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Date of Request	Category of Requester	Request	Decision Made	Date of Reply
02/01/2019 12144	Journalist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A list of all the overseas trips taken by the Minister for official Department engagements in 2017 and 2018.</li> <li>• A list of the costs associated with the Minister – and/or any departmental staff that accompanied the Minister on the trip; i.e. flights, accommodation, transfers, etc.</li> <li>• A copy of all the expenses claimed by the Minister – or other departmental staff - associated with overseas travel for official Department engagements in 2017 and 2018. If possible please include a brief description of the purpose for the trip.</li> </ul>	Granted	19/02/2019
02/01/2019 12146	Journalist	<p>All records associated with this entry in the lobbying database:  <a href="https://www.lobbying.ie/return/33685/lahiffe--associates">https://www.lobbying.ie/return/33685/lahiffe--associates</a> (matters pertaining to the IORP II Directive on pensions)</p>	Granted	29/01/2019
03/01/2019 12147	Journalist	The amount spent by the Department in 2017 and 2018 on bottled water.	Granted	31/01/2019
03/01/2019 12153	Member of the public	<p>Copies of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•The Department's Records Management Policy.</li> <li>•Any guidelines, procedures or manuals compiled as part of the Department's Records Management programme, including File Plans and Records Retention/ Disposal Schedules.</li> <li>•The minutes of meetings held during 2018 by any records management committee, steering group or similar body operating within the Department.</li> </ul>	Granted	31/01/2019
07/01/2019 12157	Journalist	<p>All correspondence sent and received by the Department in relation to the commencement of Part 2 or Part 3 of the Children and Family Relationships Act. Dates - 1 January 2018 - 6 January 2019.</p> <p>All minutes of meetings, ministerial briefings and other briefing documents relating to the commencement of Part 2 or Part 3 of the Children and Family Relationships Act. Dates - 1 January 2018 - 6 January 2019.</p>	Part Granted	01/02/2019

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08/01/2019 12169	Customer	Records about the Constant Attendance Allowance under the Occupational Injuries Benefit Scheme for years 2014 to 2018. To include <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• numbers of persons in receipt of CAA, and their level of disablement.</li> <li>• the number of successful applicants for CAA, and their level of disablement.</li> </ul>	Part Granted	04/02/2019
15/01/2019 12205	Journalist	All emails, internal notes and minutes of meetings with Named Person about his proposals for football in Ireland.	Refused	11/02/2019
15/01/2019 12210	Member of Oireachtas	The report carried out by the Data Protection Commissioner into the Public Services Card.	Refused	12/02/2019
16/01/2019 12220	Member of Oireachtas	All correspondence between Client Identity Services Section of the Department and the Data Protection Commission in relation to the Public Services Card from June 2018 to the present.	Part Granted	13/02/2019
16/01/2019 12221	Member of Oireachtas	All correspondence between the Office of the Secretary General, and the Data Protection Commission in relation to the Public Services Card from June 2018 to the present.	Refused	13/02/2019
17/01/2019 12222	Journalist	1. All complaints made to the Department regarding the JobPath programme 2. Internal reviews/audits of the JobPath programme since the programme was initiated	Refused	28/03/2019
17/01/2019 12223	Journalist	Copies of all correspondence between the Department and the bodies Seetac and Turas Nua, in relation to the JobPath scheme from January 2016 to date.	Refused	14/02/2019
17/01/2019 12224	Journalist	All correspondence to and from the Minister in relation to the operation of the JobPath scheme	Refused	25/02/2019
17/01/2019 12225	Journalist	All internal Departmental correspondence in relation to the JobPath scheme from January 2016 to date.	Refused	14/02/2019
15/01/2019 12244	Customer	All processes, procedures, forms and guidelines followed by the Department in assessing whether a selected person has engaged or failed to engage or participate or failed to participate, in a mandatory programme. Documents issued or updated from 20 February 2017 to date.	Granted	30/01/2019

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21/01/2019 12253	Journalist	The number of suspected social welfare fraud cases investigated in Co Longford from Jan 2016 - Jan 2019 inclusive. The number of alleged claims of suspected social welfare fraud received and investigated in Co Longford with breakdown on types of cases investigated.	Part Granted	18/02/2019
21/01/2019 12254	Journalist	How many of the suspected social welfare fraud cases investigated in Co Longford from Jan 2016 - Jan 2019 inclusive have been referred on for possible prosecution and how many are still in the courts system.	Refused	14/02/2019
21/01/2019 12255	Journalist	The amount of overpayment and assistance on individual cases/claimant error and overpayment of Child Benefit and State Pension in Co Longford from January 2016 to January 2019 inclusive. How much in relation to above has been recouped and how much is left outstanding?	Refused	15/02/2019
21/01/2019 12260	Journalist	Details regarding expenses incurred by the Minister's visit abroad last year for St Patrick's Day, specifically <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The cost of travel and accommodation for the Minister</li> <li>• The cost of travel and accommodation for any advisers or other staff</li> <li>• The cost of any gifts (including shamrock) incurred by the Department for the trip.</li> </ul> Details regarding the same expenses incurred by the Junior Minister, associated staff and money spent on gifts to the above request.	Granted	18/02/2019
22/01/2019 12265	Journalist	All correspondence between the Department from Visa Ireland, or Hume Brophy acting on behalf of Visa Ireland, since 1 August 2018. Minutes of a meeting between a representative acting on behalf of Visa Ireland with Assistant Secretary Deirdre Shanley that took place on a date between 1 Sept 2018 and 31 Dec 2018.	Part Granted	25/02/2019

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21/01/2019 12270	Journalist	Any briefing material prepared for/to Minister Doherty since 1 December 2018 relating to (a) bogus self-employment and (b) strike action and pay issues in nursing. Copies of any records held relating to Minister Doherty's appearance on RTÉ where she discussed bogus self-employment. Include relevant records held in private emails or on messaging services.	Granted	18/02/2019
21/01/2019 12271	Journalist	Records relating to Minister Doherty's appearance on the Week in Politics where she discussed pay issues and proposed strike by INMO members. Include relevant records held in private emails or on messaging services.	Granted	18/02/2019
24/01/2019 12291	Member of the public	Impact assessment report on the implementation of the Directive by the Department regarding IORP II Implementation	Refused	20/02/2019
25/01/2019 12297	Journalist	A list of all companies who have received JobPath placements - In tabular, machine readable format (preferably excel) - To include how many times individual companies have used the scheme, and roles filled.	Refused	07/02/2019
25/01/2019 12306	Member of business/interest group	All guidelines by the Department for dealing with vulnerable persons.	Granted	27/02/2019
25/01/2019 12308	Member of the public	All correspondence with the Attorney General and advice sought from the Attorney General in relation to the legislative means available to the Department in the transposition of the Directive. (2016/2341 IORP II)	Refused	15/03/2019
25/01/2019 12309	Journalist	Details of expenditure by all Ministers and Ministers of State at the Department under the vouched Ministerial allowance scheme from 1 January 2018 to 1 January 2019.	Refused	13/02/2019
28/01/2019 12310	Member of the public	Any comparative documentation and industry information in respect of Ireland's pension industry and that of other EU Member States used in the determination of the implementation of the IORP II Directive.	Refused	15/03/2019

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28/01/2019 12311	Member of business/interest group	All internal and external records relating to discussion or consideration in relation to the potential use or not of a derogation in relation to one person/ small schemes in the transposition of the IORP II Directive.	Part Granted	25/03/2019
28/01/2019 12312	Member of the public	All internal and external records relating to any communication between the Department and pension sector representatives and other external parties in relation to the derogation. (2016/2341 IORP II)	Part Granted	25/03/2019
28/01/2019 12313	Member of the public	All internal and external records relating to the Department's conclusion that to exclude small schemes from the provisions of the Directive would be contrary to the policy of enhancing standards for consumers. (2016/2341 IORP II)	Part Granted	25/03/2019
28/01/2019 12315	Member of the public	Any and all documentation relating to any parties and industry sectors which have lobbied or corresponded with the Department in respect of the implementation process of IORP II Directive.	Part Granted	25/03/2019
28/01/2019 12316	Member of the public	Any documentation relating to Consultation notices issued in respect of the implementation of the IORP II Directive.	Refused	15/03/2019
22/01/2019 12321	Member of the public	All records from the period 2008 - 2014 pertaining to the policy decision to reduce and extend the lower rate(s) of Jobseekers's Allowance for young unemployed persons under the age of 26.	Part Granted	15/03/2019
29/01/2019 12322	Member of the public	Any lobbying documentation (statistical and other) received in respect of the implementation of the IORP Directive.	Part Granted	27/03/2019
29/01/2019 12329	Journalist	All electronic correspondence including email, texts, WhatsApp messages and any other form of electronic communications between Ministers in the Department and the Secretary General of the Department from 1 December 2018 to the present.	Refused	13/02/2019
30/01/2019 12332	Member of the public	An electronic copy of all correspondence and notes of meetings in 2017 between the Department and the Department of Finance regarding the use of PPSN numbers in relation to the Central Credit Register.	Granted	21/02/2019

