

FOI DISCLOSURE LOG 2018				
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02/01/2018 9557	Journalist	All records referencing the Church of Scientology held by the Minister and/or the Department, from January 2016 to date. All records referencing Narconon; referencing Criminon; referencing Drug-Free World; referencing Citizens Commission on Human Rights; referencing The Way to Happiness.	Granted	30/01/2018
02/01/2018 9558	Journalist	Any and all documents relating to the creation of a Data Controller and or data processor agreement or agreements between the Minister or the Department and the Minister or DPER, and/or its officials, servants or agents created between 1st September and 31st December 2017.	Granted	02/02/2018
*02/01/2018 9559	Journalist	Any and all emails sent or received by Mr Richard Shine of your Department, relating to the PSC created between 1st September and 31st December 2018.	Refused	05/03/2018
*02/01/2018 9560	Journalist	Any and all emails sent or received by Mr Richard Shine of your Department, relating to the Single Customer View Database created between 1st September and 31st December 2018.	Refused	05/03/2018
*02/01/2018 9561	Journalist	Any and all documents, whether in paper or electronic format created by or circulated to Mr Richard Shine of your Department, relating to the PSC created between 1st May and 31st July 2017.	Refused	05/03/2018
02/01/2018 9562	Journalist	The number of people who have had their free travel pass/card taken off them for 2016 & 2017 broken down in terms of offence ie. card issued to someone else	Granted	12/01/2018
04/01/2018 9569	Journalist	Log recording data protection breaches reported by the Department's staff in 2017, including a description of the event resulting in the breach, the location and section in which it occurred, whether it was notified to the Data Protection Commissioner, and what action was taken subsequent to the breach.	Part Granted	01/02/2018
04/01/2018 9572	Journalist	Costs incurred by the Department relating to all Christmas parties/events held in Nov 2017/Dec 2017.Copies of all invoices/itemised bills relating to same All correspondence to staff/outside parties in relation to same. These records should include the time, venue and number of people in attendance in relation to all events	Refused	22/01/2018

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04/01/2018 9578	Journalist	<p>The following records relating to welfare payment cuts in Limerick and nationwide.</p> <p>(i) The amount of people nationwide that have had Jobseeker's Allowance and Jobseeker's Benefit payments cut- and where possible, what welfare payments and by how much - due to turning down job or training offers in the years 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017.</p> <p>(ii) The amount of people in Limerick that have had Jobseeker's Allowance and Jobseeker's Benefit payments cut - and where possible, what Jobseeker's Allowance and Jobseeker's Benefit payments and by how much - due to turning down job or training offers in the years 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017.</p> <p>(iii) The amount of people in Limerick that have had Jobseeker's Allowance and Jobseeker's Benefit payments suspended - and where possible, what Jobseeker's Allowance and Jobseeker's Benefit payments - due to turning down job or training offers in the years 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017.</p> <p>(iv) Reasons given by people in Limerick for turning down job or training offers to the Department in the years 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017.</p> <p>(v) Complaints made by people in Limerick to the Department in relation to having Jobseeker's Allowance and Jobseeker's Benefit payments cut and/or suspended in the years 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017.</p>	Part Granted	26/01/2018
04/01/2018 9600	Member of Public	Any internal or public publicity, promotion and awareness raising campaigns engaged with or supported by the Department since 2009 in relation to the informing, advising and making members of the public aware of Domiciliary Care Allowance scheme; - copies of any reports or statistics stemming from such campaigns or activities, including costs or expenditure involved in such campaigns; - details of the number of applications for Domiciliary Care Allowance from 2009 to date.	Granted	30/01/2018
11/01/2018 9613	Member of Public	<p>Regarding clients served by the Department at its office in Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin:</p> <p>1. The number of clients that, on January 1st 2018:</p> <p>who had been continuously unemployed for at least 12 months and "signing on" on a full-time basis; and had been receiving a jobseeker's payment (Jobseeker's Benefit or Jobseeker's Allowance) from the Department for at least 312 days in the twelve months immediately prior to January 1st 2018; and were receiving Jobseeker's Allowance as at January 1st 2018/</p> <p>2. With specific regard to the category of clients matching the criteria outlined in section 1 above, the number of such clients that had not been a participant in the Tús Community Work Placement Initiative at any time since January 1st 2015.</p>	Granted	30/01/2018
15/01/2018 9618	Member of Public	What amounts were paid to Seetec and Turas Nua in 2016 and 2017	Granted	17/01/2018

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18/01/2018 9755	Member of business/interest group	The number and a list of all bills enacted and which relate to matters for which the Minister has responsibility since 2011. The number of reports reviewing such legislation laid by the Minister before an Oireachtas committee since 2011 as required under Dáil standing orders 141A (now 164A).	Granted	05/02/2018
18/01/2018 9817	Member of Public	1) How much was 'removed' from Social Protection Budget in 2017 and handed over to RTE under the 'free licence scam'? 2) Why does no facility exist to have the fee for a disabled parking cert paid from SW budget?	Granted	12/02/2018
23/01/2018 9859	Journalist	A breakdown of all staff in the Department by name, job title and salary. If the Department is precluded from disclosing the identities of staff, a breakdown by gender, job title, and salary would suffice.	Granted	20/03/2018
24/01/2018 9882	Journalist	All documents, including briefings, minutes, reports, memos and/or correspondence addressing the potential privacy and/or cyber security risks or implications of linking social media age verification to the Public Services Card or PPS numbers within the last 30 days.	Refused	21/02/2018
24/01/2018 9897	Journalist	Submission from Carambola in relation to the school meals programmed as referred to in the following lobbying return; <a href="https://www.lobbying.ie/return/23981/the-carambola-limited">https://www.lobbying.ie/return/23981/the-carambola-limited</a>	Granted	30/01/2018
24/01/2018 9898	Journalist	Copy of the letter sent from Patricia King of ICTU to Minister Doherty relating to sexual harrassment. Correspondence is referred to in <a href="https://www.lobbying.ie/return/24400/irish-congress-of-trade-unions">https://www.lobbying.ie/return/24400/irish-congress-of-trade-unions</a> .	Granted	20/02/2018
26/01/2018 9914	Member of Public	Copies of Civil Service Disciplinary Code, Internal and External Appeals Officer's Training Manual/Handout	Granted	07/03/2018
05/02/2018 9949	Member of Public	1. Briefings, in 2017 and 2018, including to Ministers, on the general matter of Retrospective Legislation in relation to the 'pensions anomaly' which came into force in 2012. 2. Briefings, in 2013, including to Ministers, on the matter of Retrospective Legislation enacted within Section 16 of the Social Welfare and Pensions (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 2013, and which retrospectively prescribed majority Company shareholders as being 'excepted employments'	Granted	15/03/2018
06/02/2018 10014	Member of Oireachtas	Draft texts, memos and submissions received during the consultation period for the report named "The use of intermediary-type structures and self-employment arrangements; Implications for Social Insurance and Tax Revenues, January 2018"	Part Granted	06/03/2018
19/02/2018 10015	Member of Public	All submissions received by the Department in response to the call for submissions on the review of the Gender Recognition Act 2015	Refused	08/03/2018

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20/02/2018 10066	Journalist	All correspondence sent or received by Leo Varadkar, or sent or received by Leo Varadkar's office during his time as Minister, concerning the campaign to target welfare cheats (headlined 'Welfare Cheats cheats us all'). The minutes of all meetings held in the Department in the same time period at which the welfare fraud campaign was discussed.	Part Granted	16/03/2018
20/02/2018 10067	Member of Oireachtas	All Data Sharing Agreements between the Department and the Department of Transport in relation to the collection of Public Service Identity data and the PSC	Refused	20/03/2018
21/02/2018 10082	Member of Public	A copy of the written contract between the Department (The data controller) and Seetec (The data processor) for the Jobpath scheme pursuant under the Data Protection Acts 1988 and 2003 ("The Acts") Section 2C(3).	Refused	22/03/2018
22/02/2018 10098	Member of Public	A copy of the written contract between your Department (The data controller) and Network Personnel Monaghan (The data processor) for the Jobpath scheme pursuant under the Data Protection Acts 1988 and 2003 ("The Acts") Section 2C(3).	Refused	22/03/2018
22/02/2018 10099	Member of Public	A copy of the written contract between your Department (The data controller) and The Workspace Group NI (The data processor) for the Jobpath scheme pursuant under the Data Protection Acts 1988 and 2003 ("The Acts") Section 2C(3).	Refused	22/03/2018
22/02/2018 10100	Member of Public	A copy of the written contract between your Department (The data controller) and Abintegro.com (The data processor) for the Jobpath scheme pursuant under the Data Protection Acts 1988 and 2003 ("The Acts") Section 2C(3).	Refused	22/03/2018
26/02/2018 10104	Member of Public	Information pertaining to the Department: 1. Number of employees at start of 2014 2. Number of employess at start of 2018 Breakdown of the physical offices within the Department present day and the county location: For example: - number of local offices and the county each one is located in - number of head offices and the county they are located in - number of intreo offices and the county they are located in.	Granted	26/03/2018
28/02/2018 10139	Member of business/interest group	The foundation of my question is to get a precise understanding of the standard practice of the Department's Scope Section in making its grounding decision on insurability. My particular focus is clearly on whether or not a director is found to be self-employed Class S or Class A; in part based on that factor, i.e. Directors Fees. • The Department's Scope Section form INS1, in Part 4, asks questions of a shareholder or director of a company: Question 3 asks 'Does the individual receive: a) directors fees? b) share dividends?'. It does not ask does the individual receive 'salary', 'emoluments', or something else.	Refused	26/04/2018

