

FOI DOF/2025-0581

**Request**

Can I request the most up to date information available relating to competition IRC306697:

- 1) The total caseload of vacancies to date identified to be filled from IRC306697 competition, listed by department and location?
- 2) The number of IRC306697 vacancies to date that have had an offer made to a candidate?
- 3) The current number of IRC306697 vacancies to date that have not yet been allocated to a candidate (remaining unfilled vacancies), listed by department and location?
- 4) The number of candidates to date that have rejected a job offer made in respect of IRC306697? If possible can this also be broken down by location.
- 5) Has a timeframe been identified for the placement of the next round of allocations from IRC306697?

**DoF Response**

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

1) Details of the total vacancies 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 September 2025, (the most recent figures available at time of the request), NICSHR was managing a caseload of 225 Grade 7 vacancies which may be filled from Competition IRC306697. The breakdowns by Department and locations are shown in the tables below.

<b>Department</b>	<b>Vacancies</b>
DAERA	69
DE	12
DfC	32
DfE	22
DfI	16
DoF	15
DoH	12
DOJ	29
TEO	18
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>225</b>

<b>Location</b>	<b>Vacancies</b>
Ballykelly	18
Bangor	11
Belfast	177
Coleraine	1
Cookstown	1
Derry-Londonderry	5
Downpatrick	3
Enniskillen	2
Lisburn	3
Lurgan	1
Newry	1
Omagh	1
Brussels, Belgium	1
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>225</b>

- 2) As at the date of this request, a total of 221 offers have been made.
- 3) and 4) As at the date of this request, this information is not held as the first round of allocations from Competition IRC306697 is still ongoing.
- 5) As at the date of this request, no date has been set for a further round of allocations from Competition IRC306697.