

FOI DOF/2025-0676

Request

Re: IRC317873

1. How many applicants were there for this competition?
2. How many applicants have been invited for interview?
3. Can you confirm the interviews will be conducted based on merit (scores from assessment)?
4. What the start date is for the interviews and when is the expected finish date?
5. When will successful interviewees be notified?

DoF Response

I can confirm the Department holds the information requested.

1-2. The information you have requested is being withheld as it is exempt under section 22(1) of the Freedom of Information Act. Section 22(1) protects information intended for future publication. Section 22 is a qualified exemption, and I have considered whether the balance of the public interest favours maintaining the exemption in section 22(1) or disclosing the information. By applying Section 22 Exemption of the FOI Act, we are required to carry out a Public Interest Test. This can be found attached as a separate document (Annex C). The information will be published in the future.

3. Candidates have been invited to interview based on test score order.
4. Interviews are scheduled from 24th November to 19th December.
5. The merit list is expected by February 2026.