

FOI DOF/2025-0530

**Request**

Dear Department of Finance (Northern Ireland),

Could you please advise;

1. The total number of Grade 6 vacancies that are currently declared to be filled from IRC306699? If possible, including the figures for vacancies declared by the 12th September deadline.
2. When are offers provisionally planned to begin to issue for IRC306699?
3. Is it envisaged that all current vacancies for IRC306699 will be filled in the first round of allocations?
4. How many candidates have been issued offers to date for IRC306697?
5. Current number of declared vacancies at Grade 7 that are to be filled from IRC306697? Excluding vacancies that are already have an offer issued in the first round of allocations. Could these be listed by department and location.

**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 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. As at the end of August 2025, (the most recent figures available at time of the request), the NICS HR caseload for Grade 6 vacancies which may be filled from Competition IRC306699 was 40.
2. As at the date of this request, no date has been set for offer letters to issue for Competition IRC306699.
3. As at the date of this request, this information is not available.
4. & 5. This information is not held as NICS HR are currently in the process of carrying out the first round of allocations from Competition IRC306697.