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28/02/2018 10140	Member of business/interest group	All correspondence between the Department and the Strategic Communications Unit as well as any internal departmental correspondence relating to the Strategic Communications Unit between 01/09/17 to 28/02/18.	Part Granted	29/03/2018
28/02/2018 10141	Member of business/interest group	All oral and written correspondence between the Department and the Attorney General and the Chief State Solicitor's office in relation to the Branch Managers Association.	Refused	14/03/2018
05/03/2018 10148	Member of Public	<p>Records in relation to the Department's employees and the statutory Sick Leave Regulations and the associated DPER Circulars, in relation to the below, please.</p> <p>(i) In 2017, the total number of Extended Sick Leave Applications regarding full-pay, beyond the rolling 3-months (13 weeks) in any 12 month period, that were decided by Departmental HR Managers.</p> <p>(ii) In 2017, regarding the total number of cases at (i) above, the number of cases where the Departmental HR Manager's decision concurred with the medical advice from the CMO</p> <p>(iii) In 2017, regarding the total number of cases at (i) above, the number of cases where the Departmental HR Manager's decision did not concur with the medical advice from the CMO and</p> <p>(iv) In 2017, in relation to the number at (iii) above; (a) the number of cases where the Departmental HR Managers Decision was to grant Extended Sick Leave where such was not supported by the CMO medical advice and (b) not to grant Extended Sick Leave, where such was supported by the CMO medical advice.</p>	Granted	05/03/2018
06/03/2018 10151	Journalist	<p>Expenditure on private emergency accommodation in Limerick:</p> <p>(i) The amount of money spent, broken down by month and year by the Department on B&amp;B's, hotels and other private emergency accommodation in the years 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 and 2018 so far.</p> <p>(ii) A breakdown on what companies/outlets this money went to, per month and per year, in the above time frame</p> <p>(iii) The amount of people that have had emergency private accommodation, such as hotels and B&amp;Bs, paid for by the Department in Limerick in the above time frame.</p>	Part Granted	06/04/2018
06/03/2018 10155	Journalist	The total cost of the extra fuel allowance payments as a result of the snow storms, including ancilliary payments and processing costs.	Granted	06/04/2018

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06/03/2018 10162	Journalist	All internal Department communication between February 25 and March 6 on whether to double the fuel allowance as a result of the snow storms. Please note: this should include all references to Minister for Older People Jim Daly. All communication between the Department and the Taoiseach's office between February 25 and March 6 on whether to double the fuel allowance as a result of the snow storms.	Part Granted	06/04/2018
07/03/2018 10163	Member of Oireachtas	All correspondence, email and otherwise between the Department and the National Driver Licence Service in relation to the Public Services Card between 2015 up to today.	Refused	20/03/2018
07/03/2018 10164	Journalist	All receipts and expense claims made by members of the Oireachtas, Government staff and public officials attending the National Emergency Co-ordination Group. Request to cover the period between 26/2/18 – 7/3/18.	Granted	11/04/2018
08/03/2018 10169	Member of business/interest group	All records relating to the decision to grant an extra week's worth of fuel allowance due to Storm Emma - copies of any representations received regarding the above.	Part Granted	10/04/2018
08/03/2018 10171	Member of Oireachtas	All briefing material including memos, circulars, emails, background papers, minutes of meetings, reports and documents specifically in relation to the individual payments made to the two companies who successfully tendered to deliver Jobpath (Turas Nua & Seetec) since the 26th June 2015 to date. All internal Department correspondence regarding budgets and costs associated with procurement tenders in relation to Jobpath and also in relation to the two companies who successfully tendered to deliver Jobpath since 25th June 2015 to date. All correspondence between the the Department and the Office of Government Procurement in relation to Jobpath since 26th June 2015 to date.	Refused	23/03/2018
09/03/2018 10189	Journalist	All documents, electronic or otherwise, containing the word "unforeseen" which have been distributed to staff administering the Exceptional Needs Payments. Please confine this search to the period between January 1, 2016 and March 9, 2018.	Granted	11/04/2018
09/03/2018 10198	Journalist	1. Statistics regarding ENP payments and expenditure recorded under the categories of 'hostel' and 'B&B' on a county basis (if a county breakdown is required) in 2017 and up to March 9th 2018. 2. Details of monies paid by the Department under the ENP scheme which were nominated to be paid directly to an individual hostel/B&B/hotel. 3. Details of how many people are being accommodated in each hostel/B&B/hotel. 4. Details of the make-up of persons i.e. families or single people.	Part Granted	10/04/2018
15/03/2018 10234	Member of Public	All correspondence and information which the Department holds in relation to advice which it received, from any source, in relation to negotiating with the Branch Managers Association.	Refused	13/04/2018

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20/03/2018 10255	Member of Public	The policy, practices, guidance and/or procedures that govern the investigation, grievance and disciplinary procedures used by the Department to deal with an employee who has failed to follow due process when handling an application for welfare benefits from the State and has knowingly and unlawfully failed to uphold the Constitution and Statutory legislation governing such matters.	Granted	28/03/2018
20/03/2018 10261	Journalist	Around the issue of the working time directive: Any correspondence between Coolmore stud and/or Ballydoyle racing stables and Minister O'Doherty since she took office. Include correspondence sent by agents/representatives of the two organisations to Minister O'Doherty. Correspondence between Minister O'Doherty and Minister Michael Creed in relation to Coolmore/Ballydoyle stables since she took office.	Part Granted	17/04/2018
20/03/2018 10263	Journalist	Certificates granted under Gender Recognition Act in 2017, by category: (1) Applications Received: Gender Recognition Certificate - Age 16/17; (2) Applications Received: Gender Recognition Certificate - Age 18+; (3) Applications Granted Gender Recognition Certification - Age 16/17; (4) Applications Granted Gender Recognition Certificate - Age 18+; (5) Applications Refused Gender Recognition Certificate - Age 16/17; (6) Applications Refused Gender Recognition Certificate - Age 18+; (7) Registrations on the Register of Gender Recognition by age - Age 16-17; (8) Registration on the Register of Gender Recognition by age - Age 18+	Granted	16/04/2018
21/03/2018 10282	Member of Public	Any records created in 2015, 2016, 2017 and to date, 21st March 2018, related to the prosecution of Named Person by the Department.	Refused	20/04/2018
22/03/2018 10294	Member of Oireachtas	Any or all Data Sharing Agreements between the Department and the Road Safety Authority in relation to the collection of Public Service Identity data and the Public Services Card, between 1 January 2016 to the present.	Refused	19/04/2018
23/03/2018 10299	Journalist	Copies of the latest batch of internal audits from your Department	Part Granted	23/04/2018
27/03/2018 10325	Member of Public	All records, emails, notes on meetings/phone conversations etc., in 2013, relating to exchanges with the Ombudsman Office regarding Section 16 of the 2013 Act and concerning resolution of certain Ombudsman Complainants/Cases. This where Ombudsman Complainants sought opposing retrospective statutory outcomes regarding their PRSI Classification - as to one Case being on PRSI Class A and the other Cases being on PRSI Class S - i.e. regarding Company PRSI Liabilities and regarding personal social insurance entitlements.	Refused	26/04/2018

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28/03/2018 10329	Journalist	All refused expense claims and any related correspondence to the refused claim between 1/1/15 – 28/3/18.	Granted	25/04/2018
29/03/2018 10336	Member of business/interest group	The information I require is why was it decided that CCVG should repay €5k, roughly 1 years fraudulently obtained monies by CCVG from the Department when this fraud was ongoing for at least 14 years. Why was the CE Supervisor who signed the sheets to claim this money left in their role and why was there no action taken against the CEO and Chair of CCVG for their role in this fraud. The fraud took place against the Named Office. □	Granted	08/05/2018
05/04/2018 10366	Journalist	A list of all unpublished reports/memos compiled by the Department given to the current Minister's Office since she was appointed last year.	Granted	31/05/2018
05/04/2018 10368	Member of Public	Records in relation to payments made to Institution of International and European Affairs (IIEA), including any community and/employment grants, for the calendar years 2015, 2016 2017 and any payments made thus far in 2018.	Granted	26/04/2018
09/04/2018 10377	Journalist	Between between June 30, 2017 and the date of this letter: 1. A record of all correspondence, letters, emails, briefing documents and phone calls to and from the Minister's office with Facebook. 2. A record of all correspondence, letters, emails, briefing documents and phone calls to and from the Minister of State's Office with Facebook. 3. A record of briefing documents prepared for the Ministers about Facebook. 4. Minutes and notes from meetings members of the Department, including but not limited to the Ministers and Junior Ministers, had with Facebook representatives. Also request a record of all staff at the Department, Ministers and Ministers of State who have received guidance or training from Facebook regarding the management of government, ministerial and personal Facebook accounts.	Part Granted	08/05/2018
11/04/2018 10399	Member of Public	The job role/description of the functions, duties and responsibilities for an area manager with responsibilities for overseeing staff management and ensuring that claims for Welfare assistance made at Intreo offices are handled/managed and dealt with within the guidance set out for doing so.	Refused	02/05/2018



