

**FOI DOF/2026-0176**

**Request**

**RE: NICS assistant statistician competition**

I would appreciate if you could confirm how many posts were available (or bid for) at the time of the competition.

**DoF response**

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

The NICS Assistant Statistician competition is currently ongoing.

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 NICS HR to initiate the process to fill the post. NICS HR 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), NICS HR was managing a caseload of 3 Assistant Statistician vacancies.