leitrim and Roscommon in 2016 as a result of 'welfare fraud' or wrongly claimed payments, with information on the type of payment that was illegally claimed.	Part Granted	05/09/2017
137	30/08/2017 8732	Journalist	Transcripts of any complaints made to your Department since January 1 2016 by members of the public regarding staff at social welfare offices in Dublin and Dublin-based social-welfare inspectors.	Part Granted	26/09/2017
138	31/08/2017 8736	Journalist	All training materials (documents, handbooks, videos or any other format, digital or otherwise) provided to staff to train them on the process of creating a first Public Services Card. This includes any training on the process and procedure for inviting citizens to attend for PSC data capture.	Refused	28/09/2017

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139	31/08/2017 8742	Member of the public	For years 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 in respect of Employer failure to remit PRSI to Revenue: 1. How many cases in total and how many employer cases were referred to the Chief State Solicitor to initiate legal proceedings for breaches of the Social Welfare Acts? 2. How many cases in total and how many employer cases were referred to An Garda Síochána for consideration for prosecution under Criminal Justice legislation relating to more serious forms of fraud, including identity fraud, falsification of documents and personalization? 3. How many cases in total and how many employer cases were lodged as civil actions for failure to adhere to statutory provisions? 4. What was the estimated amount written-off the employer debt figure and how many individual employers were involved? 5. The name, address and occupation of employers whose write off was more than 5,000 Euro for the years 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016.	Granted	20/09/2017
140	01/09/2017 8751	Journalist	The costs of the production of Public Service Cards from 1 January 2006 to 31 August 2017. The costs of consultancy fees in relation to the Public Services Cards project. Details of the companies and/or persons that were awarded contracts re above.	Granted	29/09/2017
141	01/09/2017 8756	0	Mileage claims made by Minister Regina Doherty in the calendar year 2017. Any records relating to the provision of a "fresh start" to Minister Doherty for the purposes of calculating her mileage in 2017.	Granted	15/09/2017
142	01/09/2017 8757	Journalist	Powerpoint(s) or presentation(s) used by the Department in training staff on use of public services card. Copy of any handouts, briefing documents, reports, and so on given to staff on the public services card during training.	Part Granted	29/09/2017
143	01/09/2017 8759	Journalist	Records discussed in this OIC decision: link- <a href="https://www.oic.ie/decisions/d170255-Ms-J-and-The-Department-of-/index.xml">https://www.oic.ie/decisions/d170255-Ms-J-and-The-Department-of-/index.xml</a>	Granted	29/09/2017
144	04/07/2017 8760	Member of the public	Any documents created, in particular any recommendations, arising from the exercise set out below and referenced in Government Decision S180/20/10/1789  "(i) a research and consultation exercise to be undertaken by the Department of Social Protection on the suitability of the current legal basis for the PPSN and the making of recommendations"	Refused	27/10/2017