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13/04/2018 10412	Member of Public	Copies of all records, emails, notes on meetings/phone conversations etc., since 19 March 2018, relating to the legislative fact that under Schedule 1, Part 2 of the SWCA 2005, as amended in 2013, that majority Company Shareholders must statutorily fall within the same PRSI Class as do certain Family Employments (employees) and some other Employments (employees) - for example, as to '...employee spouse of a sole trader...' This to confirm that the Department's systems - including PRSI Records; Benefit Databases and Payment Systems; all Collection Investigative and Information Systems do conform with the law, as amended in 2013.	Refused	26/04/2018
17/04/2018 10417	Member of Public	I seek advice as to whether or not Mr John McKeon is guilty of an offence under the act by his failure to address my concerns about the accuracy of records.	Part Granted	15/05/2018
17/04/2018 10425	Journalist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How much money has the Department spent on air travel between January 2016 and December 2017?</li> <li>• Please specify breakdown of spend with specific airlines</li> <li>• Does the Department collect or accumulate air miles/ credits from frequent flier programmes on flights booked and paid for by the Department or do staff members travelling collect their air miles/credits personally ?</li> <li>• How are the benefits of the air miles/credits used by the Department ?</li> <li>• Are staff permitted to use accumulated airmiles for personal travel or to purchase items from frequent flier programmes?</li> <li>• If staff are permitted to use airmiles for personal travel, does the Department treat this as benefit in kind?</li> </ul>	Granted	16/05/2018
17/04/2018 10427	Journalist	All correspondence involving Named Official regarding citizen's applications for a Public Services Card, from 1 January 2018 to 20 February 2018	Part Granted	24/05/2018
18/04/2018 10440	Journalist	All communications and details of meetings between ministers, staff and representatives of the Department and any persons working for or on behalf of Google Inc, YouTube, Alphabet Inc or any of its Irish subsidiaries and companies.	Refused	16/05/2018
18/04/2018 10441	Journalist	All communications and details of meetings between ministers, staff and representatives of the Department and any persons working for or on behalf of Amazon Inc, Amazon UK or any of its Irish subsidiaries and companies.	Refused	16/05/2018
18/04/2018 10442	Journalist	All communications and details of meetings between ministers, staff and representatives of the Department and any persons working for or on behalf of Facebook Inc, Whatsapp, Instagram or any of its Irish subsidiaries and companies.	Refused	16/05/2018

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18/04/2018 10443	Journalist	All communications and details of meetings between ministers, staff and representatives of the Department and any persons working for or on behalf of LinkedIn Inc or any of its Irish subsidiaries and companies.	Refused	16/05/2018
18/04/2018 10444	Journalist	All communications and details of meetings between ministers, staff and representatives of the Department and any persons working for or on behalf of Twitter Inc, Twitter UK or any of its Irish subsidiaries and companies.	Refused	16/05/2018
23/04/2018 10465	Member of Public	The vast majority of this request refers to the operation and Departmental supervision (including audit and quality assurance systems) of the Community Employment Scheme in Maynooth Co Kildare as operated by Maynooth Community Council Clg MCC Clg (CRO Registered Number: 338184).	Refused	25/10/2018

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23/04/2018 Continued 10465	Member of Public	<p>1. Records of all grants or monies provided by the Department to MCC Clg on a yearly basis from January 2001 to date, the purpose of same and the quantum of money involved.</p> <p>2. Records of the total amount of money in community support, and the purpose of same, given by Maynooth Community Council to MCC Clg since 2001.</p> <p>3. In relation to the 'Project Balancing Statement' template from the Department, the Note refers to 'Where a project Surplus/Deficit does not equal NIL, a detailed explanation and supporting documentation must be supplied for same.' Lease provide copies of the detailed explanations and supporting documentation for each year that such a Surplus or Deficit existed for the CE scheme operated by MCC Clg. These documentations and records should include cheque requisitions, photo opportunities of cheque transfer and minutes of meetings of the Executive of Maynooth Community Council and the General meetings of Maynooth Community Council where agreement was reached from the membership to transfer money from Maynooth Community Council accounts to MCC Clg accounts.</p> <p>4. Records of the total number of strands per annum in the CE scheme sponsored by MCC Clg from 2001.</p> <p>5. Records of the interest that the Department has in Units 11 and 12 Carton Shopping Centre, Maynooth.</p> <p>6. Copies of the public liability insurance cover that the Department provides for Units 11 and 12 Carton Shopping Centre Maynooth, in addition to the insurance cover provided for Unit 5 Carton Shopping Centre, Maynooth.</p> <p>7. Records on how the rent deficit for Unit 5 Carton Shopping Centre is funded on a yearly basis from the commencement of this arrangement.</p> <p>8. Provide records to demonstrate that the Department were aware of the overspend referred to in Maynooth Community Council Newsletter in Sept 2014, the reasons for the overspend and that the overspend had been agreed and sanctioned by the Department.</p> <p>9. Provide records to demonstrate that the Department were aware of the loan given by Maynooth Community Council, the reasons for the loan and that the loan had been agreed and sanctioned by the Department.</p>	Refused	25/10/2018

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23/04/2016 10465 Continued..	Member of Public	<p>10. Records of all audits of both the CE scheme in Maynooth and MCC Clg.</p> <p>11. Records of audits or reports, initiated or conducted by Named Official, of investigations or examinations (whether final or interim) of the CE scheme sponsored by MCC Clg on foot of any complaint received.</p> <p>12. Records of the steps taken and the actions undertaken by the Department with regard to an article which appeared in a December 2017 edition of the Maynooth Newsletter which makes defamatory comments about the members of Maynooth Community Council.</p> <p>13. Records of the steps taken and the actions undertaken by the Department with regard to a qualified opinion from the Auditors, Ansell Ryan &amp; Young on the 2017 accounts of MCC Clg.</p> <p>14. Records by which the Department satisfied itself that MCC Clg was tax compliant.</p> <p>15. Overall statistics on employment achieved by the Maynooth CE scheme compared to the national average for each of the last 10 years of records.</p> <p>16. Record of audits of monitoring visits and of Project Management Committee meetings carried out by the Department or/and their agents on MCC Clg since 2001.</p> <p>17. Records of any improvement notices or any other management letters served by the Department on MCC Clg since 2014.</p> <p>18. Provide the correspondences from the public representatives and private individuals and organisations relating to the operation of the CE Scheme in Maynooth since 2014.</p> <p>19. Records, letters, notes files, emails, diary entries, electronic documents internally within the Department in relation to the operation and management of the Community Employment Scheme in Maynooth since 2014.</p>	Refused	25/10/2018
23/04/2018 10479	Member of Public	I would like to have the details of the person who under the Act is responsible to provide/arrange/co-ordinate the provision of assistance and guidance to assist persons with disabilities, these people are known as Access Officers.	Granted	15/05/2018
24/04/2018 10482	Journalist	<p>1) A list of all staff, ministers, spouses, or partners who travelled abroad for St Patrick's Day 2018 on official Departmental business.</p> <p>2) A table of costs associated with their travel to include flights, hotel, transport, entertainment, gifts, dining, subsistence, and all other related expenditure.</p> <p>3) Copies of the actual invoices/receipts relating to all of the above.</p>	Granted	22/05/2018

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09/04/2018 10523	Member of Public	(1) how many positions of full time employment have been created in the TUS section of Wexford Local Development, Mill Park Road since the insertion of this company. (2) what was the advertising used by Wexford Local Development to recruit employees. (3) how many male employees and how many female employees were successful in gaining employment in TUS. (4) how many of these employees were volunteers in this company before they became employees. (5) how many former volunteers were requested to sign non disclosures agreements with TUS and Wexford Local Development. (6) what recruitment methods did Wexford Local Development use in the recruitment process. (7) if an outside recruitment agency was used please forward on a copy of the questions asked at interview. (8) copies of all advertisement use to highlight the positions available including records showing how TUS and Wexford Local Development provided a level playing field for all possible candidates who would have been suitable for the positions.	Granted	04/05/2018
30/04/2018 10537	Journalist	All email correspondence between the Department's head of communications and the Minister's special advisers in the Department between the period 14 June 2017 and 30 April 2018.	Part Granted	07/08/2018
02/05/2018 10563	Journalist	A list of all submissions made to the Minister at your Department using the e-submissions system in the period 1 February 2018 to the date of receipt of this request. This request is to include the date of the submission and its title.	Refused	31/05/2018
03/05/2018 10575	Member of Oireachtas	Copy of the Indecon report commissioned by the Department into the Local Employment Services.	Refused	16/05/2018
08/05/2018 10590	Journalist	Copies of any correspondence between the Department and the Data Protection Commissioner relating to the upgrade of facial mapping software currently underway. - copies of any correspondence (not including that from private individuals) received by the Department relating to the above. - copies of any submission/representations (not including that from private individuals) received by the Department relating to the above.	Granted	06/06/2018
08/05/2018 10597	Journalist	All records relating to this entry in the lobbying database: <a href="https://www.lobbying.ie/return/27083/irish-congress-of-trade-unions">https://www.lobbying.ie/return/27083/irish-congress-of-trade-unions</a>	Granted	01/06/2018
30/04/2018 10603	Member of Public	Copy of the contract with security contractor to cover 2016, 2017, 2018 for Named Intreo Office	Granted	25/05/2018

