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REASONS FOR APPLYING SECTION 22 EXEMPTION

Ref No	DOF/2026-0300			
Information		Exemption applied	Reasons for Disclosure	Reasons for Non Disclosure
RE: IRC313542 1. Total number of applicants, including split between number i) currently employed in the NICS, ii) of external candidates 3. Number of applicants who undertook the online tests 4. Number of applicants who i) passed ii) failed the online tests, split between those currently employed in the NICS and external candidates 5. How many candidates who passed the online tests scored above and below the online test threshold used to determine who progresses to sift		Section 22 Intended for future publication	- To show compliance with the FOI Act by disclosing information held by the Department as a Public Authority; - There is a general public interest in the accountability, openness and transparency of government, and to promote public understanding.	- As the information requested is of interest to the wider NICS, it is important that it can be accessed by all interested parties at the same time, it should be equally available to all, not given to some people before others - Publishing the information at this stage would require staff to spend time on accelerating publication rather than other activities in the public interest

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7. Of the 1000 applications taken forward to sift how many are i) currently employed in the NICS ii) external candidates 14. how many of the 1000 applicants taken forward to the sift have been i) successful at the sift and invited to interview ii) unsuccessful at the sift.			
In balancing where the public interest lies, the Department contends that public interest considerations against disclosure are predominant, and the public interest is better served by non-disclosure of the of the information at this time.			
Signed: John Cuthbert		Date: 06/07/26	