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145	04/09/2107 8761	Journalist	Number of cases of social welfare or suspected social welfare fraud dealt with by the Department in 2016 and to date in 2017. Outcome of cases of detected social welfare fraud in 2016 and to date in 2017 e.g. referred to DPP, civil fine, no action taken etc. Sentences imposed by the criminal courts in cases of social welfare fraud in 2016 and to date in 2017	Granted	29/09/2017
146	04/09/2017 8764	Journalist	Reports, memoranda, briefing notes, or other similar explanatory documents discussing the payment of a €5 fee to local offices for processing of a public services card, and other services.	Granted	02/10/2017
147	04/09/2017 8765	Journalist	Correspondence between the Department and the Data Protection Commissioner regarding the public service card and its introduction in period 1 January 2011 to the current date.	Part Granted	27/10/2017
148	04/09/2017 8766	Journalist	Transcripts of any correspondence this year between your Department and the Office of the Data Protection Commissioner regarding the introduction of a Public Services Card to use state services such as to claim welfare payments or obtain a driver's licence and transcripts of any complaints made by members of the public to the Department regarding same.	Part Granted	27/10/2017
149	05/09/2017 8777	Journalist	Records of the meeting between the Department and the Office of the Data Protection Commissioner (ODPC) on September 20th, 2016, including details of the venue, names and roles of attendees, agenda, and minutes thereof. Internal and external correspondence relating to that meeting after the event, including any correspondence with DPER. Records of meetings between the Department and the ODPC from September 20th 2016 to September 2017, including dates, names and roles of attendees, agenda and minutes. Any correspondence since August 16th 2016 between the Office of the Secretary General and ODPC.	Part Granted	01/11/2017
150	06/09/2017 8781	Journalist	Correspondence between Minister Regina Doherty and Special Olympics Ireland on 29th August 2017 regarding an introduction to the United Arab Emirates Minister Ohood Al Roumi in advance of Special Olympics Ireland's participation in the Special Olympics 2019 World Summer Games in Abu Dhabi.	Granted	04/10/2017
151	11/09/2017 8797	Member of business/interest group	With regard to most recent Department Annual Report - The total number of criminal prosecutions completed in the period The conviction rate of these prosecutions Sentences (overall) – e.g. 50% received custodial sentences/home detention etc For the most serious 30 offences convicted – the value of the offence together with the sentence for that conviction.	Granted	06/10/2017
152	11/09/2017 8801	Member of the public	A list of all agencies, providing a supported employment service to people with disabilities and funded by the Department which will only be monitored, in the presence of the manager or a director of the company.	Refused	06/10/2017



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153	08/09/2017 8809	Member of business/interest group	All paperwork surrounding how:- (1) our initial request was handled, including our reminder to our initial request (2) our complaint of non-reply was dealt with. This request is to include any emails between the Chief Statistician and any person regarding our request and between the Minister's Office and any person enquiring into our concerns.	Part Granted	02/10/2017
154	12/09/2017 8814	Journalist	All complaints lodged with the Department concerning the Public Services Card from 1 January 2017 until 11 September 2017 All queries from the public concerning the expansion of the Public Services Card to additional Departmental services dating from 1 January 2017 until 11 September 2017.	Part Granted	13/10/2017
155	18/09/2017 8845	Member of the public	Emails which have been sent to or from civil servants (only), of AP grade, or higher in CIS which mention or refer to Section 247 of the Social Welfare Consolidation Act 2005 (as amended) within the last two months	Refused	15/12/2017
156	15/09/2017 8852	Journalist	A list of the cost incurred by the Department to pay for Irish translation of documents, speeches, online content, bills, contracts etc. for the years 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, and for the first six months of this year.	Granted	12/10/2017
157	20/09/2017 8877	Member of the public	The letter of appointment from the Minister in accordance with Section 299 of the 2005 Social Welfare Act of a Named Staff Member as a Deciding Officer under the Social Welfare Acts.	Granted	17/10/2017
158	22/09/2017 8888	Member of the public	All records held by the Department regarding 'bulk data' exchanges between the Dept and third parties. The Dept has published its list of parties it gave or received data from in 2016. I seek records, which I have been told are kept, regarding the categories of personal data shared and the frequency of data transfers between each named body and the Department. I seek these records for all years that they are available.	Refused	20/10/2017

