

**FOI DOF/2026-0275**

**Request**

**Re: IRC321664 SPTO Planning Officers (DFI)**

1. How many candidates applied for the above competition?
  - a. How many are internal NICS staff, and of those how many are currently working in DfI?
  - b. How many are external, and of those how many are currently working in local council planning offices?
2. How many candidates have been invited for interview?
  - a. How many are internal NICS staff, and of those how many are currently working in DfI?
  - b. How many are external, and of those how many are currently working in local council planning offices?

**DoF response**

I can confirm the department holds the information requested.

1. There are 55 candidates who applied for this competition comprising:
  - a. 13 NICS applicants; 6 of whom are currently working in DFI.
  - b. 42 external applicants; 16 of whom are currently working in local council planning offices.
2. There are 30 candidates who have been invited for interview comprising:
  - a. 7 internal NICS applicants; 6 of whom are currently working in DFI.
  - b. 23 external applicants; 13 of whom are currently working in local council planning offices.