

Annex C

REASONS FOR APPLYING SECTION 22 EXEMPTION

Ref Number	DOF/2026-0329			
Information	Exemption applied	Reasons for Disclosure	Reasons for Non Disclosure	
Re: IRC313542 4. How many people have applied for the IRC313542 5. How many applicants completed the online assessment. 6. How many applicants passed the online assessment and eligibility 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.	- Any planned recruitment competition that goes live will be published upon completion of the advertising stage of the recruitment planning stage. - As the information requested is of interest to the wider public, 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.	
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 information on planned recruitment competitions at this time. Signed: John Cuthbert Date: 24/06/2026				