

FOI DOF/2026-0253

Request

RE: IRC306699 - Grade 6 competition

1. How many candidates have been placed to date from IRC306699?
2. What is the current NICSHR caseload, broken down by Department, for Grade 6 vacancies to be filled from IRC306699?
3. What number on the IRC306699 merit order list was the person who filled the most recent vacancy from IRC306699?
4. How many candidates remain on the IRC306699 merit order list awaiting placement?

DoF response

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

1. As at the date of the request, a total of 41 candidates have been placed from competition IRC306699. (Please note that NICSHR regards a candidate to have been placed when the allocation process has concluded and successful candidates have taken up post.)
2. Details of the total vacancies in each department are 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 April 2026 (the most recent information available at the date of the request), NICS HR was managing 1 vacancy which may be filled from competition IRC306699. This vacancy was based in DAERA.

3. The most recent vacancies from competition IRC306699 were filled on 2 March 2026. The last merit order position held by a person who filled one of these vacancies was 43.
4. As at the date of the request, a total of 60 candidates remain on the merit list for competition IRC306699.