ANNEX A

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Request

May I please have a breakdown of the number of staff on Temporary Promotion to Grade 7 general per Department as at the end of Feb 26 and the average duration of the TP per Department.

Of those staff who are Temporary promoted to G7, how many are due to be placed from IRC306697?

DoF response

I can confirm the department holds the information requested.

Q1.
The management and recording of temporary promotions are the responsibility of individual business areas in Departments. Temporary promotions can be for several different business reasons, such as covering vacant posts, special exercises etc.

The table below sets out the total number of NICS staff temporarily promoted to General Service Grade 7, along with the average duration of these promotions by Department, as at the end of February 2026 (the latest data available at the time of the request).

Department	Staff on TP to G7 (Headcount)	Average TP Duration (in Months)
DAERA	48	24
DE	24	19
DfC	39	23
DfE	8	33
DfI	18	8
DoF	30	17
DoH	12	41
DOJ	25	24
TEO	12	27
Total	**216**	22

Source: HRConnect & COMPASS - Month End February 2026
Note: Figures reflect Permanent and Fixed Term Casual staff only, except for those in HSENI, Crown Solicitor Office, and AGNI.

Q2.

Of the 216 staff who are temporary promoted to general service Grade 7 as outlined above, 19 are due to be placed from IRC306697, following the publication of a supplementary merit list.

ANNEX B - INTERNAL REVIEWS

An Internal Review request examines the response based on applied exemptions, search adequacy, or response timeliness.

It is not the following, which will be treated as specified:

- Questions asking for clarification on information provided: Will be treated as part of the original FOI request.
- Additional questions about the information in the response: Will be treated as a new FOI request.
- Questions about the subject not related to the original request: Will be treated as new FOI request.
- Questions regarding how a service operates or why a decision was made: Will be treated as normal business and responded to accordingly.
- Complaints or concerns raised in response to information provided: Will be treated in line with relevant complaints procedure.

To make an Internal Review request:

- **Clearly state**: That you want an internal review of a previous FOI response and provide the necessary details.
- **Follow the timeline:** Be sure to submit your request within 40 working days of receiving the original response. If the Department has not responded at all, you have 40 working days after the original 20-day response period has passed.
- **Wait for a response:** The review is typically completed within 20 working days but can take up to 40 working days in exceptional circumstances. The Department should inform you of any delays.

What the review includes

- A fresh decision based on a reconsideration of all relevant factors.
- An assessment of whether the request was handled correctly and if exemptions were applied appropriately.
- The review will be conducted by someone who was not involved in the original decision.

If you wish to request an internal review, please email foi@finance-ni.gov.uk or write to FOI/EIR Team, Department of Finance, 2nd Floor, Craigantlet Buildings, Stoney Road, Belfast, BT4 3SX.