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30/01/2019 12340	Member of business/interest group	Request for all records relating to the recent replacement of the Department's Data Protection Officer (DPO). This includes, but is not limited to records relating to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The reason for the replacement of the prior DPO;</li> <li>• The job description for the DPO role;</li> <li>• The steps taken to advertise or recruit for the DPO role, including details of any internal or external competition;</li> <li>• The criteria for the appointment of the DPO;</li> <li>• The qualifications of the new DPO;</li> <li>• Any guidance or training given to the DPO;</li> <li>• The steps taken to ensure that the DPO does not have any conflict of interest;</li> <li>• The staff/resources/budget given to the DPO</li> </ul>	Granted	26/03/2019
01/02/2019 12356	Journalist	All correspondence, briefing documents, draft briefing documents, memos meeting notes and other records associated with the following lobbying activity and meetings: <a href="https://www.lobbying.ie/return/34559/hume-brophy">https://www.lobbying.ie/return/34559/hume-brophy</a> (Dated between 1 September 2018 and the date of this request).	Part Granted	22/02/2019
04/02/2019 12359	Journalist	A list of all payments issued to people for accommodation in 2018 by the homeless persons unit in Cork, including the name of the accommodation providers and the cost of accommodation. The number of people who used the homeless persons unit to source accommodation in 2018.	Refused	15/02/2019
05/02/2019 12380	Member of the public	All responses to the Association of Pensioner Trustees of Ireland (APTI), Irish Association of Pension Funds (IAPF), IIPM, LIA and any other industry participants, regarding their concerns on the impact of the transposition of IORP II on the Irish pension market.	Part Granted	02/04/2019

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05/02/2019 12386	Journalist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The total number of requests the Department has received to review the outcomes of complaints about the JobPath Service from 2017 to 5 February 2019;</li> <li>• The total number of complaints the Department has received about Seetec and Turas Nua from 2017 to 05 February 2019.</li> </ul>	Granted	12/02/2019
07/02/2019 12391	Member of business/interest group	All records between 1 September 2018 and 9.55am on 7 February 2019 in electronic or paper format of any communications between Michelle O'Donnell, Tim Duggan, Kathleen Stack, Philip Cox, John O'Toole , Joan McMahon and the Secretary General of the Department regarding the ongoing Public Services Card investigation by the Data Protection Commission (the DPC). For clarity, this request does not seek copies of any communications from the Department to the Data Protection Commission but does cover internal communications with the department which included information referencing or quoting communication from the DPC.	Refused	17/04/2019
07/02/2019 12399	Member of the public	Any letters, memos communications, file notes etc relating to the Department's perspective on the IORP II Directive and their communications with EU institutions and personnel on same.	Refused	03/04/2019

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07/02/2019 12407	Member of business/interest groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIAs) Screening and full RIAs in respect of the Implementation of the IORP II Directive</li> <li>• Copies of the Impact Assessment carried out by the European Council / European Parliament used in completing the above RIAs.</li> <li>• Copies of all drafts and accompanying information note(s) provided to both Houses of the Member of Oireachtas under the terms of the EU Scrutiny Act 2002.</li> <li>• Copies of all documentation issued to the European Scrutiny Sub-committee for consideration.</li> <li>• Details of all documentation issued to any Sectoral Committee for consideration.</li> <li>• The name(s) of the EU Co-ordinator(s) in the DEASP and Lead office in respect of the implementation of the IORP II Directive.</li> <li>• The name(s) of the individuals in the Department of Taoiseach / Business, Enterprise &amp; Innovation / Foreign Affairs / any other Departments involved in the transposition / implementation process.</li> <li>• Copies of all documentation issued to Department of Taoiseach / Business, Enterprise &amp; Innovation / Foreign Affairs / any other Departments involved in the transposition / implementation process.</li> <li>• Copies of all documentation issued to EU Commission involved in the transposition / implementation process.</li> <li>• Copies of any Early Warning documentation issued on an interdepartmental basis</li> </ul>	Part Granted	04/04/2019
12/02/2019 12433	Member of the public	How much was removed in entirety from the Department in 2018 for Free TV Licences. Similarly, I'd like to know what was removed for the month of January 2019.	Granted	27/02/2019



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18/02/2019 12467	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>	Granted	15/03/2019
18/02/2019 12468	Journalist	Reports, memos, submissions, briefings, or other such documents prepared for Minister Doherty or the Secretary General relating to the operation or possible wind-down of JobPath or Seetec. This request to cover the period from 1 January 2018 to date of receipt of this request.	Part Granted	19/03/2019
19/02/2019 12476	Journalist	All correspondence (both electronic and other) and records held by the Department regarding communications between Department officials of level Assistant Principal and higher and the Office of the Data Protection Commissioner concerning the latter's investigation into the Public Services Card, dated from 1 October 2018 to date.	Part Granted	15/03/2019
20/02/2019 12492	Member of the public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A copy of the research referred to in the piece by Named Person ("Public Services Card 'should be accepted as ID by private firms'") published on 18 February 2019 by the Irish Independent as well as any associated publicity material, press releases or press briefing material.</li> <li>• The questions asked in this research, the name of the research company which carried out the research, the criteria by which research participants were selected, the dates on which the research was carried out and the sample size.</li> <li>• Copies of any communications to and from media organisations and journalists about this research.</li> <li>• Copies of all records relating to queries generated on social media and media queries about this research.</li> </ul>	Part Granted	21/03/2019

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22/02/2019 12509	Member of business/interest groups	All records since February 2018 (briefing notes, meeting records, lobbying records, research papers, minutes etc.) relating to arrangements made with the British government to administer between Ireland and the UK post-Brexit.	Part Granted	25/03/2019
25/02/2019 12510	Member of business/interest groups	A copy of any and all email correspondence between the Principal Officer of CIS section of the Department and Ms. Joan McMahon containing the text strings "PSC" and/or "Public Services Card" and/or "DPO" and/or "DPC" between from 15 December 2018 to 25 January 2019.	Refused	26/03/2019
25/02/2019 12511	Journalist	All records relating to the issuing of a tender for a social media monitoring service to include the original proposal/business case for such a service and any background information as well as any data protection assessment.	Part Granted	26/03/2019
25/02/2019 12517	Journalist	A list of all submissions made to the Minister or Ministers of State using the e-submissions system (or whatever relevant/similar system is in place at your Department) in the period 1 December 2018 to date. This request is to include the date of the submission and its title.	Refused	07/03/2019
12/02/2019 12519	Journalist	All electronic correspondence including email, texts, WhatsApp messages between Ministers in the Department and the Secretary General of the Department between the period 1 December 2018 and the present day.	Part Granted	12/03/2019
25/02/2019 12520	Journalist	All internal and external correspondence between the relevant Principal Officer for the JobPath scheme and the contract managers for the scheme in relation to the performance of Turas Nua and Seetec and targets for the scheme.	Granted	07/03/2019
27/02/2019 12543	Member of business/interest groups	Copy of all the template forms for managing Subject Access Requests under the Data Protection Acts held by the Department.	Granted	27/03/2019