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14/05/2018 10652	Member of business/interest group	Breakdown of the total amount spent on training for Department staff or personnel on GDPR training or awareness, cyber security training or awareness, data protection training or awareness, and the names of the providers of this service for 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 & 2018:	Granted	12/06/2018
15/05/2018 10656	Journalist	1. The amount spent by the Department on Facebook advertisements in 2017. 2. The amount spent by the Department on Facebook advertisements in the first 5 months of 2018. 3. The amount spent by the Department on Google advertisements in 2017. 4. The amount spent by the Department on Google advertisements in the first 5 months of 2018	Granted	13/06/2018
04/05/2018 10669	Member of Public	A copy of Seetec - Jobpath Social Welfare policy formulation procedures	Part Granted	31/05/2018
17/05/2018 10691	Journalist	Records between officials and ministers in any government department regarding the State's liability for statutory redundancy payments, and potential attempts to recover this money from any entity associated with Clerys including subsidiaries of OCS. Also any correspondence with LPMG in relation to the closure.	Part Granted	15/06/2018
21/05/2018 10694	Journalist	Copies of the Minister's diary dated January 1 2018 to May 31, 2018	Granted	19/06/2018
22/05/2018 10699	Journalist	A breakdown of the number of male staff employed by the Department and their pay grade, and a breakdown of the numbers of female staff employed by the Department and their pay grade, as of December 31 2016, December 31 2017 and December 31 2018.	Granted	18/06/2018
22/05/2018 10711	Member of Public	The legislation/regulation in full as passed along with possible amendments concerning the Tus programme	Granted	01/06/2018
22/05/2018 10713	Journalist	Minutes/memos/briefings relating to the meeting between Minister Doherty and Belong to Youth services as referred to in the following lobbying return for 2018: <a href="https://www.lobbying.ie/return/29265/belong-to-youth-services-ltd">https://www.lobbying.ie/return/29265/belong-to-youth-services-ltd</a>	Refused	18/06/2018
22/05/2018 10714	Journalist	Any correspondence between the Transgender Equality Network and Minister Doherty during 2018	Granted	19/06/2018
29/05/2018 10751	Member of Public	Records for 2017: 1. The total amount spent on public notices in print media outlets (newspapers or magazines) in 2017, and a listing of amounts paid to each media outlet. 2. The total amount spent on public notices on digital media outlets in 2017, and a listing of amounts paid to each media outlet. 3. The total amount spent on public notices on broadcast media outlets in 2017, a listing of amounts paid to each media outlet.	Granted	27/06/2018

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30/05/2018 10762	Member of Oireachtas	All internal and external correspondence, documents and recommendations held by the Department in relation to facial recognition and biometric data software and storage for the purposes of Safe 2 registration and the public services card, from January 2016 to the present.	Granted	28/06/2018
30/05/2018 10763	Member of Oireachtas	All correspondence between the Department's Client Identity Services and the Office of the Data Protection Commissioner in relation to the public services card and/or Single Customer View between January 2018 and the present.	Granted	28/06/2018
05/06/2018 10807	Member of business/interest group	<p>All records in the Department relating to the actions taken by the Minister and the Department to implement two specific recommendations of the Third Report of Minister Joan Burton's Advisory Group on Tax and Social Welfare on the issue of Extending Social Insurance Coverage for the Self Employed which was published by Minister Burton on the 6th September 2013. The two recommendations I am referring to are recommendation 6 and 8.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recommendation 8: The increased casualisation of certain types of employment has resulted in the tendency to wrongly classify some employees as self-employed, which has resulted in new social risks. To mitigate these risks, the Department and the Revenue Commissioners should ensure greater compliance with the Code of Practice for Determining Employment or Self-Employment Status of individuals. To this end, there should be regular reporting on the levels of reclassification.</li> <li>• Recommendation 6: The eligibility criteria for non-income support based activation and training schemes should be modified to enable self-employed people gain access to such schemes, if they do not qualify for jobseekers payments.</li> </ul>	Granted	26/06/2018
05/06/2018 10808	Journalist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The number of employees of the Department sacked in 2016, 2017, 2018.</li> <li>• the reason for the dismissal of each of the above employees.</li> <li>• the number of employees of the Department suspended in 2016, 2017, 2018.</li> <li>• the reason for the suspension of each of the above employees.</li> <li>• the number of complaints of bullying received by the Department in 2016, 2017, 2018.</li> <li>• the number of complaints of sexual harassment received by the Department in 2016, 2017, 2018.</li> </ul>	Part Granted	13/06/2018
06/06/2018 10809	Journalist	I would like a copy of the Report on Jobseekers Benefit Duration and Subsidiary Employment (Nov 2017)	Refused	03/07/2018
06/06/2018 10812	Journalist	All correspondence sent/received by officials from the Department or the Minister(s) in relation to smartphones or internet access for minors since 2016. This should include all correspondence including letters, emails etc. It should include correspondence from members of the public as well as official representations.	Refused	18/06/2018

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07/06/2018 10813	Journalist	All correspondence sent/received by officials from the Department or the Minister(s) in relation to the Pope's visit since 2016. This should include all correspondence including letters, emails etc. It should include correspondence from members of the public as well as official representations.	Refused	18/06/2018
07/06/2018 10824	Member of Public	All internal audits completed within the Department between 1st May 2017 and 7th June 2018	Part Granted	03/07/2018
08/06/2018 10830	Journalist	All records and details held in the Department in relation to any travel that was undertaken by members of the Department to the Web Summit in Lisbon last November. These to include, but not be limited to, the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All costs in relation to air fares, including what class travelled</li> <li>• All costs in relation to hotel accommodation during the trip</li> <li>• All costs in relation to conference fees paid for attendees</li> <li>• The numbers of persons from the Department that attended</li> <li>• The names or Department positions of those persons who attended</li> <li>• Any further details relevant to the trip, for instance, per diems, expenses or subsistence claims submitted after the event in connection with Web Summit.</li> </ul>	Granted	05/07/2018
13/06/2018 10854	Journalist	At the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Social Protection, Thursday, 8 March 2018, on "EU Employment Legislation and JobPath", the Assistant Secretary, Mr John Conlon, stated the following: I want to get back to Senator Higgins. I will not bring a shovel. She asked whether we engage with JobPath. We have monthly meetings with them, and the issues the committee members are raising will form part of that engagement. I wish to assure members of that. In relation to the 'monthly meetings' that Mr Conlon has referred to, I am seeking the minutes of those said meetings, from January 2016-June 2018. By JobPath, I assume that this relates to meetings with representatives of Turas Nua and Seetec. (To be clear, I am not seeking the administrative emails etc in relation to those meetings, that refer to the arrangements for those meetings.)	Refused	10/07/2018



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13/06/2018 10855	Journalist	<p>I am seeking the records relating to inspections carried out by your Department in relation to the JobPath scheme of the Turas Nua full-time and part-time offices. (By records, I refer to 'inspection reports' etc. written and prepared by your inspectors following their inspections of the Turas Nua offices). The time period, I am referring to is from 2015 - present (June 13th).</p> <p>According to parliamentary questions answered in January (<a href="https://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans//id=2018-01-25a.586&amp;s=jobpath+data">https://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans//id=2018-01-25a.586&amp;s=jobpath+data</a>) from 2015 - January 2018, there was a total of 27 such inspections at the Turas Nua offices. I am seeking those inspection reports, plus any additional reports related to any Turas Nua inspections carried out from January 2018 - June 13th.</p>	Refused	11/07/2018
13/06/2018 10856	Journalist	<p>I am seeking the records relating to inspections carried out by your Department in relations to the JobPath scheme of the Seetec full-time and part-time offices. (By records, I refer to 'inspection reports' etc, written and prepared by your inspectors following their inspections of the Seetec offices.) The time period I am referring to is from 2015-present (June 13th).</p> <p>According to parliamentary questions answered in January [<a href="https://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2018-01-25a.586&amp;s=jobpath+data">https://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2018-01-25a.586&amp;s=jobpath+data</a>], from 2015- January 2018, there was a total of 24 such inspections at the Seetec offices. I am seeking those inspection reports, plus any additional reports related to any Seetec inspections carried out from January 2018-June 13th.</p>	Refused	11/07/2018
13/06/2018 10860	Journalist	<p>At the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Social Protection on 'EU Employment Legislation and JobPath' on May 8, 2018, Mr John McKeown, Secretary General of the Department, said the following, in the context of research, carried out by the Department into the JobPath model:</p> <p>In addition, the Department commissioned and took advice from experts who advised and prepared reports for the European Union, the OECD, the United Kingdom Government, the UK Houses of Parliament select committees, the National Audit Office in the UK, the Northern Ireland Government and the Trade Union Council, TUC.</p> <p>[ <a href="https://www.kildarestreet.com/committees/?id=2014-10-15a.5&amp;s=%22In+addition%2C+the+department+commissioned#g14">https://www.kildarestreet.com/committees/?id=2014-10-15a.5&amp;s=%22In+addition%2C+the+department+commissioned#g14</a> ]</p> <p>I am seeking copies of the said researches commissioned by the Department, as referred to by Mr McKeown, including any reports/papers etc prepared by the said experts.</p>	Part Granted	10/07/2018

