ANNEX A

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Request

Re: IRC321374

Can I request:

1. the number of applications,
2. number who failed sift,
3. number who failed test,
4. number who failed interview and
5. number of successful candidates of the recent Assistant Statistician competition?

Further clarification received 23/02/26

6. An approximate cost of the competition would be good too

DoF response

I can confirm the department holds some of the information requested.

1. A total of 591 applications were submitted.

2. Information unavailable, competition ongoing.

3. Information unavailable, competition ongoing.

4. Information unavailable, competition ongoing.

5. Information unavailable, competition ongoing.

6. This information is being withheld because it is exempt under section 43(2) of the Freedom of Information Act. Section 43(2) protects information which would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the public authority holding it). The disclosure of this information would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interest of the tenderer in this commercial activity. The application of Section 43(2) in this case requires a Public Interest Test (PIT) to be carried out, which can be found attached separately (Annex C). In carrying out the PIT the department contends that disclosure of the requested material would not be in the public interest.