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159	27/09/2017 8912	Journalist	<p>1) The number of people who have reported incidences of suspected welfare fraud this year, in 2016 and 2015.</p> <p>2) A breakdown of complaints which related to the following list below:  Working and claiming  Living with a partner and claiming One Parent Family Payment  Living abroad – please tell us where the person is living now and their last address in Ireland, when they left Ireland and how often they return or expected date of return, if known  Employer not paying PRSI  Not declaring means  Claiming benefit for a person who is deceased  Claiming benefit for a person who is in prison  Suspected identity fraud</p> <p>3) Any breakdown of locations from where the incidents were reported or where suspected individuals were from in the same period mentioned in q.1.</p> <p>4) the number of suspected incidents that were followed up by officials with investigations launched in the same period mentioned in q.1.</p> <p>5) The number of people prosecuted with an offence as a result of the investigations in the same period mentioned in query 1.</p>	Granted	23/10/2017
160	29/09/2017 8927	Member of business/interest group	<p>Under the 2013 legislation of the recoverability of State benefits which were caused to be paid by the negligence of defendants:</p> <p>Records with date of accident, type of accident (motor, public liability, employers liability), county of claimant, gender, year of birth, whether the claimant has an agent/representative and amount (with type) of recoverable benefit.</p> <p>Annual figures of amounts actually remitted, individually in each of the years since Aug 2014 to the Department.</p>	Granted	27/10/2017
161	29/09/2017 8928	Journalist	Documents regarding the incorporation of code which would implement a Security Certificate allowing for the transmission of information between Local and Branch Offices and the Department's servers using https rather than http.	Refused	27/10/2017

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162	28/09/2018 8931	Journalist	Records relating to investigations of data breaches in the Department from 2014 to date. Records showing the extent of the discovered breaches, when they occurred and the disciplinary action that was taken (if any). Copies of any HR updates sent to staff from 2016 to date on the subject of data breaches.	Part Granted	25/10/2017
163	28/09/2017 8932	Journalist	Records dealing with the Supreme Court ruling on polygamous marriage and how this will affect the Department and GRO's policy on recognising potentially polygamous marriages.	Part Granted	23/10/2017
164	29/09/2017 8933	Journalist	All training material for use of the BOMI system in the Department to process SAFE2 assurance and/or Public Sector card production.	Part Granted	17/10/2017
165	29/09/2017 8935	Member of Oireachtas	<p>The rules, regulations and relevant circulars and correspondence governing promotions on the basis of seniority and suitability within the Department and relating to the retention or the abolition of promotion on the basis of seniority and suitability within the Department.</p> <p>Any circular, correspondence or instructions issued by the CPSA, the Department of Finance or the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform, or any of their predecessors, to the Department concerning promotions on the basis of seniority and suitability within the Department and the retention or abolition of promotion on seniority and suitability within the Department.</p> <p>Whether the Department currently allows promotion on the basis of seniority and suitability. If the Department does not currently allow promotion on the basis of seniority and suitability please state when the Department abolished it and on what basis it abolished it. Please confirm if the Department was obliged to abolish Seniority and Suitability or whether it took the decision to do so of its own accord. Please provide all relevant documentation concerning this decision.</p> <p>If the Department allows promotion on the basis of seniority and suitability please state whether the promotions for those officers promoted are paid through the 1% PCW allowance or whether they are paid through the normal exchequer funding as per all other promotions.</p> <p>Whether the Department has ever discussed the abolition of promotion on seniority and suitability with the trade unions and if it has reached and signed an agreement with any of the trade unions in this regard. If it has signed such an agreement, please provide the details of this agreement and the name of the trade union with whom the agreement was signed.</p>	Granted	25/10/2017

