

FOI DOF/2025-0628

Request

1. Please provide the total number of general service grade 7 vacancies declared as of the date of the response, in table format by department and location of the vacancy.
2. Please also provide the number of which have been declared for IRC306697 in the lifetime of the competition as of the date of response, in table format by department and location of the vacancy.
3. Lastly, please provide the number of vacancies which have been declared for IRC313501 Policy and Legislation as of the date of the response, in table format by department and location of the vacancy.

DoF Response

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

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 NICS HR to initiate the process to fill the post. NICS HR liaises with all departments on an ongoing basis to seek to prioritise recruitment activity within allocated financial and staff resources.

1. As at the end of September 2025, (the most recent figures available at time of the request), NICS HR was managing a caseload of 263 General Service Grade 7 vacancies. The breakdowns by Department and locations are shown in the tables below.

G7 General Service vacancies as of September 2025.

Department	Number of vacancies
DAERA	81
DE	12
DfC	37
DfE	24
DfI	18
DoF	27
DoH	13
DOJ	31
TEO	20
Grand Total	263

Town	Number of vacancies
Ballykelly	22
Bangor	11
Belfast	208
Brussels, Belgium	1
Carrickfergus	1
Coleraine	1
Cookstown	1
Derry- Londonderry	6
Downpatrick	4
Enniskillen	2
Lisburn	3
Lurgan	1
Newry	1
Omagh	1
Grand Total	263

2. As at the end of September 2025 (the most recent figures available at time of the request), NICSHR was managing a caseload of 225 General Service Grade 7 vacancies which may be filled from competition IRC306697. Please note that these vacancies are included in the response to Q1. The breakdowns by Department and locations are shown in the tables below.

G7 Vacancies for competition IRC306697 as of September 2025.

Department	Number of vacancies
DAERA	69
DE	12
DfC	32
DfE	22
DfI	16
DoF	15
DoH	12
DOJ	29
TEO	18
Grand Total	225

Town	Number of vacancies
Ballykelly	18
Bangor	11
Belfast	177
Brussels, Belgium	1
Coleraine	1
Cookstown	1
Derry-Londonderry	5
Downpatrick	3
Enniskillen	2
Lisburn	3
Lurgan	1
Newry	1
Omagh	1
Grand Total	225

3. As at the end of September 2025 (the most recent figures available at time of the request), NICS HR was managing a caseload of 15 Grade 7 vacancies which may be filled from competition IRC313501. Please note that these vacancies are included in the response to Q1. The breakdowns by Department and locations are shown in the tables below.

G7 Vacancies for competition IRC313501 Policy and Legislation as of September 2025.

Department	Number of vacancies
DAERA	11
DfC	2
DfI	2
Grand Total	15

Town	Number of vacancies
Ballykelly	3
Belfast	11
Downpatrick	1
Grand Total	15