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Date of Request	Category of Requester	Request	Decision Made	Date of Reply
27/02/2019 12544	Member of Oireachtas	All correspondence, minutes of meetings, records and documents held by the Department in relation to the public services card customer experience survey conducted by W5, between September 2018 and the present, including the content of the letter that was sent to everyone selected to take part in the survey inviting them to take part, and also the full list and order of questions asked as part of the survey.	Part Granted	28/03/2019
28/02/2019 12545	Member of the public	<p>All relevant information regarding any welfare support available to employees who terminate their own employment under “Constructive Dismissal”.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All correspondence and information made in regards to this form of dismissal in regards to welfare options available.</li> <li>• All information in relation to the time period allocated for an employee to claim unemployment benefit within the period an “unfair dismissal” claim is being brought forward by the employee.</li> <li>• What are the specific grounds the employer may present, that an employee terminating their employment under constructive dismissal could make that would revoke any chance of claiming unemployment benefit? (if any)</li> </ul>	Granted	13/03/2019
04/03/2019 12566	Journalist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All correspondence (both electronic and other) and records held by the Department concerning communications between Department officials of level Assistant Principal and higher and representatives of W5 in relation to a public sentiment survey conducted by the latter regarding the Public Services Card, dated between 1 September 2018 and the present date.</li> <li>• The minutes of all meetings between representatives of the Department and representatives of W5 between September 1 2018 and the current date.</li> </ul>	Part Granted	28/03/2019
01/03/2019 12567	Member of the public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Documents related to pension schemes for Community Employment supervisors and managers from 2000 - 2008.</li> <li>• Pay scale documentation (inclusive of pay increases with and without external courses) of Community Employment scheme supervisors and managers pre-2008</li> </ul>	Refused	13/03/2019

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07/03/2019 12594	Journalist	All correspondence, including letters, emails, phone conversation minutes, and, meetings' minutes, between the Department and the Department of Education on the issue of providing free hot meals in schools, since January 2018.	Granted	29/03/2019
11/03/2019 12623	Customer	The number of people in receipt of Carer's Payments (Respite Care Grant, Carer's Allowance/Benefit, Constant Care Allowance) but also in respect of whom a Carer's type payment is being made.	Refused	05/04/2019
13/03/2019 12631	Member of business/interest groups	With regard to the 'JobsIreland portal', copy of the actual contract – which shows the amount being contractually paid to the preferred provider and the list of commitments entered into as part of the contract agreement. If there is a Service Level Agreement agreed, I would like to see a copy of same- contract agreed between BDO and the Department.	Part Granted	08/04/2019
13/03/2019 12633	Journalist	All inspection reports by the Department of Seetec and Turas Nua offices since the start of 2016.	Part Granted	11/04/2019
13/03/2019 12638	Journalist	All correspondence sent or received by the Minister in relation to Illness Benefit payments since 1 January 2018.This should include – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• all correspondence including letters, emails, memos etc.</li> <li>• correspondence from official representations. C63</li> </ul>	Refused	08/04/2019
19/03/2019 12657	Member of business/interest group	Copies of any records held referring to or relating to the Community Employment and Tús Information Event that was due to take place in Minister Doherty's constituency on March 14 2019. Searches of any relevant private email addresses and/or messaging services should be considered when processing this request.	Part Granted	17/05/2019

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19/03/2019 12658	Member of business/interest group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Internal documentation, communications, policy papers, circulars or other material which outlines the Department's efforts to re-formulate the social welfare acts to comply with the outcome of the 34th Amendment of the Constitution in May of 2015;</li> <li>A list of any Acts or Statutory Instruments adopted to carry out such changes.</li> </ul>	Part Granted	12/04/2019
19/03/2019 12659	Member of the public	<p>In relation to engagements between the Minister, Ministers of State or Department staff and Ruhama or its representatives from 2010 to present, please provide -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Correspondence (postal correspondence, emails, etc.)</li> <li>Minutes from any meetings</li> <li>Any briefing notes or other relevant documentation.</li> </ul>	Part Granted	20/05/2019
19/03/2019 12662	Member of Oireachtas	All correspondence, minutes of meetings, records and documents, from August 2017 to March 2018 inclusive, held by the Department in relation to the 'Satisfaction with JobPath service providers' Customer Satisfaction Survey conducted in October 2017.	Part Granted	26/04/2019
27/03/2019 12739	Member of business/interest groups	Copies of any submissions, reports, memoranda, or other such review or explanatory documents referring to or relating to an increase in the rate of allowance paid to residents of direct provision centres. For avoidance of doubt, this is the new rate that has come into effect this month.	Part Granted	11/04/2019
28/03/2019 12750	Journalist	<p>A list of medical practices and/or practitioners and the cumulative payments made to each of them for the provision of medical certificates for social welfare applications in 2016, 2017 and 2018.</p> <p>A list of the top 100 earners (identifying the practice/practitioner) and the cumulative amount paid to them in each year would suffice.</p>	Granted	17/04/2019
25/03/2019 12756	Customer	Where a debt is owed to the Department please provide a copy of the process for collecting monies.	Part Granted	10/04/2019

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01/04/2019 12774	Journalist	Any correspondence from the Minister or Junior Minister at the Department to the Football Association of Ireland requesting tickets to any games involving men's, women's and underage Republic of Ireland soccer teams, or any UEFA or World Cup games, since 2016.	Part Granted	01/05/2019
25/03/2019 12780	Member of business/interest group	Details of Treatment Benefit payments to all optometrist contracts in the State for 2018.	Granted	15/04/2019
03/04/2019 12788	Journalist	During the period 1 August 2018 to date – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Copies of any correspondence between the DPC and the Department relating to whether or not a draft report on the PSC would or could be published by either public body.</li> <li>• Copies of any submissions/briefings or other such documents prepared for Minister Doherty relating to the above matter.</li> </ul>	Part Granted	03/05/2019
08/04/2019 12820	Member of the public	The statistics of unemployed people with the so called unlucky number in their PPS Number	Refused	17/04/2019
09/04/2019 12844	Journalist	From 1 October 2018 to date – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All correspondence, including any attachments, between Ministerial offices or Department officials (Principal Officer level and above) and Facebook representatives.</li> <li>• Any briefing notes, agendas, meeting minutes or presentations relating to meetings or phone calls between Facebook representatives and either Ministers, Departmental officials (Principal Officer level and above).</li> </ul>	Refused	30/04/2019

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16/04/2019 12896	Member of business/interest group	<p>For the past ten years –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Number of applications made by employees or by persons competent to act in respect of an occupational pension scheme (e.g. receivers, liquidators, trustees, etc) for payments of unpaid contributions on the employer's own account under Section 7 of 1984 Act.</li> <li>2. Of those applications referred to in paragraph 1: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The number of applications which related to a defined benefit (DB) occupational pension scheme;</li> <li>• The number applications of which related to a defined contribution (DC) occupational pension scheme;</li> <li>• The number of DB Scheme and DC Scheme applications respectively, which were allowed;</li> <li>• The number of DB Scheme and DC Scheme applications respectively, which were disallowed;</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. The amount of all payments, broken down by individual occupational pension scheme, made into the assets of any DB Scheme in accordance with Section 7(3)(a) of the 1984 Act; and <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Whether in any case payments made to any DB Scheme were in respect of or included the payment of a "contribution demand;" and</li> <li>• Whether in any case payments made to any DB Scheme were in respect of or included the payment of the scheme deficit, i.e. "the amount certified by an actuary to be necessary for the purposes of meeting the liability of the Scheme on dissolution to pay the benefits provided by the Scheme", as described in Section 7(3)(b) of the 1984 Act.</li> </ul> </li> <li>4. Particulars of claims settled, whether through negotiation, mediation, arbitration or on foot of a legal action (actual or threatened) where an employee or a person competent to act in respect of a DB Scheme sought payment of relevant contributions which comprised or included a "contribution demand" in accordance with Section 7(3)(a) of the 1984 Act.</li> </ol>	Part Granted	16/05/2019