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166	02/10/2017 8936	Member of business/interest group	1) The number and percentage of persons that are in debt to the Department of between €5,000- €10,000, between €10,000 and €20,000, between €20,000 and €50,000, between €50,000 and €100,000 and over €100,000 as of 31 December 2015, 31 December 2016 and 29 September 2017	Granted	27/10/2017
167	02/10/2017 8956	Journalist	1. Copies of any reports from January 2016 to present, that examine the issue of bogus self-employment.  2. Any records from January 2016 to present, including but not limited to correspondence, emails, and attachments, that discuss the findings and release of any reports into the issue of bogus self-employment.	Refused	25/10/2017
168	03/10/2017 8970	Journalist	All correspondence relating to press requests from the Mail on Sunday between 27th September 2017 and 2nd October 2017. All correspondence from the last 12 months relating to Regina Doherty speaking at the Irish National Organisation of the Unemployed. All correspondence mentioning myself or my E-mail Address. All correspondence relating to media requests about Regina Doherty's speech to the Irish National Organisation of the Unemployed on September 27, 2017.	Part Granted	31/10/2017
169	05/10/2017 8982	Journalist	The number of recipients of housing subsidies (rent allowance, rent supplement, RAS, HAP or any others) in each area of Dublin, primarily Dublin City Council area.	Granted	18/10/2017
170	06/10/2017 8991	Member of business/interest group	Correspondence between the Minister and Minister of State between 1st June 2017 and 6th October 2017.	Refused	03/11/2017
171	11/10/2017 9012	Member of business/interest group	The response that issued from your Department in respect of the request for information on the PR spend within your Department and bodies under its aegis from Named Official of the Department of the Taoiseach.	Part Granted	03/11/2017
172	11/10/2017 9016	Member of the public	Detailed breakdown of costs to the Department of engaging Seetac to provide employment and training services for social welfare recipients, since Seetec was first engaged by the Department up to the present date.	Refused	27/10/2017
173	13/10/2017 9046	Member of the public	1) A list of the FAS workers employed by the company named below over the last 5 years. 2) A list of grants/payments made to the Named Company. St. Monica's Youth Resource Centre Ltd (364157) Charity Number: 20051396 Located on St. Monica's Youth Club Site, The Vicarage, Tonleeg Road, Dublin 5.	Part Granted	02/11/2017

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174	12/10/2017 9056	Member of the public	Correspondence between Department of Transport and the Department relating to whether contracted agents could be considered as a specified body with the power to require applicants for driver licences to produce a Public Services Card. Any legal advice on same received by the Department	Granted	10/11/2017
175	10/10/2017 9061	Member of the public	The note for information/background to decision provided for the Minister as part of the Budget process leading to the decision to make the payment of Maternity Benefit taxable from July 2013, as part of Budget 2013. This note should have set out the reasons why the decision to make Maternity Benefit treatable as income for income tax purposes was taken.	Refused	23/10/2017
176	17/10/2017 9071	Member of Oireachtas	All correspondence between the Department and the Office of the Data Protection Commissioner in relation to the Public Services Card and attendant Public Service Identity data set since January 2016 to the present.	Granted	15/11/2017
177	17/10/2017 9072	Member of Oireachtas	The advice sought by Minister Regina Doherty from the Attorney General (AG) in relation to her possible intervention on the restructuring of MABS by the Citizens Information Board The advice received by the Minister from the AG in relation to her possible intervention on the restructuring of MABS by the Citizens Information Board.	Refused	06/11/2017
178	18/10/2017 9074	Journalist	All records of communications received or created by the Department, Ministers and/or advisors relating to pension changes introduced in the 2017 Budget from 11th of September 2017 to 10th of October 2017. Any analysis of budget changes introduced to the contributory pensions schemes announced in the 2017 Budget carried out by the Department?	Refused	07/12/2017
179	18/10/2017 9076	Journalist	The number of people that notified the Department that they would be absent from the State but still wished to receive their welfare payments between January 2016 and September 2017, in respect of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jobseeker's Allowance</li> <li>• Jobseeker's Benefit</li> <li>• Carer's Benefit</li> <li>• Carer's Allowance</li> <li>• Illness Benefit</li> <li>• One-Parent Family Payment</li> </ul>	Refused	25/10/2017

