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CASE NUMBER	DATE RECEIVED	REQUESTOR TYPE	REQUEST	DECISION
FOI/Req/23/183	13/09/2023	Other	DFA management board minutes were previously available online. Can you forward the management board minutes for 2022 and 2023 please?	Part Granted
FOI/Req/23/201	27/09/2023	Other	<p>Under the Freedom of Information Act 2014, I am seeking the release of all records of correspondence, both internal and external, relating to the decision to dispose of property located in Washington DC, New York, and other locations since the start of 2023.</p> <p>This should include, but is not limited to, any letters, emails, text messages, WhatsApp messages, memos, notes, reports, draft reports and any other relevant records that were created, sent or received by the Department related to this correspondence.</p>	Part Granted
FOI/Req/23/205	02/10/2023	Media	Under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 I am seeking a list of esubmissions submitted to the Minister for Foreign Affairs through the e-submissions channel. I wish for my request to cover the period from 01-09-2023 - 30-09-2023.	Part Granted

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FOI/Req/23/207	03/10/2023	Other	<p>Under the FOI Act 2014, I am seeking a copy of your organisation's policy regarding the payment of 'ordinary remuneration' to staff while suspended pending the conclusion of disciplinary processes. I am particularly interested in your organisation's policy regarding payment of staff on suspension, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is remuneration paid to staff who are suspended, i.e., is there a continuation of full salary or is their salary reduced?</li> <li>• If paid full salary, does this include allowances?</li> <li>• If reduced, does your Department exclude any/all allowances that are normally paid? If so,</li> <li>• What type of allowances do you continue to pay, and which allowances cease?</li> <li>• Where staff whose allowances were stopped during suspension, and they subsequently are cleared of all allegations of misconduct are allowances repaid to staff?</li> </ul> <p>In addition to the above, I would appreciate it if you could let me know the number of people suspended, pending the conclusion of disciplinary processes, by your organisation in each year 2020 to 2023 and details as to whether all such individuals received their normal pay, including allowances, during the period of suspension.</p>	Granted
FOI/Req/23/209	05/10/2023	Other	<p>Under the FOI Can you provide me with the travel arrangements that were made and the costs of Michael Martin's recent trip Ukraine.</p>	Granted
FOI/Req/23/211	06/10/2023	Other	<p>I am making a request under The Freedom of Information Act 2014 for the following documents held by your department:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One copy of each item of correspondence (email/letter) sent to any pair of commissioning adults who entered into a surrogacy arrangement with a Ukrainian citizen/person in Ukraine for the purposes of bringing a child born in Ukraine into the Republic of Ireland which confirmed to them that the necessary travel documents for the child had been approved by the Department of Foreign Affairs.</li> <li>• The scope of the request with regards time is from 12th February 2022 to present.</li> </ul>	Part Granted

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FOI/Req/23/214	11/10/2023	Media	Under the FOI Act 2014, I am seeking the following: The registration codes of United States Military Aircraft which requested of DFA Landing in Shannon Airport to land in the month August 2023.	Granted
FOI/Req/23/216	12/10/2023	Media	Under the FOI Act 2014, I am seeking the following: - A copy of the pre-budget submission from your Department to the Department of Finance ahead of Budget 2024. A copy of any cover, explanatory or accompanying letters sent by the Minister or Secretary General of your Department along with the pre-budget submission. A copy of any response received from the Department or from D/PER.	Part Granted
FOI/Req/23/219	19/10/2023	Media	Under the FOI Act 2014, I am seeking the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All correspondence between the National Cybersecurity Centre and the Department between March 1 2023 and October 15 2023.</li> <li>• All advice given to staff at the department related to cybersecurity and personal devices in 2023.</li> </ul>	Part Granted
FOI/Req/23/220	19/10/2023	Media	Records of correspondence from members of the public to the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs office between 7 October 2023 and 18 October 2023.	Refused
FOI/Req/23/222	19/10/2023	Media	In accordance with section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2014, I wish to request access to the following records/details: = All correspondence sent to Minister Micheál Martin by members of the public (from the period 7 October 2023 to 17 October 2023) about comments the Minister has made about the Hamas-led attack on Israel and Israel's response to the attack = All correspondence between Minister Micheál Martin and Embassy of Israel in Dublin from period 7 October 2023 to 19 October 2023 = All correspondence between Minister Micheál Martin and Mission of the State of Palestine in Ireland from period 7 October 2023 to 19 October 2023.	Refused

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FOI/Req/23/223	23/10/2023	Media	If you could please provide the information in a similar form to how the Department of Finance have provided it as seen in the document attached below. 1. The number of staff at the Department who earn more than €100,000 per year. 2. The number of staff at the Department who earn less than €28,000 per year. 3. What is the salary of the highest paid worker at the Department and what is the salary of the lowest paid worker at the Department.	Granted
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FOI/Req/23/227	27/10/2023	Other	<p>I wish to make a request – under the Freedom of Information Act 2014, for the following;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Copies of requests for exemptions permitting the carriage of munitions of war aboard military aircraft since 1 October 2023;</li> <li>• Copies of exemption documents permitting the carriage of munitions of war aboard military aircraft since 1 October 2023;</li> <li>• Any records providing feedback or advice to the Transport Department or Transport Minister(s) on any implications for Ireland's policy of military neutrality from exemptions requested and/granted for the carriage of munitions of war through Irish airspace or through Irish airports on civilian aircraft since 1 October 2023-present.</li> <li>• In tabular form, a list of all permissions granted to foreign military aircraft to land at Irish airports to include aircraft number, country of origin, date landed, and final destination airport (where known) since 1 January 2013-present.</li> <li>• In tabular format, the total number of searches or investigations for munitions of war conducted on permitted aircraft at Shannon airport per year from 1 Jan 2013-present;</li> <li>• In tabular format, a list of each case of breach of conditions of the Air Navigation (Foreign Military Aircraft) Order by foreign military/intelligence aircraft or airport contracted by foreign military/intelligence at Irish Airports to include airport name, date, and details of the breach since 1 January 2013-present.</li> <li>• Any internal reports, analysis, assessments, memos, briefings, and/or site inspection or investigative reports into suspected, alleged or confirmed breaches of the Order by any branch of the US armed forces (The Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Space Force and/or Coast Guard) and/or the US Intelligence Community (listed here) since 1 January 2023.</li> </ul>	Refused
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FOI/Req/23/228	27/10/2023	Other	Under the FOI Act 2014, I am seeking the following: - Copies of all correspondence from the department of foreign affairs to the department of the Environment, Climate and Communications in relation to the General Conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency between the dates of 1st June 2023 and 30th September 2023 - Copies of briefings or briefing materials from the department of foreign affairs for the department of the Environment, Climate and Communications in relation to the General Conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency between the dates of 1st June 2023 and 30th September 2023.	Part Granted
FOI/Req/23/230	31/10/2023	Media	Under the FOI Act 2014, I am seeking the following: - a copy of the business case associated with the disposal of the department properties in Washington DC and on East End Avenue in New York.	Part Granted
FOI/Req/23/233	31/10/2023	Media	A copy of minutes of meetings of the cross-Departmental International Sanctions Committee, between 1st February 2022 and 31st October 2023.	Refused
FOI/Req/23/234	01/11/2023	Media	A copy of the review carried out by the inter-Departmental Review Group, into sanctions, which started in September 2021, which is being overseen by the Departmental International Sanctions Committee.	Refused