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18/04/2019 12915	Journalist	All Inspection Reports compiled by the Department on foot of inspections of the JobPath Contractors, Seetec and Turas Nua, from 13 June 2018 to date.	Part Granted	01/05/2019
23/04/2019 12940	Member of the public	<p>Copies of records in the Department, in relation to the following –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Audit Committee Minutes of its April 2019 Meeting; including setting out on the full discussion held; on the contributions from various Audit Committee Members; on any dissenting voices; on courses of action etc.</li> <li>• Notes taken by Secretary to the Audit Committee of its April 2019 Meeting; including setting out on the full discussion held; on the contributions from various Audit Committee Members; on any dissenting voices; on courses of action etc.</li> </ul>	Refused	20/05/2019
23/04/2019 12941	Member of the public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The number of persons that are in debt to the Department due to welfare fraud where the value of the debit is between €5,000 and €10,000, between €10,000 and €20,000, between €20,000 and €50,000, over €50,000 but under €100,000 and over €100,000 in the years 2017, 2018 and to-date in 2019 in tabular form.</li> <li>• If known the percentage of persons that are in debt by social welfare payment in each of the years in question in tabular form</li> <li>• The financial penalties that are available to the Department in order to recoup the debt outstanding</li> <li>• The gender and grade of staff within the Department who are working within the Special Investigation Unit in each of the years in question in tabular form.</li> </ul>	Part Granted	21/05/2019
01/05/2019 13000	Journalist	<p>Documents generated in preparation, during and after a meeting with Minister Doherty and representatives of the Irish Film Workers Association, held in April 2019, to include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• briefing notes, notifications or documents created in preparation for the meeting</li> <li>• All notes, digital or handwritten created during the meeting</li> <li>• The minutes of the meeting</li> <li>• Correspondence or documents created as a result of the meeting, or following up on any issues raised at the meeting.</li> </ul>	Part Granted	21/05/2019



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15/05/2019 13087	Journalist	<p>1. All correspondence, internal or external, generated or reviewed as part of the process required to consider, research and reply to the written questions to the Minister on 27 September 2017, and recorded in the Dail record for the day under reference number 40865/17 and 40866/17. <a href="https://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2017-09-27a.459&amp;s=abintegro#g462.r">https://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2017-09-27a.459&amp;s=abintegro#g462.r</a></p> <p>2. Internal memoranda and correspondence between officials in the Department, for the period of October, November and December 2017, specifically relating to the CV builder used by Seetec in the course of delivering the JobPath programme.</p> <p>3. Correspondence between officials in the Department and Seetec, for the period of October, November and December 2017, which specifically related to the CV builder used by Seetec.</p>	Granted	07/06/2019
21/05/2019 13116	Journalist	<p>A list of medical practices and/or practitioners and the cumulative payments made to each of them for the provision of medical certificates for social welfare applications in 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018.</p> <p>(A list of the top 100 earners (identifying the practice/practitioner) and the cumulative amount paid to them in each year will suffice).</p>	Granted	17/06/2019
27/05/2019 13140	Member of the public	A copy of the regulatory impact assessments prepared for the Gender Recognition (Amendment) Bill 2017 and Gender Recognition Act 2015.	Refused	07/06/2019
28/05/2019 13165	Journalist	Department and ministerial discussions relating to the introduction of paid parental leave and extending this beyond the first year of a child's life.	Granted	18/06/2019
05/06/2019 13224	Journalist	<p>All records relating to this entry in the lobbying database:</p> <p><a href="https://www.lobbying.ie/return/47732/irish-congress-of-trade-unions">https://www.lobbying.ie/return/47732/irish-congress-of-trade-unions</a></p>	Granted	26/06/2019

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07/06/2019 13249	Member of business/interest groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any instructions, manuals or similar that are used in relation to the processing of new applicants for social welfare benefits.</li> <li>Any training materials used to train Department/Intreo frontline staff in handling new applications for social welfare, in particular training in relation to section 241 of the Social Welfare Consolidation Act 2005 and identity verification generally.</li> </ul>	Granted	03/07/2019
10/06/2019 13270	Member of the public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A copy of any 'Record of Processing Activity' or 'Register of Processing Activity' which your organisation maintains.</li> <li>Any previous versions of this document.</li> </ul>	Granted	05/07/2019
12/06/2019 13294	Member of business/interest group	In relation to the Provision of Continuous Print Stationary Forms for use by the Department in its Con Colbert Facility, please supply copy of the Technical Response of the winning tenderer for Lots 1, 2 and 4.	Part Granted	30/07/2019
18/06/2019 13330	Customer	All records held by the General Register Office relating to adoption of children from the Children's Home in Tuam Co. Galway between 22 February 1946 and the commencement of the Adoption Act 1952 on 1 January 1953.	Granted	25/06/2019
19/06/2019 13343	Journalist	A list of all gifts presented to and received by Minister Doherty in the past 12 months. A corresponding list of who presented which gift.	Refused	16/07/2019
17/06/2019 13344	Member of the public	All payments (or fees charged) made directly to the National Shared Services Office for financial years ending - 31 December 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 in respect of services provided to the Department for the processing of Annual Leave, Pensions or Worksharing arrangements for staff employed by the Department.	Granted	16/07/2019
02/07/2019 13408	Journalist	Copies of minutes of the monthly meetings between the Department and the JobPath companies, Turas Nua and Seetetc, from June 2018 to present.	Part Granted	30/07/2019

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03/07/2019 13413	Journalist	1. The total number of staff working at the Department, broken down by building. 2. The total number car parking spaces and their type (over ground carpark, under ground car park, street parking etc). 3. Any costs in terms of upkeep of parking spaces (cleaning, staffing etc) .	Granted	31/07/2019
04/07/2019 13424	Journalist	All expressions of interest from schools to the Hot School Meals pilot scheme for September 2019, the deadline for which was 12 June, to include any correspondence and grounds for inclusion in the scheme.	Granted	30/07/2019
10/07/2019 13483	Customer	All the legislation underpinning the Public Service Card.	Granted	02/08/2019
12/07/2019 13488	Member of business/interest groups	Any instructions, manuals or similar that are used in relation to the processing of new applicants for PSC and SAFE II. Any training materials used to train Department/Intreo frontline staff in handling new applications for the PSC and SAFE II	Refused	02/08/2019
12/07/2019 13489	Member of business/interest groups	An electronic copy of RSU circular 74/14.	Granted	02/08/2019
15/07/2019 13502	Journalist	Copies of all internal audit reports carried out by or on behalf of the Department from 1 January 2019 to date.	Part Granted	09/08/2019
12/07/2019 13509	Journalist	Copy of submissions and representations made to the Department or Minister in relation to plans to introduce legislation to regulate practices around tips and gratuities.	Granted	12/08/2019
15/07/2019 13516	Member of business/interest groups	1. Copy of the JB Guidelines which are available on the DAO website 2. Current version of the running consolidation of the SW Consolidation Act 2005 3. Current version of the running consolidation of SI 142/07	Granted	30/07/2019

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10/07/2019 13521	Customer	All the legislation in relation to Jobpath	Refused	31/07/2019
22/07/2019 13553	Member of the public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A copy of the the protocols used in the selection of people for the JobPath service</li> <li>• The minimum time period after finishing a year on JobPath before a person can then be invited to re-attend JobPath.</li> <li>• If the length of this minimum period has changed since the inception of Jobpath, then a copy of previous minimum periods and when the changes came into effect.</li> </ul>	Granted	16/08/2019
08/07/2019 13558	Member of the public	Details of the following grades (PO, AP, HEO, SO/EO and CO) serving in the Salaries Section (Dundalk) at 31 December 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018.	Granted	26/07/2019
23/07/2019 13573	Customer	All records relating to Case No. REPS-2019-16056 (concerning the €5 increase in the pension rate from Budget 2019)	Refused	19/08/2019
23/07/2019 13574	Journalist	All records relating to meetings/phone calls between Deliveroo representatives and the Minister or the Department's senior officials from January 2019 to date.	Granted	14/08/2019
24/07/2019 13586	Member of the public	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The number of approved Short Term Enterprise Allowance scheme applications in the past 3 years (2016-2018);</li> <li>2. The number of refused Short Term Enterprise Allowance scheme applications in the past 3 years (2016-2018);</li> <li>3. A breakdown of the industries that those who have been approved Short Term Enterprise Allowance have entered over the past 3 years (2016-2018) i.e.: construction, hospitality, etc.</li> </ol>	Granted	20/08/2019