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180	19/10/2017 9091	Journalist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Money paid by the Department and its agents in 2016 and to date in 2017 for the B&amp;B and Hostel category under the Exceptional Needs Payments scheme.</li> <li>• A breakdown as to the top 10 aggregate payments to persons under the ENP B&amp;B and Hostel category in 2017</li> <li>• A county location for each of these payments.</li> <li>• The comparative figure for 2016.</li> <li>• Any related documentation or correspondence with the relevant local authorities regarding all cases identified above in County Cork.</li> </ul>	Part Granted	17/11/2017
181	19/10/2017 9093	Member of the public	The procedures in place for the Minister for Social Protection, Regina Doherty, to pay back an allowance of almost €16,000 that she received last year as announced on 27 September 2017.	Granted	07/12/2017
182	23/10/2017 9115	Journalist	All Data Controller / Data Processor agreements between the Secretary General of the Department and the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform, and/or its officials, servants or agents for the Single Customer View dataset, as set out in the answer to question no. 51 in the Comprehensive Guide to the Public Services Card, published today by the Department of Employment Affairs and Social protection.	Granted	16/11/2017
183	23/10/2017 9117	Member of the public	Since 1 January 2011, the number of questions and details thereof referred to an appeals officer that the Chief Appeals Officer referred for the decision of the High Court, under Section 306.	Refused	14/11/2017
184	23/10/2017 9118	Member of the public	Since 1 January 2011, the number of questions and details thereof that the Minister referred for the decision of the High Court, under the relevant Section of the Act.	Refused	25/10/2017
185	25/10/2017 9135	Journalist	A breakdown of overpayments since 2011 by type, specifically how much was lost due to fraud, error/non-fraudulent means, and estate cases, with a year-by-year breakdown of each if possible. The amounts overpaid and recovered under each of the three categories..	Granted	23/11/2017
186	26/10/2017 9152	Member of the public	Request relates to all Processes, Procedures, Forms and Guidelines which deals with <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•JobPath clients who decide to assert the right not to sign a JobPath forms or document where signing that form or document may carry legal implications.</li> <li>•JobPath clients who decide to assert the right to sign a JobPath form making a declaration of non-acceptance as they feel under compulsion or being under duress or being forced out of necessity.</li> </ul>	Granted	13/11/2017
187	31/10/2017 9155	Member of the public	Request for procurement/tender documents related to the Department's purchase of Cogent Facial Image Matching Software and the relevant hardware for operating the software. Any relevant email correspondence between the Department and Cogent.	Part Granted	28/11/2017

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188	02/11/2017 9180	Member of the public	Since 1 January 2015, general records and inputs, including consultations, hand written notes of conversations and of meetings - regarding consultations to/from the Decisions Advisory Office (DAO) at Principal Officer and Assistant Secretary levels, regarding Scope Deciding Officer and Appeals Officer decisions concerning the employment status/PRSI classification, under the law, of minority shareholder Proprietary Company Directors (any relevant records re DAO Principal and/or Asst Secretary consultations and exchanges with the Appeals Office). Also, if necessary, that new summary records be created.	Granted	13/11/2017
189	02/11/2017 9181	Member of the public	Since 1 January 2017, the number of Serious Misconduct Disciplinary Sanctions where Level 3 Final Written Warnings - 24 months duration were issued; the number of these that involved disruptive behaviour; the number of these where progressive warnings did not issue.	Granted	29/11/2017
190	02/11/2017 9186	Member of business/interest group	All documents referencing or concerning a software product named Tourbook Live created in 2016 to date.	Refused	14/11/2017
191	06/11/2017 9202	Journalist	All internal audit reports completed by or on behalf of the Department since 1 January 2017 to date. All briefing notes/reports prepared for the Minister arising from the completion of any internal audit reports	Part Granted	04/12/2017
192	08/11/2017 9220	Member of the public	Records and documents that outline and detail the specific information and categories of information that are included in and/or will be included on the Public Service Card (PSC).	Granted	05/12/2017
193	10/11/2017 9240	Journalist	A breakdown of expenditure on social media advertising in each of the past three years, including the name of each social media site and the reason for each advertisement campaign.	Granted	04/12/2017
194	14/11/2017 9254	Member of the public	In 2013 the Department awarded the contract for welfare payments to An Post: 1. The names of the other people/companies or business that unsuccessfully bid for this contract. 2. The reasons that An Post was awarded the contract. 3. The reasons that the other applicants were unsuccessful.	Refused	05/12/2017
195	15/11/2017 9265	Member of Oireachtas	Records pertaining to the review and report on Bogus Self Employment commissioned by the Tanaiste and Minister for Social Protection in 2015. All records held by the Department pertaining to the review and report on Bogus Self Employment including any drafts or final report.	Refused	11/12/2017

