

FOI DOF/2025-0677

Request

Could I request the most recent figures available (preferably at the end of November 2025) for the caseload of Grade 7 vacancies that NICSHR is managing which may be filled from Competition IRC306697, broken down by department and location please?

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 NICSHR to initiate the process to fill the post. NICSHR 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 October 2025, (the most recent figures available at time of the request), NICSHR was managing a caseload of 28 General Service Grade 7 vacancies which may be filled from competition IRC306697. The breakdowns by Department and locations are shown in the tables below.

G7 Competition IRC306697 Vacancies by Department	
Department	Total
DAERA	6
DfC	2
DfE	4
DfI	3
DoF	5
DoH	3
DOJ	2
TEO	3
Grand Total	28

G7 Competition IRC306697 Vacancies by Location	
Town	Total
Ballykelly	4
Belfast	24
Grand Total	28