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26/07/2019 13609	Member of the public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 54 No. Audit reports pertaining to Seetec and Turas Nua as the Office of the Information Commissioner, in June 2018 advised to be issued.</li> <li>• A summary of existence of any directly related documents to the above and below and their approximate quantity by type, for example, how many correct action reports, or non compliance reports or other related reports have been issued regarding audit of Seetec and Turas Nua.</li> <li>• Copies of all subsequent audit reports following on from the date of completion of the above 54 reports.</li> </ul>	Part Granted	19/08/2019
18/07/2019 13615	Journalist	The total amount of expenses claimed by all civil servants in the Department in the following years: 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, and so far in 2019. Please provide the breakdown by grade and category of expense claimed.	Granted	16/08/2019
30/07/2019 13629	Journalist	Copy of all minutes from Department management board meetings, between 1 February and 30 July 2019.	Part Granted	10/09/2019
02/08/2019 13661	Journalist	<p>Any contact between Department officials and the office of the Data Protection Commissioner in relation to comments she made about the government's data policy at an event in Israel, as reported in the Sunday Business Post on 7 July 2019.</p> <p>The records should include but not be limited to any e-mails, and any attachments therein, and mobile phone text messages including any messages via Whatsapp.</p>	Refused	02/09/2019

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02/08/2019 13662	Member of the public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any and all risk assessments that were carried out when drafting the Gender Recognition Act and subsequent amendments.</li> <li>Any correspondence, both internal and external, which considers how women will be impacted by the Gender Recognition Act.</li> <li>Any Equality Impact Assessments carried out.</li> </ul>	Part Granted	26/08/2019
06/08/2019 13668	Journalist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The number of full-time employees in the Department and the number of days holiday they are allocated/entitled to excluding bank holidays for 2018 and 2019.</li> <li>The number of sick days incurred in the Department for all full-time employees for 2017 and 2018.</li> </ul>	Granted	30/08/2019
09/08/2019 13707	Member of business/interest groups	Records describing the new features or changes introduced to PSC and SAFE II by the "PSC Version 2" project. This includes but is not limited to a project specification document or slide deck or budget approval etc.	Granted	06/09/2019
09/08/2019 13708	Member of business/interest groups	Government Decision, S180/20/10/1789, which mandates the use of PSC and SAFE II for identity authentication.	Granted	02/09/2019

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09/08/2019 13713	Member of the public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For the years 2016, 2017 and 2018 the number and total value of salary overpayments recorded;</li> <li>• For 2016, 2017 and 2018 the total value of amounts written-off.</li> <li>• In general terms, the % of salary overpayments that are recovered;</li> <li>• The total value of outstanding salary overpayments at end-2018;</li> <li>• The total value of outstanding salary overpayments at a recent date;</li> <li>• For the year 2019 to date, the approx. average time lapse and the longest time lapse between issuing 'Overpayment (Amount) Notification Letters' - i.e. re precise amount of overpayment and the salary overpayment occurrence.</li> <li>• For the year 2018, the approx. average time lapse between issuing 'Overpayment (Amount) Notification Letters' and the 'Start Payday of First Recoupment'.</li> </ul>	Part Granted	06/09/2019
12/08/2019 13717	Journalist	From September 2018 to August 2019 inclusive, please provide any correspondence/memos/letters issued to staff at the Department's offices on Store St in Dublin in relation to personal hygiene/bathroom etiquette.	Refused	14/08/2019
14/08/2019 13729	Journalist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The number of people issued with gender recognition certificates per year between 2015 and 2018 inclusive.</li> <li>• How many certificates were issued to 16 and 17 year olds per year from 2015 to 2018 inclusive.</li> </ul>	Granted	02/09/2019

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15/08/2019 13761	Member of the public	<p>From 1 January 2015 to 15 August 2019, all correspondence and details of meetings between the Department and</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Deliveroo, trading as Roofoods Ltd. (either Irish or international entities);</li> <li>2. Uber, trading as Uber Technologies Inc. (either Irish or international entities);</li> <li>3. Airbnb Inc. (either Irish or international entities);</li> <li>4. WeWork, trading as WeWork Companies Inc. (either Irish or international entities)</li> </ol> <p>Details of meetings between Department Ministers or officials and</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. representatives of Deliveroo, trading as Roofoods Ltd. (either Irish or international entities);</li> <li>2. representatives of Uber, trading as Uber Technologies Inc. (either Irish or international entities);</li> <li>3. representatives of Airbnb Inc. (either Irish or international entities);</li> <li>4. representatives of WeWork, trading as WeWork Companies Inc. (either Irish or international entities).</li> </ol>	Part Granted	10/09/2019
16/08/2019 13762	Member of business/interest groups	Report of the Data Protection Commission into the Public Services Card	Refused	13/09/2019
16/08/2019 13765	Journalist	<p>Between 1 August and 16 August 2019</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. All internal emails (including attachments) between Department staff on the Data Protection Commissioners report into the Public Services Card;</li> <li>2. All correspondence (both sent and received) between the Department and the Office of the Data Protection Commissioner, on the Data Protection Commissioners report into the Public Services Card;</li> <li>3. All briefings prepared for Minister Doherty on the findings of the Data Protection Commissioners report into the Public Services Card.</li> </ol>	Refused	13/09/2019



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Date of Request	Category of Requester	Request	Decision Made	Date of Reply
16/08/2019 13771	Journalist	Records/details, including documents, correspondence, emails, memos, briefing documents and minutes of meetings which include: 1. Documents detailing the cost to date of the roll out of the Public Service Card; 2. Documents that make reference to the total cost of destroying documents belonging to 3.2 million citizens as per the instructions by the Data Protection Commissioner; 3. Documents detailing whether the Attorney General was consulted in relation to the Social Welfare Consolidation Act 2005 (as amended), which established the provisions to roll out the Public Service Card; 4. Correspondence between the Minister, her officials and the Office of the Data Protection Commissioner in relation to the report on the Public Services Card from 1 June to 16 August 2019.	Part Granted	13/09/2019
19/08/2019 13772	Journalist	Since Bessborough opened in 1922, the names, dates of birth, dates of death, and causes of death for all of the over 900 babies who were born and who died either there or following transfer to hospital.	Granted	30/08/2019
20/08/2019 13777	Journalist	The amount of money spent by the Department on document shredding services in the years 2014 to date in 2019, broken down by year.	Granted	16/09/2019
20/08/2019 13779	Customer	Any assessment, or draft assessment, of the PSC for GDPR purposes conducted by an internal GDR Project Unit between November of 2017 and May of 2018.	Refused	13/09/2019

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20/08/2019 13785	Journalist	<p>Between 27 August 2018 and 31 December 2018:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All memos / correspondence (both digital and other) / minutes of meetings between Department officials of Assistant Principal grade and higher and the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform</li> <li>• All internal memos / internal correspondence (both digital and other) / minutes of internal meetings between Department officials of Assistant Principal grade and higher regarding the interim report into the Public Services Card carried out by the Data Protection Commissioner,</li> </ul>	Refused	17/09/2019
21/08/2019 13786	Journalist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All memos / correspondence (both digital and other) / minutes of meetings between Department officials of Assistant Principal and higher and private companies</li> <li>• All internal memos / correspondence (both digital and other) / minutes of meetings between Department officials of Assistant Principal grade and higher - regarding registration of those companies' employees for the Public Services Card en masse via visiting officials from the Department, dated between 31 January 2019 and 30 June 2019.</li> </ul> <p>The number of such visits arranged over the same time period, split between those initiated by the Department or Intreo, the company in question, or a union where redundancies were expected, and those requested by the relevant company voluntarily.</p>	Part Granted	24/09/2019
21/08/2019 13787	Journalist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All memos / correspondence (both digital and other) / minutes of meetings between Department officials of Assistant Principal and higher and the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform</li> <li>• All internal memos / internal correspondence (both digital and other) / minutes of internal meetings between Department officials of Assistant Principal grade and higher - regarding the Data Protection Commissioner's final report regarding the legality of the Public Services Card, dated between 1 August 2019 and the current date.</li> </ul>	Refused	17/09/2019