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196	16/11/2017 9283	Journalist	From November 2016 to the signing of the Social Pillar in Gothenburg 17th November 2017: Input to the European Commission during the drafting of the Commission's proposal, including response to the public consultation. Briefing notes and speaking notes for Council (EPSCO) including meetings of EPSCO committees (EMCO and SPC) and notes of these meetings. Correspondence with other government departments and government agencies, lobby groups, internal departmental correspondence from August 2016.	Part Granted	14/12/2017
197	13/11/2017 9285	Member of the public	The percentage of people with stoma that were refused Invalidity Pension over the last number years.	Granted	05/12/2017
198	17/11/2017 9291	Journalist	All documents, including emails, created, sent or received by Mr Richard Shine regarding the Data Processing Agreement issued under FOI-2017-9115 from 25 November 2013 to 15th February 2014.	Granted	14/12/2017
199	20/11/2017 9298	Journalist	All communications with An Post/Post Offices regarding an obligation or otherwise on people collecting payments under Departmental schemes to produce a Public Services Card.	Granted	06/12/2017
200	20/11/2017 9313	Journalist	Correspondence or any records/analysis done in relation to the programme for partnership government commitment on the National Minimum Wage including Ministerial, Sec Gen, Assistant Sec Gens. This would include correspondence with the Low Pay Commission.	Granted	06/12/2017
201	21/11/2017 9318	Journalist	The number of times over each of the last 10 years where the Department as far as it is aware incorrectly sent a generic maintenance recovery letter to a domestic abuse victim. Over the same period of time, the number of times the Department restored a domestic abuse victim's payment after it was cut. Any documentation held by the Department relating to safety orders being presented at interviews.	Refused	18/12/2017
202	22/11/2017 9332	Member of business/interest group	1. The names of the 175 non-DEIS schools identified under the DEIS Plan 2017 with Department of Education and Skills (DES) as being eligible to receive support under the School Meals Programme towards the provision of breakfasts. 2. The specific criteria used to identify these non-DEIS schools. 3. How St. Joseph's secondary School cannot be considered for funding under the School Meals scheme.	Refused	14/12/2017
203	23/11/2017 9335	Member of the public	1. The total number of applications for Disability Pension Benefit from 2014 to 2017. 2. The number of applications granted. 3. The occupations of those approved.	Part Granted	14/12/2017



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204	27/11/2017 9357	Journalist	Reviews /reports into the efficacy of the First Steps Jobs Programme. Details of any employers banned /excluded from the scheme or censured for their operation of the scheme.	Refused	08/12/2017
205	28/11/2017 9373	Member of the public	1. The number of self-employed persons who have been disallowed their State Pension (Contributory) due to having outstanding liabilities each year from 2010 to 30/11/2017. 2. How many got paid when all their outstanding self-employment liabilities are paid after they have been reviewed; 3. How many got their back payments paid? Details from each and every year.	Part Granted	27/12/2017
206	30/11/2017 9412	Member of business/interest group	Copy of the 'Equality Review of the Social Welfare Code' which was conducted following the final report of the 'Action Plan Against Racism 2005-2008.	Granted	19/12/2017
207	24/11/2017 9423	Member of the public	The protocols and procedures used by the Department in determining applications for a Widows/Widower's Contribution Pension. Copies of records concerning the policies and procedures in considering and determining applications where either the claimant or the deceased had obtained a foreign divorce in respect of an earlier marriage, including the policies and protocols of the Department in determining the domicile of either the deceased or the claimant in such applications.	Refused	06/12/2017
208	13/12/2017 9483	Member of the public	The number and outcome of Personal FoI requests received year to date.	Granted	27/12/2017