

**FOI DOF/2026-0183**

**Request**

**RE: IRC 320459**

1. Can you advise the number of applications received for this vacancy
2. The number of applicants who passed the sift and were issued an interview
3. Can you also advise how many DP posts are available to be filled from this competition at this date

**DoF response**

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

1. There were 672 applications received for this competition.
2. There were 135 applicants who passed the sift; all of whom were invited to interview.
3. 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 March 2026, (the most recent figures available at time of the request), NICSHR was managing a caseload of 31 DP vacancies which may be filled from Competition IRC320459.