ANNEX A

FOI DOF/2026-0159

Request:

1. I am requesting information on current general EO1 vacancies broken down broken down into areas and departments.

DoF response

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

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 February 2026, (the most recent figures available at time of the request), NICSHR was managing a caseload of 234 general service EO1 vacancies. The breakdown by Department and town is shown in the table below.

General Service EO1 vacancies

	DAERA	DE	DfC	DfE	DfI	DoF	DoH	DOJ	PPS	TEO	Grand Total
Armagh			1								1
Ballykelly	13		1								14
Ballymena			15								15
Ballynahinch			1								1
Bangor		4	2			1					7
Belfast	21		52	7	16	21	3	19	5	1	145
Carrickfergus			1								1
Coleraine	1		3								4
Derry-Londonderry		3	12			5					20
Downpatrick								1			1
Dungannon			2					1			3
Larne	3										3
Lisburn	5		4		1						10
Newtownabbey			2								2
Newtownards			4								4
Portadown			2								2
Strabane			1								1
Grand Total	**43**	**7**	**103**	**7**	**17**	**27**	**3**	**21**	**5**	**1**	**234**