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21/08/2019 13788	Journalist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The estimated cost of the Public Services Card project in its entirety from inception to the current date, split by cost description.</li> <li>The estimated welfare fraud savings achieved by the PSC project from inception to the current date, split by welfare payment type.</li> </ul>	Granted	18/09/2019
21/08/2019 13789	Journalist	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A copy of Deliveroo's recent submission to the Department proposing a 'Charter for secure and flexible work to end the trade-off between security and flexibility' [as described by Deliveroo].</li> <li>Records of internal and external correspondence around this submission.</li> </ol>	Granted	12/09/2019
21/08/2019 13791	Member of Oireachtas	All correspondence, electronic and otherwise between the Department (grades Assistant Principal and above) and the Office of the Data Protection Commissioner relating to the Public Services Card between the years 2017-2019.	Refused	18/09/2019
20/08/2019 13794	Customer	Proof from the Department that there is currently (or has been) not one person in receipt of both the Domiciliary Care Allowance and Carers Allowance simultaneously.	Granted	29/08/2019
21/08/2019 13796	Journalist	All of the documents held by the Department relating to either the risks of OR advanced planning for a border poll at some point in the future.	Refused	16/09/2019
21/08/2019 13797	Journalist	All correspondence to and from the Minister in relation to the Data Protection Commissioners' report on the PSC, from August 2018 to 21 August 2019.	Refused	18/09/2019
23/08/2019 13813	Journalist	A copy of a report, conducted by the Insolvency Service on a PIP provider in the Abhaile scheme New Beginnings, which has recently concluded, received by Minister Doherty, or another department official.	Refused	30/08/2019
23/08/2019 13815	Journalist	Copies of all correspondence between the Department and the Data Protection Commissioner with regard to the investigation by the DPC into the Public Services Card. This request to cover the period 1 January 2018 to date.	Refused	19/09/2019

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26/08/2019 13816	Journalist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any communications between the Department and the Department of the Taoiseach in relation to the draft report into the Public Services Card from August 18 to date.</li> <li>Any communications between the Department and the Department of Finance in relation to the draft report into the Public Services Card.</li> </ul>	Refused	23/09/2019
26/08/2019 13818	Member of the public	<p>All records and correspondence in relation to the setting up of the Gender Recognition Act Review Group which reported to Minister Doherty in July 2018 (<a href="https://www.welfare.ie/en/pressoffice/Pages/pr180718.aspx">https://www.welfare.ie/en/pressoffice/Pages/pr180718.aspx</a>), including but not limited to emails, agendas and minutes of meetings, notes or memos in relation to discussions or telephone calls, text messages including WhatsApp messages, internal and external correspondence.</p>	Part Granted	19/09/2019
26/08/2019 13819	Journalist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All records created within the Department from 1 August 2018 to 1 February 2019 after the submission in 2018 of the Data Protection Commissioner's draft report on the Public Services Card (and the system of registration known as SAFE 2 behind it).</li> <li>Written assessment/analysis of the DPC draft report and any memorandum prepared for the Minister.</li> </ul>	Refused	23/09/2019

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Date of Request	Category of Requester	Request	Decision Made	Date of Reply
27/08/2019 13830	Journalist	<p>1. All memos / correspondence (both digital and other) / minutes of meetings between Department officials of level Assistant Principal and higher and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- a company called Biometric Card Services, also known as Security Card Concepts, regarding the company's name between 1 March 2018 and 30 June 2018.</li> <li>- the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform regarding the name of a company called Biometric Card Services, also known as Security Card Concepts, between 1 March 2018 and 30 June 2018.</li> </ul> <p>2. All internal memos / internal correspondence (both digital and other) / minutes of internal meetings between Department officials of level Assistant Principal and higher regarding the name of a company called Biometric Card Services, also known as Security Card Concepts, between 1 March 2018 and 30 June 2018.</p>	Refused	23/09/2019
29/08/2019 13844	Member of business/interest groups	Copies of any briefings, submissions, memos prepared for Minister Doherty with regard to the Public Services Card in the period 1 July 2019 to date of receipt of this request - any records held in the press/communications area i.e. discussion over how to handle media queries, internal commentary on media coverage, discussion of media monitoring of certain individuals/media outlets etc.	Refused	23/09/2019
03/09/2019 13874	Customer	The final report of the Data Protection Commissioner into the Public Services Card, delivered to the Department on 15 August 2019.	Refused	23/09/2019

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03/09/2019 13876	Journalist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A copy of the final report of the Data Protection Commissioner in respect of the Public Service Card Scheme.</li> <li>• Any internal correspondence, whether in electronic or other form, discussing the final report of the Data Protection Commissioner in respect of the Public Service Card Scheme from 4 August 2019 to 3 September 2019.</li> <li>• Any external correspondence, whether in electronic or other form, relating to the final report of the Data Protection Commissioner in respect of the Public Service Card Scheme from 4 August 2019 to 3 September 2019.</li> </ul>	Refused	23/09/2019
03/09/2019 13877	Member of business/interest groups	A breakdown by named panellist of the amounts paid for hearing aid grants under the treatment benefit scheme for the years 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and to date in 2019.	Part Granted	26/09/2019
04/09/2019 13882	Member of business/interest groups	All records held by the Department in relation to the complaint made by Digital Rights Ireland to the Minister on 16 August 2018 regarding interference with the Data Protection Officer.	Granted	01/10/2019
04/09/2019 13889	Customer	All internal and external correspondence related to a parody video about the public service card based on the film Downfall since August 2019.	Refused	23/09/2019
05/09/2019 13891	Journalist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A joint memo prepared by the Department and the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform for submission to Cabinet on 3 September 2019</li> <li>• Any documents prepared for the Minister in advance of that Cabinet meeting</li> </ul>	Refused	03/10/2019

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05/09/2019 13892	Journalist	All correspondence from the Minister, Secretary General, and Deputy Secretary General, concerning an online video based on a viral clip from the movie 'Downfall', mocked up in reference to the Data Protection Commissioner's final report into the Public Services Card, from 15 August to date.	Refused	13/09/2019
05/09/2019 13897	Member of the public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Electronic copy of records related to the procedure of issuing replacement PPSN to people who are unable to get a public services card with their existing PPSN.</li> <li>• Electronic copy of records related to how the public services card was designed to not allow people use any existing valid PPSN.</li> <li>• Any records the Department has related to identifying people without public services cards such as people they are prosecuting, and subcontractors undertaking work for the Department.</li> <li>• Copy of any reports the Department has received in the past month related to data protection issues, including reports from the Data Protection Commissioner.</li> </ul>	Refused	03/10/2019
05/09/2019 13903	Member of Oireachtas	All electronic and written correspondence including letters, memos, background papers, preparatory advice, minutes of meetings, submissions, and documents within the Department (grades Assistant Principal and above) in relation to the report by the Data Protection Commission on the Public Services Card from 1 October 2017 to 16 May 2019.	Refused	03/10/2019
06/09/2019 13913	Member of the public	Any memorandums for government in relation to the Social Welfare, Pensions and Civil Registration Act 2018.	Refused	04/10/2019
06/09/2019 13914	Member of the public	Records relating to the consultation referred to in section 19 of the Social Welfare, Pensions and Civil Registration Act 2018.	Part Granted	04/11/2019
06/09/2019 13917	Journalist	State Pension Contributory customers who have a postal address outside of Ireland as of 31 December each year from 2014-2018 inclusive.	Granted	02/10/2019
09/09/2019 13950	Member of Oireachtas	All correspondence, electronic and otherwise between the Department and the Office of the Data Protection Commissioner in relation to the Public Services Card in 2019.	Part Granted	14/10/2019