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15/06/2018 10872	Journalist	I am seeking the following: appointments diaries for the Minister for the year of 2017 in full (and up until June 2018 if possible)	Part Granted	17/07/2018
19/06/2018 10889	Journalist	I am making this request under the FOI Act 2014 for copies of the following records: - purchase orders in relation to plastic cups, cutlery and straws dated 2013-2018	Granted	17/07/2018
20/06/2018 10897	Member of Oireachtas	All correspondence, electronic and otherwise, between the office of Minister, the Department and Irish Life and IBEC in relation to Social Welfare, Pensions & Civil Registration Bill 2017.	Granted	16/07/2018
21/06/2018 10908	Journalist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The amount spent ensuring that all systems and procedures were GDPR compliant - please detail any spending made to ensure GDPR compliance to date</li> <li>The amount spent on GDPR training to date</li> </ul>	Granted	16/07/2018
03/07/2018 10987	Journalist	<p>Copies of any representations or letters received by the Department relating to recent comments by Minister Doherty regarding the possibility of means testing for child welfare.</p> <p>Copies of any reports, recommendations, submissions, memoranda or other such documents prepared for Ms Doherty relating to the above proposal during her time in office.</p>	Part Granted	26/07/2018
03/07/2018 10988	Journalist	The amount of money categorised as "miscellaneous spending/miscellaneous expenditure by the Department for the calendar year 2017.	Granted	26/07/2018
04/07/2018 10998	Journalist	<p>From 2012 - present, a list of any audits carried by the Department's Internal Audit Division.</p> <p>From 2012 - present, a list of any external audits commissioned by the Department.</p>	Granted	31/07/2018
06/07/2018 11012	Journalist	Copies of any reports which evaluate the "payment by outcomes" approaches used in Jobpath.	Refused	25/07/2018
06/07/2018 11017	Member of business/interest group	All documents relating to the drafting of and changes to the Privacy Statment displayed here <a href="http://www.welfare.ie/en/Pages/disclaimer.aspx">http://www.welfare.ie/en/Pages/disclaimer.aspx</a>	Part Granted	03/08/2018
06/07/2018 11019	Member of business/interest group	<p>Any and all documents, whether originally in paper or electronic format relating to the amendment of Section 3.3 of the Departmental Privacy Notice which was published in the past 48 hours.</p> <p>A statement of reasons for the change under S10 of the FOI Act.</p>	Part Granted	03/08/2018
05/07/2018 11021	Member of Public	All correspondence and any management letters or memos, between the internal audit division and Letterkenny Intreo Office, in relation to an internal audit report carried out (Report No 32/2017).	Part Granted	01/08/2018
09/07/2018 11032	Journalist	<p>1 All correspondence between Ministers in the Department and Fine Gael political director Alan Holmes between the period 14 June 2017 and 09 July 2018.</p> <p>2 All correspondence between special advisers in the Department and Fine Gael political director Alan Holmes between the period 14 June 2017 and 09 July 2018.</p>	Refused	01/08/2018

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12/07/2018 11056	Journalist	All records generated in July 2018 in relation to proposed changes, or actual changes made, to the Department's privacy statement on welfare.ie, including records generated in response to my press query about references to biometric data. All correspondence between the Communications Unit, the GDPR Unit, the Secretary General's Office (including the Secretary General himself), parties outside the Department, technical/IT staff, and any Assistant Secretaries General in relation to changes proposed or made to the privacy statement in July 2018.	Part Granted	10/08/2018
13/07/2018 11058	Member of Oireachtas	All correspondence between the Office of the Secretary General of the Department and the Department's Data Protection Officer in relation to biometric data since April 2018 - to present.	Part Granted	13/08/2018
17/07/2018 11068	Member of Public	Please provide any records of audits or reports, initiated or conducted by named staff member of investigations or examinations (whether final or interim) of the CE Scheme sponsored by Maynooth Community Council Clg (CRO Registered Number: 338184) on foot of any complaint received since September 2017.	Refused	14/08/2018
17/07/2018 11076	Journalist	All correspondence, both digital and hard copy, between Department officials and external companies regarding the tender for implementation, production, personalisation and distribution of the Public Services Card version 2.0 and the provision of associated services, dated between 15 February 2018 and 16 July 2018.	Granted	09/08/2018
17/07/2018 11078	Journalist	All correspondence between Department officials of Assistant Principal grade and higher and the Irish Naturalisation and Immigration Service (INIS) regarding the creation of a hybrid EU Residence Permit/Public Services Card, dated between 01 September 2017 and 16 July 2018. All correspondence between Department officials of Assistant Principal grade and higher and the Department of Foreign Affairs regarding the creation of a hybrid EU Residence Permit/Public Services Card, dated between 01 September 2017 and 16 July 2018. All internal correspondence involving Department officials of Assistant Principal grade and higher regarding the legal costs involving the existing PSC contract with regard to the production of a hybrid EU Residence Permit/Public Services Card, dated between 01 September 2017 and 16 July 2018.	Granted	09/08/2018
18/07/2018 11080	Member of Public	A copy of the contract or agreement between the Department and Seetec regarding the processing of personal data relating to data subjects, i.e. jobseekers, that is controlled by the Department, by Seetec.	Refused	13/08/2018
18/07/2018 11088	Journalist	All correspondence, both digital and hard copy, between Department officials and the entity then known as Biometric Card Services between 1 September 2017 and 28 February 2018.	Part Granted	10/08/2018

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19/07/2018 11093	Journalist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Copies of all correspondence to/from ministers in the Department and Facebook between January 1, 2018 and July 19, 2018.</li> <li>• Please include copies of any documents enclosed/attached to the above correspondence.</li> <li>• Copies of the minutes of any meetings between ministers and Facebook between January 1, 2018 and July 19, 2018.</li> </ul>	Part Granted	17/08/2018
23/07/2018 11108	Journalist	<p>All records concerning a proposal (not subsequently implemented) for claim certification via mobile phone using biometric and voice-recognition technologies as mentioned in the Service Delivery and BOMi Development Programmes document of November 27th, 2017.</p> <p>All records concerning the trial of such technologies, including details of how it was implemented, the third party providers or departments involved, details of the number of data subjects enrolled in the trial and the means by which they were so enrolled.</p> <p>Details of any review carried out of the trial and the reasons why it was not subsequently implemented.</p>	Part Granted	20/08/2018
24/07/2018 11121	Member of Public	<p>The vast majority of this request refers to the operation and Department supervision (including audit and quality assurance systems) of the Community Employment Scheme in Maynooth Co. Kildare as operated by Maynooth Community Employment Project Ltd ( CRO Registered Number: 338184).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please provide records to demonstrate that the Department were aware of the overspend, were aware that members of Maynooth Community Council were being asked to fundraise to support the scheme, the reasons for the overspend and that the overspend had been agreed and sanctioned by the Department.</li> <li>• Provide records to demonstrate that the Department were aware of the loan from Maynooth Community Council, the reasons for the loan and that the loan had been agreed and sanctioned by the Department.</li> <li>• Provide records of all Department audits of both the CE scheme in Maynooth and Maynooth Community Council Clg or Maynooth Community Employment Project.</li> <li>• Provide records relating to the fate of the long standing loan.</li> <li>• Provide records of minutes of meetings, correspondences, calls, conversations, emails and interviews with the former Treasurer and Director of MCC CLG., Mr. Sean Tracey during the course of your recent audit/review/investigation of the above Company.</li> </ul>	Refused	14/08/2018

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24/07/2018 11124	Member of Public	<p>The vast majority of this request refers to the operation and Department supervision (including audit and quality assurance systems) of the Community Employment Scheme in Maynooth Co. Kildare as operated by Maynooth Community Employment Project Ltd ( CRO Registered Number: 338184).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide records on how the rent deficit for Unit 5 Carton Shopping Centre is funded on a yearly basis since 2014.</li> <li>• Please provide the documentary evidence which enabled the Department to conclude that the income from Festivals and the Newsletter could be considered as co-funding streams for the scheme.</li> <li>• Please provide the records of the steps taken and the actions undertaken by the Department with regard to attached article which appeared in the Maynooth Newsletter. This article was brought to the attention of Named Department Official in December 2017 and she undertook to investigate this matter as part of a larger investigation she was undertaking at this time.</li> </ul>	Refused	14/08/2018
26/07/2018 11134	Member of Public	Any and all records held by your Department pertaining to the review and report on bogus self-employment including any drafts, submissions and final report commissioned by the Minister in 2015.	Granted	10/08/2018
26/07/2018 11135	Member of Public	<p>The request refers to the operation and Department supervision (including audit and quality assurance systems) of the Community Employment Scheme in Maynooth Co. Kildare as operated by Maynooth Community Employment Project Ltd ( CRO Registered Number: 338184). This group is currently in mediation with Maynooth Community Council and, among other things, the ownership of assets such as the Maynooth Newsletter and the ownership of certain bank accounts are in dispute.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide records of the interests, including insurable interests, that the Department has in Units 11 and 12 Carton Shopping Centre, Maynooth and provide copies of the public liability insurance cover that the Department provides for Units 11 and 12 Carton Shopping Centre, Maynooth, in addition to the insurance cover provided for Unit 5 Carton Shopping Centre, Maynooth.</li> <li>• Please provide the records of the steps taken and the actions undertaken by the Department with regard to the request from Maynooth Community Council Executive to the Directors of Maynooth Community Employment Project that they desist from signing a user agreement (for the use of the Community Space) in the name of Maynooth Community Council.</li> </ul>	Refused	14/08/2018
26/07/2018 11140	Journalist	Copies of all records relating to the decision to exclude media from part of the pre-budget forum and the subsequent reversal of that decision. This request to cover period 1 June 2018 to date of receipt of this request	Granted	22/08/2018

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26/07/2018 11141	Journalist	Copies of all records held relating to a decision by the Department to amend the Department's privacy policy which had been published online. This request to cover period 1 June to date of receipt of this request.	Part Granted	24/08/2018
27/07/2018 11144	Member of business/interest group	<p>Provide information on all meetings, documentation, decisions and systems in relation to the development of new Illness and Injury Benefit Claim Forms and associated computer programmes and e-certification systems. Also, details on how the newly developed systems, forms and computer programmes impact on individually contracted General Practitioners on the Department's panel of certifying physicians in terms of implementation, payments etc. Also include information on the costs of developing the new Forms, computer programmes and the business case for development, together with details of cost savings projected through implementation of the new systems.</p> <p>Include minutes and attendance records for any meetings held in relation to the development of new certification systems and forms, including but not limited to meetings between representatives of the Department and representatives of the Health Service Executive (HSE), Healthlink, the Irish Medical Organisation (IMO), National Association of General Practitioners (NAGP), Clanwilliam Health Ltd and associated companies, the Department of Health, Complete GP and the Office of the Data Protection Commissioner.</p> <p>Provide details on the policy and implementation plan for the communication of changes to the Illness and Injury Benefit scheme to contracted General Practitioners including the names of Department personnel in charge of the communication with GPs.</p>	Refused	29/08/2018

