ANNEX A

FOI DOF/2026-0104

Request

Re: IRC265807

1. How many successful candidates were there in the above-named competition?

2. How many of these successful candidates received an e mail containing the following sentence – “We are allocating batches of candidates to vacancies which have been deemed by departments as a priority, and you have been reached in merit order to fill one of these posts.”

3. How many of the successful candidates who received the above worded e-mail turned down this position but still remained on the merit list for posts and have since been placed in EO1 positions or remain on the list?

4. How many of the successful candidates received an e-mail containing the following sentence –“ as you were not prepared to accept the position as offered your name will be removed from the EO1 merit list for competition IRC265807.”

5. Are candidates still being placed into EO1 positions within this competition?

DoF response

I can confirm the department holds the information requested.

1. There were 1345 successful candidates in general service EO1 competition IRC265807.

2. One candidate received this wording, as it was a response in relation to their personal circumstances.

3. None.

4. One candidate received this wording, as it was a response in relation to their personal circumstances.

5. This competition closed on 31 December 2025 and no further candidates will be placed.