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10/09/2019 13965	Journalist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All correspondence (both digital and other) / minutes of meetings between Department officials of level Assistant Principal and higher regarding the Data Protection Commissioner's report on the Public Services Card</li> <li>• All briefing materials prepared for the Minister concerning the Data Protection Commissioner's report on the Public Services Card</li> </ul> .. dated between 30 August 2019 and the current date.	Part Granted	06/11/2019
09/09/2019 13970, 13973, 13974, 13975	Journalist	All submissions sent to the Minister through the e-submissions system for the period from 1 January 2019 to 6 September 2019.	Part Granted	07/10/2019
12/09/2019 13987	Journalist	Any minutes / memos / correspondence relating to any meetings between Named Person of Transgender Equality Network Ireland and Minister Doherty during 2019.	Part Granted	07/10/2019
13/09/2019 13992	Journalist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All correspondence, minutes / agendas of meetings, and documents prepared for the Minister by or involving Department officials of level Principal and higher regarding the second contract for the Public Services Card (awarded in July 2018 and known as PSCV2), dated between 26 June 2018 and 15 July 2018.</li> <li>• All correspondence, minutes / agendas of meetings, and documents prepared for the Minister by or involving Department officials of level Principal and higher regarding the same subject, dated between 14 August 2019 and 2 September 2019.</li> </ul>	Granted	14/10/2019
12/09/2019 14002	Member of business/interest groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any bills/acts that have been introduced/amended and an Equality Impact Assessment has been undertaken on them.</li> <li>• Any policy on when the government deem an EIA necessary to be undertaken by them.</li> </ul>	Refused	30/09/2019



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17/09/2019 14021	Member of business/interest groups	Copies of any records referring or relating to the publication of the following press release by the Department: <a href="http://www.welfare.ie/en/pressoffice/Pages/pr1609.aspx">http://www.welfare.ie/en/pressoffice/Pages/pr1609.aspx</a>	Granted	15/10/2019
18/09/2019 14023	Member of business/interest groups	The letter from the Department to the Data Protection Commission dated 6 September 2019.	Refused	16/10/2019
18/09/2019 14024	Customer	Copies of all records held referring or relating to the timing of publication of the DPC report into the Public Services Card. This request to cover the period between the day the Department received the report and the date of this request.	Part Granted	21/10/2019
18/09/2019 14025	Member of business/interest groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Copy of the public services card research/raw data that underpins the following press release: <a href="http://www.welfare.ie/en/pressoffice/pdf/pr010319a.pdf">http://www.welfare.ie/en/pressoffice/pdf/pr010319a.pdf</a></li> <li>• Copy of the questionnaire used in the research.</li> <li>• Copy of any correspondence between the Department and the polling firm with regard to setting of the questions used in the research.</li> <li>• All tender documents associated with the research.</li> <li>• Details of how much the survey cost.</li> </ul>	Part Granted	23/10/2019
18/09/2019 14027	Journalist	Reply from the Data Protection Commissioner to the Department's letter of 6 September regarding the Public Services Card.	Refused	16/10/2019
19/09/2019 14034	Member of the public	I request records of any interactions between the Department and the Department of Education on the topic of data exchange between the Department and schools and whether the Department has communicated with the Department of Education about this information sharing or the need to obtain parental consent.	Granted	14/10/2019
19/09/2019 14043	Journalist	A Data Protection Impact Assessment of the Public Services Card undertaken by the Department.	Refused	14/10/2019

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20/09/2019 14044	Member of the public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any records relating to the publishing of the PB2 form for receiving Paternity Benefit.</li> <li>Any and all records of when and where the PB2 form would be made available to the public.</li> <li>Any and all records of reducing availability of the PB2 form.</li> </ul>	Granted	17/10/2019
25/09/2019 14076	Journalist	All internal emails and memos and minutes of meetings between Department officials of level Assistant Principal and higher regarding the Ireland eGovernment Awards, dated between 1 September 2019 and the current date.	Granted	17/10/2019
25/09/2019 14086	Member of business/interest group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Copy of the reasoned opinion sent to Ireland by the European Commission vis a vis Directive (EU) 2016/2341 - IORP II</li> <li>Copy of the response sent by the Irish government to the European Commission in respect of same.</li> </ul>	Refused	22/10/2019
26/09/2019 14087	Journalist	All records relating to an investigation carried out following receipt of a report about named Community Centre under protected disclosure and any audit that may have taken place since the beginning of 2018.	Refused	24/10/2019
02/10/2019 14117	Journalist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The name of the firm(s) that has given the Department legal advice in relation to the public services card.</li> <li>A breakdown (by firm) of how much has been spent on legal advice by the Department relating to the public services card in each of the years 2017, 2018, and 2019.</li> </ul>	Refused	11/10/2019
02/10/2019 14126	Member of the public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Records, especially financial records regarding Seetec.</li> <li>How does Seetec and the Department communicate with each other.</li> <li>Send any records associated with Seetec.</li> </ul>	Refused	10/10/2019

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07/10/2019 14133	Journalist	1. Minutes of the Department's Management Board for 2018 and to date in 2019. 2. Minutes of the meetings between the Management Board and the Senior Management Team for the same period.	Part Granted	15/11/2019
07/10/2019 14139	Journalist	All complaints delivered to the Minister/Department regarding the Public Services Card between 16 August 2019 and the current date.	Part Granted	29/10/2019
07/10/2019 14143	Journalist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The document that was presented to the Minister explaining the change from contact chip to a contactless chip.</li> <li>• All internal correspondence and minutes/agendas of meetings between Department officials of level Assistant Principal and higher regarding the removal of the chip from Public Services Cards, dated between 1 June 2018 and 31 December 2018.</li> <li>• All briefing materials prepared for the Minister or Secretary General on the same subject over the same timeframe.</li> </ul>	Granted	16/10/2019
10/10/2019 14182	Journalist	The record or records which formally designate the Department's current Data Protection Officer.	Granted	08/11/2019
11/10/2019 14190	Member of the public	A statistical/numerical count of the number of communications between the Department and the Office of the Data Protection Commission between the 5 September 2019 and 12 September 2019.	Refused	07/11/2019
11/10/2019 14191	Member of business/interest groups	1. All communications between Department officials, 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	06/11/2019

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11/10/2019 14199	Journalist	The amount of money spent across the Department on hosting Christmas parties between November and December 2018. The items that were presented by the Department to State, Semi-State and foreign bodies as Christmas gifts between November and December 2018.	Refused	18/10/2019
11/10/2019 14229	Member of the public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Request for correspondence from/to Data Protection Officer and the Office of the Data Protection Commission between 5 September 2019 and 17 September 2019.</li> <li>Request for correspondence from/to the BISU Unit of the Department and the Office of the Data Protection Commission between 5 September 2019 and 17 September 2019.</li> </ul>	Refused	07/11/2019
11/10/2019 14230	Member of the public	Correspondence from/to Corporate Services Section and the Office of the Data Protection Commission between 5 September 2019 and 17 September 2019.	Refused	05/11/2019
11/10/2019 14231	Member of the public	Correspondence from/to the Secretary General and his immediate direct reports and the Office of the Data Protection Commission between 5 September 2019 and 17 September 2019.	Part Granted	11/11/2019
10/10/2019 14259	Customer	The text that was published on Department's site in 2016 or dated pre-2017, coming under the chapter on the entitlements to a widows contributory pension under the headline remarriage and divorce	Granted	07/11/2019
21/10/2019 14309	Member of the public	All memorandums for government submitted to the government by the Minister within the last five years up to and including the date of this request email.	Refused	08/11/2019
23/10/2019 14316	Customer	From July 2018 to October 2018 – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The percentage of applicants who are refused Jobseekers Allowance and</li> <li>the reasons for the refusal.</li> </ul>	Granted	05/11/2019
29/10/2019 14375	Member of business/interest groups	Any discussions/documentation that occurred within the Department from 1 January 2019 to Budget Day, (including with other Government departments), as regards proposals for raising direct provision allowance/ daily expenses allowance for international protection applicants (asylum seekers) for Budget 2020.	Refused	22/11/2019

