

FOI DOF/2026-0064

**Request**

Re: IRC306699

1. Can you advise how many vacancies there are across NICS at G6 level.
2. How many candidates have been placed from this list
3. How many vacancies are remaining to be filled
4. How many staff within NICS are currently temporary promoted to G6 roles?

**DoF response**

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

1. 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 January 2026, (the most recent figures available at the date of the request), the NICSHR caseload for Grade 6 vacancies which may be filled from competition IRC306699 was 9.

2. As at the end of January 2026, the total number of candidates placed from competition IRC306699 is 32. Please note that NICSHR regards a candidate to have been placed when the allocation process has concluded and successful candidates have taken up post.
3. As per Q1 above, as at the end of January 2026 (the most recent figures available at the date of the request), there are 9 vacancies which may be filled from Competition IRC306699.
4. 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 sick absence, maternity, vacant post, special exercises etc. As at month end January 2026 (the most recent figures available at the time of request), a total of 139 NICS staff are on temporary promotion to General Service and Non-General Service Grade 6.