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30/07/2018 11156	Member of business/interest group	<p>The vast majority of this request refers to the operation and Department supervision (including audit and quality assurance systems) of the Community Employment Scheme in Maynooth Co. Kildare as operated by Maynooth Community Employment Project Ltd ( CRO Registered Number: 338184).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please provide the correspondences from public representatives and private individuals and organisations relating to the operation of Maynooth Community Council Clg (latterly Maynooth Community Employment Project) and its CE Scheme in Maynooth since January 2017.</li> <li>• Please provide copies of records, letters, notes, files, e-mails, diary entries, electronic documents internally within the Department in relation to the operation and management of the Community Employment Scheme in Maynooth from January 2017 to date.</li> <li>• Please provide records of all surpluses recouped or returned to the Department from or by Maynooth Community Council Clg (latterly Maynooth Community Employment Project) and its CE Scheme on foot of a recent review.</li> <li>• Please provide records of the documentary evidence which supported the Department's decision on the return or recouping of funds in 3 above</li> </ul>	Refused	14/08/2018
30/07/2018 11157	Journalist	<p>A spreadsheet or line-by-line breakdown of the following expenditure by the Department in 2017:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Catering Services/Supplies: 141,156.17</li> <li>- Music Royalty Payments 37,859.68</li> <li>- Bullying/Harrassment cases 106,163.89</li> </ul>	Granted	27/08/2018
31/07/2018 11166	Member of Public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please provide information on all meetings, documentation, decisions and systems in relation to the development of new Illness and Injury Benefit Claim Forms (IB1/previously MC1) and associated computer programmes and e-certification systems. Please also provide details on how the newly developed systems, forms and computer programmes impact on individually contracted General Practitioners on the Department's panel of certifying physicians in terms of implementation, payments etc. Please also include information on the costs of developing the new forms, computer programmes and the business case for development, together with details of cost savings projected through implementation of the new systems.</li> <li>• Please include in information provided minutes and attendance records for any meetings held in relation to the development of new certification systems and forms, including but not limited to meetings between representatives of the Department and representatives of the Health Service Executive (HSE), Healthlink, the Irish Medical Organisation (IMO), National Association of General Practitioners NAGP), Clanwilliam Health Ltd and associated companies, the Department of Health, Complete GP and the Office of the Data Protection Commissioner.</li> <li>• Please provide details on the policy and implementation plan for the communication of changes to the Illness and Injury Benefit scheme to contracted General Practitioners including the names of Department personnel in charge of the communication with GPs.</li> </ul>	Refused	29/08/2018

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30/07/2018 11194	Member of Public	Details of ongoing control measures	Part Granted	17/08/2018
03/08/2018 11195	Member of business/interest group	All representations and correspondences made regarding a possible derogation for the racing sector/ stable staff from implementation of Working Time legislation since 01 January 2018.	Granted	30/08/2018
07/08/2018 11204	Journalist	Seeking the following records, held by the Department, which related to certain audits completed by the Department's Internal Audit division: Internal Audit Report Number: 20/2012; Subject: Department Credit Cards; Date of completion: 19/04/2013. Internal Audit Report: 25/2015 (IS); Subject: Information Services Credit Card; Date of completion: 08/04/2016. Internal Audit Report Number: 08/2016; Subject: Salary Overpayments; Date of completion: 07/04/2017. Internal Audit Report Number: 09/2016; Subject: Travel and Subsistence (T&S) Claims; Date of completion: 09/12/2016. Internal Audit Report Number: 10/2017; Subject: Procurement; Date of completion: 04/10/2017. Internal Audit Report Number: 17/2017; Subject: Department Credit Cards; Date of completion: 04/10/2017.	Part Granted	15/08/2018
07/08/2018 11206	Member of business/interest group	Any and all documents, whether originally in paper or electronic format which relate to any guidance issued to the Department on the recruitment, selection and appointment of data protection officers.	Refused	04/09/2018
07/08/2018 11207	Member of business/interest group	Any and all documents, whether originally in paper or electronic format which relate to any guidance issued to the Department on the relationship between the Data Protection Officer role and the means by which the independence of the Data Protection Officer shall be given effect.	Refused	04/09/2018
07/08/2018 11216	Journalist	1) The appointments diary of the Minister from January 1, 2018 to June 31, 2018, inclusive. 2) The appointments diary of the Minister from January 01 2016 to December 31 2016 inclusive.	Granted	25/09/2018
14/08/2018 11246	Member of Public	A full list of sections and or parts of all legislation brought forward by the Department in each of the past 4 years to date in 2018 in tabular form that have yet to be commenced. I'm looking for legislation that has been signed into law.	Granted	03/09/2018
14/08/2018 11266	Member of Public	On the date of this letter (7th August), how many Department Panel number holders had submitted an illness certification using the new IB1 forms? How does this number compare to the total number of active Department panel number holders?	Refused	07/09/2018



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17/08/2018 11271	Journalist	Between January 1, 2018 and the date of this letter. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A record of all correspondence, letters, emails, briefing documents, meeting notes, reports, draft reports, memos and phone calls to and from the Minister's office in relation to and resulting from the following lobbying activity: <a href="https://www.lobbying.ie/return/27412/active-retirement-ireland">https://www.lobbying.ie/return/27412/active-retirement-ireland</a></li> <li>• A record of all correspondence, letters, emails, briefing documents, meeting notes, reports, draft reports, memos and phone calls to and from the Minister's office, the offices of the Ministers of State and the Secretary General's Office in relation to the status of the repayment of pension entitlements under the redress of the 2012 pension changes.</li> </ul>	Granted	28/09/2018
22/08/2018 11300	Member of Oireachtas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All correspondence (emails, letters, meetings, phone calls etc) between the Low Pay Commission and all other organisations and departments on the subject of the Commissions consultation process on tips and gratuities between the dates of 10/3/18 - 10/7/18.</li> <li>• Also seeking copy of the targeted list of various employee and employer representative bodies which the commission contacted on the 19th June on the subject of tipping.</li> </ul>	Refused	28/08/2018
22/08/2018 11306	Journalist	<p>All records and details held in the Department in relation to the cost of preparing and publishing the Department's annual reports.</p> <p>These to include, but not be limited to, the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The specific cost paid for the compilation and presentation of the official report of the Department for the most recent calendar year?</li> <li>• Copies of records relating to the costs of reports published for the past three consecutive years if applicable; 2017, 2016 and 2015?</li> <li>• Additional and separately the costs for the publication of the reports in Irish?</li> <li>• If the report was prepared out-of-house, who secured the contract for this project?</li> <li>• Was the contract tendered if yes to above?</li> <li>• Copies of records relating to any other costs associated with publications?</li> </ul>	Part Granted	19/09/2018
23/08/2018 11316	Member of Oireachtas	In tabular form a list of the local authorities that assess Carers Allowance as part of the carer's income	Refused	23/08/2018
24/08/2018 11332	Journalist	<p>A schedule of all internal audits commissioned by the Department in 2018 to date to include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the date of completion/expected date of completion</li> <li>• copies of related audit reports where they have been completed</li> <li>• correspondence to/from the Minister's Office in relation to any internal audit included on the schedule in record one.</li> </ul>	Part Granted	17/09/2018

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24/08/2018 11339	Journalist	Copies of all internal correspondence in relation to the establishment of a Total Contributions Approach pension scheme dated January 1 to date in 2018 - Copies of any memos, briefings, reports prepared in relation to same - Copies of minutes of meetings relating to same attended by the Minister <input type="checkbox"/>	Refused	05/10/2018
27/08/2018 11340	Member of Public	I am currently trying to understand the methodology for reduction in IQA where the dependent adult has a gross income between €100 and €310 where the spouse is being paid the contributory old age pension. Under Freedom of Information and Data Protection Act: 1) can you advise what would be the Contributory Pension Dependent allowance where the dependent has a weekly gross income of €240.00 and no other assets (apart from shared family home, no joint bank account) or income? 2) the calculation method used?	Refused	17/09/2018
28/08/2018 11354	Journalist	All records relating to the issuing of a tender for a social media monitoring service to include the original proposal for such a service and any background information as well as any data protection assessment.	Refused	11/09/2018
30/08/2018 11371	Member of Oireachtas	Any Data Impact Assessment for the provision of a Media Monitoring Service to the Minister as recently tendered: <a href="https://irl.eu-supply.com/app/rfq/publicpurchase_frameset.asp?PID=133838&amp;B=ETENDERS_SIMPLE&amp;PS=1&amp;PP=ctm/Supplier/publictenders">https://irl.eu-supply.com/app/rfq/publicpurchase_frameset.asp?PID=133838&amp;B=ETENDERS_SIMPLE&amp;PS=1&amp;PP=ctm/Supplier/publictenders</a>	Refused	13/09/2018
31/08/2018 11384	Journalist	Copies of any reports, recommendations, submissions, memoranda, correspondence or other records relating to the possibility of monitoring social media, as suggested in the following tender: <a href="https://irl.eu-supply.com/app/rfq/publicpurchase_frameset.asp?PID=133838&amp;B=ETENDERS_SIMPLE&amp;PS=1&amp;PP=ctm/Supplier/publictenders">https://irl.eu-supply.com/app/rfq/publicpurchase_frameset.asp?PID=133838&amp;B=ETENDERS_SIMPLE&amp;PS=1&amp;PP=ctm/Supplier/publictenders</a>	Refused	14/09/2018

