

FOI DOF/2025-0683

Request

Re: IRC308338

1. At the eligibility sift stage, was there a set number that the panel decided they would progress to the next stage of the process?
2. How many applicants had the panel decided they would put through from the eligibility sift stage?
3. How many applicants were there in total?
4. How many applicants in total were put through to the next stage of the process following the eligibility sift stage?
5. How many of the applicants in total that were put through to the next stage of the process following the eligibility sift stage, were put through under the Guaranteed Interview Scheme (GIS)?
6. How many roles were/ are there?

DoF response

I can confirm the department holds the information requested.

1. No, the panel did not have a set number of candidates to progress to the next stage of the process at the eligibility sift stage.
2. As above, there was no set number of candidates that the panel had decided would progress from the eligibility sift stage prior to this stage.
3. There were 91 applicants.
4. 26 candidates progressed to the next stage of the recruitment following the eligibility sift.
5. There were no applicants put through to the next stage of the process following the eligibility sift under the Guaranteed Interview Scheme.
6. As per the information detailed in the Candidate Information booklet for the role, there are up to four Permanent Secretary vacancies to be filled, i.e. in The Executive Office (TEO) and the Departments of Communities (DfC), Education (DE) and Infrastructure (DfI) however appointments arising from this competition will be to the Senior Civil Service as Permanent Secretary.