

FOI DOF/2025-0282

Request

Re: Grade 6 competition IRC306699.

1. Can you please advise on the number of panels constituted to undertake the sift of applications in relation to this competition...
2. ...and the pass/failure rate (%) of each panel?

DoF Response

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

1. The information you have requested is being withheld as it is exempt under section 22(1) of the Freedom of Information Act. Section 22(1) protects information intended for future publication. Section 22 is a qualified exemption, and I have considered whether the balance of the public interest favours maintaining the exemption in section 22(1) or disclosing the information. By applying Section 22 Exemption of the FOI Act, we are required to carry out a Public Interest Test. This can be found attached as a separate document (Annex B). The information will be published by 30th June 2025.
2. This information cannot be provided. Although there were seven panel members involved, the process included a final review of failed applications to ensure fair and consistent decisions were made throughout.