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03/09/2018 11392	Member of business/interest group	<p>All records held by the Department from 1 September 2016 – present, relating to communications between the Department and any member of the Office of the Data Protection Commissioner (DPC), including the Data Protection Commissioner, Ms Helen Dixon, regarding the Public Service Identity Dataset, Standard Authentication Framework Environment, Public Services Card (PSC), and MyGovID, including but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The DPC’s investigation into the PSC;</li> <li>• The DPC’s draft interim report (Report) detailing its investigation into the PSC, as released to the Department last week; and</li> <li>• The DPC’s request that the Department provide a legal basis for the PSC.</li> </ul> <p>I further request, from 1 August, 2018 – present, records of all Department discussions, decisions, and research regarding the findings within the Report, including all Department discussions regarding the legal basis and/or legal grounds and/or legal cover and/or domestic statutory frameworks and/or European laws and/or human rights norms relating the PSC.</p> <p>I further request the Report itself, received by the Department on or around Tuesday 28 August 2018.</p>	Part Granted	08/10/2018
04/09/2018 11410	Journalist	<p>According to the Lobbying Register, Slane Castle Irish Whisky sent a letter to Minister Regina Doherty in relation to the Public Health Alcohol Bill. The letter was requesting support (1) for a specific amendment to Sec. 14 of the bill to exempt signage inviting or directing visitors to distillery visitor centres from the section’s advertising restrictions and (2) for changes to the mandatory health warnings.</p>	Granted	03/10/2018
06/09/2018 11423	Journalist	<p>All correspondence from July 30th 2018 to September 6th 2018 between Niall Harrington (a Principal Officer in the Department at the time) and another named official and relevant line managers regarding the introduction of new Illness Benefit forms.</p> <p>All correspondence between the offices of the Secretary General and relevant line managers on the issue during the period July 30th 2018 to September 6th 2018.</p> <p>All correspondence between Department officials and officials of or the office of the Minister Regina Doherty on the issue of the new medical certificates. To include briefing material and any information relayed to advisors or other staff within the Ministers Officer.</p>	Part Granted	31/10/2018
06/09/2018 11425	Journalist	<p>Records held relating to the issue of staff receiving abusive calls because of failure by GPs to use new forms relating to Illness Benefit payment. This request to cover period 1 July 2018 to date of receipt of this request.</p>	Refused	02/10/2018

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07/09/2018 11426	Journalist	Records held relating to the Department's proposal to monitor social media for a list of keywords. This part of the request to cover the period 1 July 2018 to date of receipt of this request. Copies of any list of suggested keywords that would be used in the Department's social media monitoring plan.	Refused	21/09/2018
11/09/2018 11457	Journalist	All records relating to the Department's investigation/audit carried out during the period 2010 to 2012, into excessive claims for meal subventions made by St. Nathy's College in Ballaghaderreen, Co. Roscommon and Scoil Mhuire agus Padraig in Swinford, Co. Mayo.	Part Granted	08/10/2018
12/09/2018 11465	Member of Public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Operational Guidelines dated 25/06/2018 for Back to Education Allowance Scheme including Appendix 3 referred to in section 7.3.</li> <li>• Guidelines and interpretations issued by the Department to meet its legal requirements under Freedom of Information Act 1997 Section 16 (1) (a)(b) for the terms ' National Framework of Qualifications', and ' QQI ' and 'Level 5 or 6' and 'Professional Qualification' as referred to in Operational Guidelines for Back to Education Allowance Scheme or as used in the Operation of the Scheme.</li> </ul>	Part Granted	09/10/2018
13/09/2018 11466	Journalist	Correspondence and replies between Minister Regina Doherty and the Secretary General between 1 June 2018 – 12 September 2018. To include written and electronic correspondence including from personal email addresses.	Refused	11/10/2018
13/09/2018 11469	Journalist	Correspondence with Minister of State Paul Kehoe in relation to the Employment ( Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2017 during 2018, specifically the records referred to in the following lobbying return: <a href="https://www.lobbying.ie/return/30952/wexford-chamber-of-industry--commerce">https://www.lobbying.ie/return/30952/wexford-chamber-of-industry--commerce</a>	Granted	19/09/2018
19/09/2018 11489	Journalist	Mminutes of the meeting between Minister Doherty and Northern Trust that occurred in 2018. Details of the meeting are outlined in the following lobbying return: <a href="https://www.lobbying.ie/return/31076/nothern-trust-management-services-ireland-limited">https://www.lobbying.ie/return/31076/nothern-trust-management-services-ireland-limited</a>	Refused	17/10/2018
24/09/2018 11513	Journalist	Briefing notes prepared for the Minister by John O'Toole, (a Principal Officer in the Department), between 4th July 2018 - 23rd September, 2018 which relate to the Public Services Card. A copy of the minutes of the Data Management Programme Board meeting on July 24th 2018.	Part Granted	22/10/2018
24/09/2018 11523	Member of Public	Documentation in relation to the National Internship Scheme (which would become known as JobBridge), prepared for or considered by the Minister, Senior Officials Group, Cabinet Committee, or Cabinet meetings held between 01 January 2010 and 01 July 2011 including any briefings/memos/reports/ correspondence or other documentation prepared for each meeting or arising out of the meeting. Also any correspondence between the Department and IBEC/ISME and ICTU relating to the National Internship Scheme (known as JobBridge) between 01 January 2010 and 01 July 2011.	Part Granted	17/10/2018

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26/09/2018 11533	Journalist	Minutes / correspondence / briefings / memos relating to the meeting between Minister Doherty and the American Chamber of Commerce. Details of the meeting are included in the following lobbying return: <a href="https://www.lobbying.ie/return/32253/american-chamber-of-commerce-ireland">https://www.lobbying.ie/return/32253/american-chamber-of-commerce-ireland</a>	Refused	01/11/2018
26/09/2018 11535	Member of Public	Ccorrespondence to and from Minister Regina Doherty regarding all aspects of how to conduct her speech responding to the motion of no confidence in Minister Eoghan Murphy tabled in the Dáil on the 25th of September 2018, including such any correspondence sent to or from her private email.	Refused	24/10/2018
01/10/2018 11561	Journalist	Reports, briefings, submissions, memoranda or other such review documents relating to ongoing problem of overpayments in the farm assist payment scheme (as identified in C&AG report). This request is to cover period 1 January 2017 to date of receipt of this request.	Part Granted	06/11/2018
02/10/2018 11580	Member of Public	The legislation that allows for a claimant's Jobseekers to be reduced or sanctioned	Part Granted	10/10/2018
03/10/2018 11583	Journalist	Minutes / memos / briefings / correspondence relating to the 2018 meeting between the American Chamber of Commerce and Minister Doherty concerning the Employment (Misc Provisions) Bill 2017. Details of the meeting are included in the following lobbying return: <a href="https://www.lobbying.ie/return/33387/american-chamber-of-commerce-ireland">https://www.lobbying.ie/return/33387/american-chamber-of-commerce-ireland</a>	Granted	30/10/2018
11/10/2018 11638	Member of business/interest group	1. Cá mhéad airgid atá caite ag An Roinn Gnóthaí Fostaíochta agus Coimirce Sóisialaí ar sheirbhísí trí Ghaeilge agus thionscadail, deontáisi, imeachtaí nó eile atá bainte leis an nGaeilge le ceithre bhliain anuas? 2. Briseadh síos ar na costais seo don tréimhse ceánna de réir bliana. 3. Cén céatadán é seo den chaiteachas iomlán don tréimhse seo de réir bliana?	Granted	08/11/2018
16/10/2018 11666	Journalist	Transcripts of any complaints received by the Department regarding the non-payment of Children's Benefit since October 1. Transcripts of any relevant internal correspondence about same	Refused	05/11/2018
16/10/2018 11669	Journalist	From 1 January 2018 to 01 October 2018, all records relating to meetings and correspondence between American Chamber of Commerce representatives and the Minister & Department officials relating to Part 7 proposed legislation (designation of self-employed) including the meeting registered in this return: <a href="https://www.lobbying.ie/return/33387/american-chamber-of-commerce-ireland">https://www.lobbying.ie/return/33387/american-chamber-of-commerce-ireland</a>	Granted	31/10/2018
11/10/2018 11670	Member of Public	The "Contract" that is in place between the Department and the Private Company Turas Nua.	Refused	26/10/2018
22/10/2018 11716	Member of business/interest group	The number of SEETEC clients in Co. Louth placed in jobs or in further education/CE Schemes/TUS programmes in the year 2017. The number of clients they had on their books in the same year.	Part Granted	05/11/2018

