

FOI DOF/2025-0664

Can I request clarification with regards to the 10 TP grade 7 posts currently within LPS

1. The number of TP Grade 7 posts within each of the directorates of LPS
2. Within each directorate how many of these posts are Professional & Technical and how many are General Civil Service.
3. Can I please add to the query which of these posts are permanent posts.

DoF Response

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

1. As previously advised under FOI DoF/2025-0645, the Department of Finance (DoF) does not maintain a central record of Northern Ireland Civil Service (NICS) staff establishment figures.

Each NICS Department is individually responsible for determining and managing its own staffing and financial resources. This includes identifying the total number of posts required to meet its operational needs and whether a post is considered permanent or timebound.

2. DoF does hold information on the grade of staff on temporary promotion and whether the grade is considered general service or non-general service.

Regarding the ten temporary promotion cases outlined in FOI DOF/2025-0645, the following table breaks down the temporary promoted Grade 7 staff by Division, and by occupational group: general service (administrative) and non-general service (professional and technical).

DoF - Land & Property Services - Divisions	General Service/Non-General Service	Headcount
DoF, LPS Digital, Contracts & Accommodation Services Division	Non-General Service	1
DoF, LPS Land Registers Northern Ireland	Non-General Service	1
DoF, LPS Rating Policy Division	General Service	2
DoF, LPS Revenues and Benefits Directorate	General Service	2
DoF, LPS Transformation & Corporate Support Division	General Service	2
DoF, LPS, Valuation Services Directorate	Non-General Service	2
Total		10

Source: HRConnect Month End October 2025

3. Of the 10 posts listed, three are permanent posts: one in LPS Rating Policy Division, one in LPS Revenues and Benefits and one in LPS Valuation Services Directorate.

Internal Reviews

An Internal Review request examines the response based on applied exemptions, search adequacy, or response timeliness.

It is not the following, which will be treated as specified:

- Questions asking for clarification on information provided: Will be treated as part of the original FOI request.
- Additional questions about the information in the response: Will be treated as a new FOI request.
- Questions about the subject not related to the original request: Will be treated as new FOI request.
- Questions regarding how a service operates or why a decision was made: Will be treated as normal business and responded to accordingly.
- Complaints or concerns raised in response to information provided: Will be treated in line with relevant complaints procedure.

To make an Internal Review request:

- **Clearly state:** That you want an internal review of a previous FOI response and provide the necessary details.
- **Follow the timeline:** Be sure to submit your request within 40 working days of receiving the original response. If the Department has not responded at all, you have 40 working days after the original 20-day response period has passed.
- **Wait for a response:** The review is typically completed within 20 working days but can take up to 40 working days in exceptional circumstances. The Department should inform you of any delays.

What the review includes

- A fresh decision based on a reconsideration of all relevant factors.
- An assessment of whether the request was handled correctly and if exemptions were applied appropriately.
- The review will be conducted by someone who was not involved in the original decision.

If you wish to request an internal review, please email foi@finance-ni.gov.uk or write to FOI/EIR Team, Department of Finance, 2nd Floor, Craigantlet Buildings, Stoney Road, Belfast, BT4 3SX.