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**Request**

Re: IRC316271 - Assistant Secretary Grade 5

I would also appreciate a breakdown of:

1. The number of applicants
2. How many were sifted out after review of criterion 1,
3. How many were then sifted out after review of criteria 2 and 3,
4. And finally, how many were/were not invited for interview after application of the shortlisting criterion, including the lowest score to have been invited.

**DoF Response**

I can confirm the Department holds the information requested.

1. There were 88 applicants.
2. 52 candidates were sifted out after review of criterion 1.
3. An additional 18 candidates were then sifted out after review of criteria 2 and 3. 70 in total at this stage.
4. 8 were invited for interview. Candidates had to score 7 out of 10 or above in order to be invited to an interview, so 7 is the lowest score.