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30/10/2019 14382	Journalist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All formal questions delivered to the Attorney General from the Department regarding the legal basis for the Public Services Card and MyGov ID, dated between 15 August 2019 and 17 September 2019.</li> <li>• The date and time on which the questions were sent, authors of the delivered message(s), and the date and time of their receipt.</li> <li>• All meta-properties of any and all Microsoft Office files created in the drafting of those questions (e.g. creator, author, amendments, changes log etc).</li> </ul>	Part Granted	26/11/2019
31/10/2019 14387	Journalist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A copy of the pre-budget submission from the Department to the Department of Finance ahead of Budget 2020.</li> <li>• A copy of any cover, explanatory or accompanying letters sent by the Minister or Secretary General of the Department along with the pre-budget submission.</li> </ul>	Refused	13/11/2019
31/10/2019 14389	Journalist	Copies of all records referring or relating to an incident where a sticker with the phrase 'Jobpath Macht Frei' was placed at a Department Office in Cork.	Part Granted	26/11/2019
31/10/2019 14394	Journalist	All correspondence between DPER and the Department regarding the appointment and determination of the salary for the special adviser to the Minister between the period 1 July 2018 and 31 December 2018 inclusive.	Granted	15/11/2019
04/11/2019 14427	Journalist	<p>All correspondence to/from the Department/Ministers and the following politicians between June 14, 2017 and November 4, 2019:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Former Taoiseach Enda Kenny</li> <li>• Former Finance Minister Michael Noonan</li> </ul> <p>The correspondence could include letters/emails directly to ministers or the Department Secretary General as well as representations made on behalf of constituents.</p>	Part Granted	28/11/2019

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04/11/2019 14431	Member of business/interest groups	<p>Copies of all records (including correspondence, letters, emails, internal memos, legal advice, briefing materials, submissions, and proposal documents) held by the Department concerning;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• developing or using technology, based on computer algorithms/ artificial intelligence/ predictive analytics / machine learning, to automate decision making in the processing of claims, or</li> <li>• checking claims for fraud, with minimum human intervention, or</li> <li>• autonomously carrying out tasks without human intervention.</li> </ul>	Refused	05/12/2019
05/11/2019 14435	Journalist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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 2018 and 31 December 2018.</li> <li>• Please include details of the reporting procedure in place.</li> </ul>	Granted	02/12/2019
05/11/2019 14444	Journalist	<p>All material, in written, digital, text and any other format, related to any audits, either external or internal, that were carried out on the Communications Unit in the Department from May 2016 to date.</p> <p>This should include, both correspondence relating to these audits and the audits themselves.</p>	Part Granted	17/12/2019
05/11/2019 14448	Member of the public	Warrant of Appointment signed and sealed by President Higgins and Minister Doherty.	Refused	14/11/2019
05/11/2019 14449	Journalist	A list of submissions submitted to the Minister through the e-submission channel from 1 October 2019 to 4 November 2019.	Granted	03/12/2019
11/11/2019 14476	Journalist	Copies of all records held referring or relating to increase in the fuel allowance announced in Budget 2020. This request to cover the period 1 September 2019 to 30 October 2019.	Part Granted	06/12/2019

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14/11/2019 14513	Journalist	Correspondence and records since the publication of the Strawman Consultation Paper in August 2018 involving the Minister and senior Department staff (from Principal level up) relating to decisions made by Government in October 2019 on the design of the auto-enrolment scheme, including contribution levels and their timeframe.	Part Granted	12/12/2019
13/11/2019 14516	Journalist	All briefing material prepared for Department Secretary General John McKeon for his appearance before the Dáil's Public Accounts Committee on Thursday 7 November 2019.	Part Granted	10/01/2020
21/11/2019 14571	Member of Oireachtas	All invoices in relation to spending on make-up, cosmetics and hair styling (to include both products and services) by the Department in 2019.	Granted	19/12/2019
21/11/2019 14572	Member of Oireachtas	All invoices associated with official entertainment and promotional events hosted by the Department (such as policy launches, media briefings, receptions by the Minister) in 2019 including but not limited to: catering, entertainment, flowers, transport, audio-visual services, printed materials, drinks, and room hire.	Granted	19/12/2019
21/11/2019 14573	Member of Oireachtas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All invoices in relation to spending on social media training and social media services provided to the Minister and Ministerial staff in 2019.</li> <li>• All invoices in relation to spending on social media training and social media services provided to the Department in 2019.</li> </ul>	Part Granted	04/12/2019
21/11/2019 14575	Member of Oireachtas	All invoices related to spending by the Department from 1 January 2019 to date on – 1. advertisement in the print media, national radio stations, local radio stations and national TV; 2. advertisement in print media, on television stations or national radio stations that are located outside of the country; and 3. advertisement on social media platforms.	Part Granted	12/12/2019

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21/11/2019 14579	Journalist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Copies of the actual mileage claim forms submitted by each Minister, Minister of State at the Department for the calendar year 2019.</li> <li>A spreadsheet/table indicating how much was paid in mileage to each Minister and Minister of State at the Department for the calendar year 2019.</li> </ul>	Part Granted	19/12/2019
21/11/2019 14580	Member of Oireachtas	All final policy submissions made by the Department to the Departments of Finance and Public Expenditure and Reform relating to Budget 2020.	Granted	04/12/2019
22/11/2019 14590	Member of the public	<p>1. A list of all payments made on behalf of the Department to any supplier in a currency other than the Euro, for the first three quarters of this calendar year. Showing the currency paid, the amount paid, a brief description of what was being procured, the bank/FX payment provider who processed the transaction, the cost of the transaction (the cost of the foreign currency in Euro), the cost of any additional bank charges.</p> <p>2. A list of all receipts in a foreign currency other than the Euro, charged by the Department to any customer.</p>	Granted	20/01/2020
25/11/2019 14593	Member of business/interest groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The total number of people signing on to receive social welfare payment as they are unemployed in the Castlebar intreo Office as of 31 September 2019.</li> <li>The current rates of Jobseekers Benefits payments for members of the traveling community which are now an ethnic minority in Ireland.</li> </ul>	Granted	05/12/2019
25/11/2019 14618	Journalist	All memorandums for government submitted to the government by the Minister for the period 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2017 inclusive.	Refused	10/12/2019
15/11/2019 14628	Member of the public	Policy that would allow the Department to potentially break an agency from a next of kin who was appointed under Department guidelines, in favour of sending the pension funds to another person who does not have ward of court authority. Please provide this information/legal process, that guided the Department's decision in this case.	Refused	10/12/2019



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26/11/2019 14629	Journalist	Copies of all representations made to the Department by Independent TD Noel Grealish and the Department's responses to these representations since January 2019.	Part Granted	10/12/2019
27/11/2019 14638	Journalist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The number of men and women employed by the Department in each of the following salary bands.</li> <li>• State how many workers in each category are part-time. Employees will be assumed to be full time otherwise.</li> </ul> <p>           €0-24,999            €25,000-49,999            €50,000-74,999            €75,000-99,999            €100,000-124,999            €125,000-149,999            €150,000-174,999            €175,000-199,999            €200,000-€224,999            €225,000- 249,999            €250,000-274,999            €275,000-€299,999            €300,000 and above         </p>	Refused	28/01/2020
03/12/2019 14695	Member of Oireachtas	All correspondence, email and otherwise, between the Department and Minister Doherty and/or her Office regarding the report on the impact of the reduced rates for Jobseekers Allowance recipients aged 18-25 years (as committed to in Pathways to Work 2016-2020) from 2017 to date.	Part Granted	03/01/2020
09/12/2019 14746	Member of the public	All correspondence, minutes of meetings and notes relating to legal advice in producing Minister Doherty's published Report on the Review of the Gender Recognition Act (29 November 2019).	Part Granted	15/01/2020

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13/12/2019 14766	Journalist	1. Copies of minutes of the monthly meetings between the Department and the JobPath companies, Turas Nua and Seetec, from June 2019 to the most recent available. 2. Copies of all inspection reports into the two JobPath companies from May 2019 to date.	Part Granted	15/01/2020
19/12/2019 14808	Journalist	All official correspondence (signed letters) between Minister Doherty and the Minister for Finance/Public Expenditure and Reform from 15 August 2019 to date.	Part Granted	22/01/2020
30/12/2019 14837	Journalist	All correspondence from 1 January 2019 to 24 December 2019 between the Department and the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform on the contents of the forthcoming National Social Inclusion (i.e. anti-poverty) Strategy and any concerns about when or whether it should be published,. The correspondence should include emails and their attachments, letters, memos, telephone conversation minutes and meetings' minutes.	Part Granted	28/01/2020
23/12/2019 14848	Customer	Is there facial recognition technology used on surveillance cameras in waiting zones of the Department for every person entering the premises ?	Refused	23/01/2020