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REASONS FOR APPLYING SECTION 22 EXEMPTION

Ref No	DoF/2026-0344			
Information		Exemption applied	Reasons for Disclosure	Reasons for Non Disclosure
Re: AO Talent Dog Comp 1. How many applications were received? 2. How many were successful to progress to the next stage?		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

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			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 of the information on planned recruitment competitions at this time.			
Signed: John Cuthbert		Date: 01/07/2026	