

FOI DOF/2026-0274

Request**Re: IRC320198**

Can I request the most up to date information available relating to competition IRC320198:

- 1) The total caseload of vacancies to date identified to be filled from IRC320198 competition, listed by department and location?
- 2) The number of IRC320198 vacancies to date that have had an offer made to a candidate?
- 3) The current number of IRC320198 vacancies to date that have not yet been allocated to a candidate (remaining unfilled vacancies), listed by department and location?
- 4) The number of candidates to date that have rejected a job offer made in respect of IRC320198? If possible can this also be broken down by location.
- 5) Has a timeframe been identified for the placement of the next round of allocations from IRC320198?

DoF response

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

- 1) 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 NICS HR to initiate the process to fill the post. NICS HR liaises with all departments on an ongoing basis to seek to prioritise recruitment activity within allocated financial and staff resources.

As at the date of the request, NICS HR was managing a caseload of 24 vacancies which could be filled from Competition IRC320198. The breakdown by department and location is shown in the table below.

Competition IRC320198 Vacancies by Town & Department			
Town	Department		Total
	DfC	DoJ	
Ballymena	22		22
Belfast	1	1	2
Grand Total	23	1	24

- 2) At the date of the request, allocations for Competition IRC320198 were ongoing and 21 candidates had received an offer of a post.
- 3) At the date of the request, allocations for Competition IRC320198 were ongoing; the number of remaining unfilled vacancies cannot be confirmed until the allocation process has concluded and confirmation received that successful candidates accepted offers and reported for duty on the agreed start dates.
- 4) At the date of the request, no candidates had rejected an offer from Competition IRC320198.
- 5) At the date of the request, no timeframe had been identified for a further round of allocations from IRC320198.