

FOI DOF/2024-0525

Request

In relation to IRC275969

How many current SO vacancies there are in DfC and across all Departments.

DoF Response

I can confirm the department holds some of the information requested.

Details of the total number of vacant posts in each department is not held centrally by Department of Finance. Each Civil Service department is responsible for managing its resources – both financial and staff. Each department determines its individual workforce needs and is responsible for ensuring that any additional staffing resources are affordable. When a department identifies a vacancy that needs filled, the request is referred to NICSHR to initiate the process to fill the post. NICSHR liaises with all departments on an ongoing basis to seek to prioritise recruitment activity within allocated financial and staff resources.

As at the end of October 2024, (the most recent figures available at time of the request), the NICSHR caseload for Staff Officer vacancies which may be filled from competition IRC275969 was 361. The breakdown of the vacancies by Department is shown in the table below.

Department	Vacancies to be filled from IRC275969
DAERA	109
DE	17
DfC	84
DfE	36
DfI	24
DoF	35
DoH	29
DOJ	19
PPS	3
TEO	5
Grand Total	361