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22/10/2018 11717	Journalist	Reports by the Department's Internal Audit Section arising from visits to the following schools: Report No. 1 Magh Ene College Bundoran Report No. 2 Sacred Heart Westport Report No. 3 St Mary's Secondary School Ballina Report No. 5 Falcarragh Pobalscoil Report No. 6 Derrybeg Pobalscoil Report No. 7 Glenties St Columba's Report No. 8 Loreto Milford Report No. 10 Clochan Gairmscoil Report No. 11 St Muredachs Ballina	Part Granted	20/11/2018
24/10/2018 11741	Member of business/interest group	Details of training in child benefit rules surrounding habitual residence provided by your Department to Intreo and Citizens Information staff in Galway city. Statistical information surrounding dates, staff attendance, total percentage attendance etc is required rather than personal information surrounding the attendees . The dates the information is required from is 01-January-14 until 01-August-15	Refused	02/11/2018
25/10/2018 11743	Member of Public	The Department's policy relating to situations in which inaccurate or false information is provided to the Department by Jobpath Service Providers	Part Granted	21/11/2018
26/10/2018 11751	Member of business/interest group	Details of payments made under the Treatment Benefit Scheme to all Opticians participating in the scheme, for the years 2014 to 2018.	Granted	08/11/2018
25/10/2018 11752	Journalist	Records regarding the number of people who lost their free travel entitlement between 1 January 2017 and 31 December 2017. The reasons why these people lost their free travel entitlement and how many people had an entitlement to free travel in 2017.	Granted	14/11/2018
25/10/2018 11754	Journalist	Records regarding claims and complaints (such as, but not limited to, incidents, accidents, threats and assaults) made to members of staff of the Department by members of the public between 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2017. Please exclude personal information and please include details of the reporting procedure in place.	Granted	28/11/2018
30/10/2018 11766	Member of Public	Records held by the Department relating to the statutory redundancy employer rebate amounts paid to Eircom Ltd or Eircom PLC and the number of employees for which these payments relate to, in particular to years 2011, 2012 , 2013 and 2014.	Granted	23/11/2018
31/10/2018 11777	Member of business/interest group	Details regarding the amount received by the Department in respect of recoverable benefits since the coming into effect of the Social Welfare Pensions Act 2013.	Granted	14/11/2018

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05/11/2018 11818	Member of business/interest group	Any details of any payments, contracts, or other business arrangements by, or on behalf of the Department, with the following telecoms companies whether related to use of the Metropolitan Area Networks (MANs) or otherwise, for the past five years (2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018) in relation to the following companies: eNet enasc éireann teoranta Enet Telecommunications Airspeed where there were related meetings on such payments, fees, monies, contacts or other business arrangements, please can you provide the following records if they exist: agendas, attendees, minutes, briefing notes, details on alternative bidders, correspondence setting up and following up on the meeting, and any post tender audits or related documentation on performance of the tenders. This should include, agents, intermediaries or other persons acting on behalf of eNet, its subsidiaries or parent company	Refused	20/11/2018
05/11/2018 11820	Journalist	Regarding <a href="https://www.lobbying.ie/return/33387/american-chamber-of-commerce-ireland">https://www.lobbying.ie/return/33387/american-chamber-of-commerce-ireland</a> • I request all email and written correspondence in relation to the meeting between American Chamber of Commerce Ireland and Minister Regina Doherty • Meeting notes prepared for Minister Doherty and minutes taken at the meeting.	Granted	14/11/2018
05/11/2018 11828	Journalist	Copies of the invoices/receipts associated with the following transactions along with an information note on what each of these lines of expenditure related to. For reference, each of these relate to expenditure in 2017 and are listed in FOI-2018-11157: Knights Catering €6,810.89 Brambles Deli Cafe Ltd €6,744.38 The Landmark Hotel €5,196.50 Brambles Deli Cafe Ltd €4,700.63 Arena Hospitality TA Egan Hospitality Ltd €3,924.00 JMW Catering €3,163.18 JMW Catering €3,099.96 JMW Catering €2,977.88 Ashling Hotel, €2,286.25 JMW Catering €2,255.76	Part Granted	22/11/2018

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06/11/2018 11839	Journalist	Correspondence between Department officials of rank Assistant Principal and higher and Mercer Ireland regarding an auto-enrolment pension scheme since the beginning of this year.	Part Granted	03/12/2018
08/11/2018 11854	Journalist	Transcripts of any complaints made to the Department by members of the public regarding Social Welfare Inspectors in the Dublic area from 1st June 2018 to 31st October 2018	Part Granted	10/12/2018
09/11/2018 11865	Member of Public	The amount of child benefits received by the families of ex-prisoners during their time in prison and the amount received in the time after release if it differs	Granted	21/11/2018
13/11/2018 11875	Journalist	Records relating to the decision by the Department to allow birth certificates to use the word "parent" as well as the standard use of either "mother" or "father". This request is to cover period 1 June 2018 to date of receipt of this request.	Refused	03/12/2018
13/11/2018 11876	Journalist	Reports/briefings/submissions/memos prepared or sent to Minister Doherty's office (or the Minister herself) regarding delays in payment of Illness Benefits between 1st July 2018 to 13th November 2018	Part Granted	17/12/2018
13/11/2018 11881	Journalist	Any correspondence regarding a software change relating to the payment of Illness Benefit within the Department concerning medical unions (specifically the IMO, INMO, ICGP and NAGP) since August 1, as well as any correspondence to and from the aforementioned unions regarding the same since the same date.	Refused	20/12/2018
13/11/2018 11882	Journalist	The number of complaints submitted by the Department under 'comments and complaints' regarding the non-payment of Illness Benefit since August 1.	Granted	06/12/2018
09/11/2018 11885	Member of business/interest group	The amount of rent supplement ex-prisoners receive from their Social Welfare Officer or the Department, and how long it takes the ex-prisoners or their families to receive this supplement once released from prison.	Refused	21/11/2018
15/11/2018 11903	Member of business/interest group	Policy documentation in relation to the Skills Development and Internship Programme, prepared for or considered by the Minister, Senior Officials Group, Cabinet Committee, or Cabinet meetings held between November 2010 and 01 July 2011 including briefings/memos/reports/correspondence or other documentation prepared for each meeting or arising out of the meeting. Any correspondence between the Department and IBEC / ISME and ICTU relating to the National Internship Scheme (known as JobBridge) between 01 July 2011 and July 2012.	Part Granted	10/12/2018
16/11/2018 11908	Journalist	Copies of the audits conducted in 2017 by the Data Protection Commissioner on the following organisations/bodies: Turas Nua (JobPath) Seetec (JobPath)	Refused	06/12/2018



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22/11/2018 11944	Journalist	The following information for the years 2015 to 2018 inclusive: a) The number of attempts made to access websites categorised as pornography from Department computers or other devices on a month by month basis b) A breakdown of these figures by Department c) A list of which teams, if any, have legitimate reasons for accessing, investigating or categorising pornographic websites d) The number of above access requests that were from teams with this legitimate reason for access e) An indication of how many appear to be purposeful requests, how many appear to innocent (embedded links and cookies etc), and how many are unclear. f) An outline of what action is being taken to improve the situation. g) The number of attempts that have been investigated and any management action taken	Granted	14/12/2018
26/11/2018 11953	Journalist	Correspondence between the Minister (and her private office) and the public relations firm Performance Matters and/or its employees in the period 1 January 2017 to current date	Refused	24/12/2018
26/11/2018 11954	Journalist	Minutes, memoranda, correspondence (both electronic and other), and records held by the Department concerning a meeting between Sven Spollen-Behrens of SFA and the Minister on a date between 1 September 2018 and 23 November 2018 with regard to the potential cost and administration burden of auto-enrolment. All minutes, memoranda, correspondence (both electronic and other), and records held by the Department concerning a meeting between Sven Spollen-Behrens of SFA and the Minister on a date between 1 September 2018 and 23 November 2018 with regard to the SFA's concerns over the Employment (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2017.	Refused	24/12/2018
30/11/2018 12002	Member of Public	The number of social welfare payments made in each post office in Dublin for each month in the years 2017 and to-date in 2018 in tabular form.	Refused	24/12/2018
03/12/2018 12010	Journalist	All briefing material prepared for the Department's Secretary General John McKeon for his appearance before the Dail's Public Accounts Committee last Thursday (November 29)	Part Granted	17/12/2018
30/11/2018 12012	Member of business/interest group	Circulars, guidance notes or instructions issued to local social welfare offices relating to the administration or payment of supports to asylum seekers in direct provision including but not limited to : Exceptional needs payments, clothing allowance, transport payments, nappy payments, Direct Provision Allowance and Back to School Allowance.	Granted	20/12/2018
03/12/2018 12019	Member of business/interest group	Records from the period 2008 - 2014 pertaining to the policy decision to reduce and extend the lower rate(s) of Jobseeker's Allowance for young unemployed persons under the age of 26.	Part Granted	02/01/2019

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05/12/2018 12037	Member of business/interest group	Further to the recent RTE Investigates programme in relation to the School Meals Local Projects Scheme, we request a copy of all information provided to RTE in relation to this matter. We also request the name of the whistle-blower who was mentioned in the RTE Investigates programme as having provided information to the Department in relation to the School Meals Local Project Scheme. Also request a copy of whistle-blowers letter/complaint.	Part Granted	20/12/2018
06/12/2018 12043	Journalist	All internal audit reports carried out by or for the Department since June 1st 2018 to date.	Part Granted	08/01/2019
06/12/2018 12044	Member of business/interest group	Copy of 2 tender responses to the tender competition: "Tender for the provision of Employment Servies "Jobpath". The two Submissions I require are: • Turas Nua Ltd - who were awarded Lot 6 - combined areas 1 & 4 and • Seetec Business Technology Centre Ireland - who were awarded Lot 6 - combined areas 2&3	Refused	04/01/2019
<p>*On 2 January 2018, three FOI requests were received from the same requester relating to emails sent or received by Mr Richard Shine who was a Principal Officer in the Department at the time, relating to the PSC and the Single Customer View Database created between 1 September and 31 December and all documents created or circulated by or to Mr Richard Shine relating to the PSC created between 1st May and 31st July 2017 . These three requests attracted search and retrieval fees under the Act.</p> <p>In January and February 2018, the Department subsequently received 210 FOI requests from 72 individuals breaking down the original requests into single days.</p> <p>All these requests were refused under Section 15(1)(g) of the Act. With the exception of the 3 original requests [Ref. 9559 , 9560 &amp; 9561], these requests are not shown in this Log.</p>				