

FOI DOF/2026-0310

Request

RE: IRC 306699 - Department of Justice Grade 5 competition

1. The number of those who made an application for this competition
2. The number of those who were selected for interview
3. The number of those who were interviewed
4. The number of those who passed the interview
5. The number of those who did not pass the interview
6. The highest score of those who were interviewed
7. The lowest score of those who were interviewed
8. The highest score of those who passed the interview
9. The lowest score of those who passed the interview
10. The highest score of those who did not pass the interview
11. The lowest score of those who did not pass the interview

Clarification received 19/06/26

The relevant reference is G5 IRC318107

DoF response

I can confirm the department holds the information requested.

1. There were 145 applicants in total.
2. There were 15 candidates selected for interview.
3. There were 13 candidates interviewed.
4. There were 5 successful candidates at interview stage.
5. There were 8 unsuccessful candidates at interview stage.
6. – 11 The information you have requested is being withheld because it is exempt under section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act. Section 40(2) exempts personal information from disclosure if that information relates to someone other than the applicant, and if disclosure of that information would, amongst other things, contravene one of the data protection principles of the Data Protection Act.

In this case, I believe disclosure would contravene the first data protection principle, which provides that personal data must be processed lawfully and fairly.

Having considered all the information contained within the Legitimate Interest Test – lawful, fairness and transparency test (attached as a separate document – Annex C), the department has established that, on balance, there is no lawful basis for the disclosure of third-party personal data falling within the scope of the request of which the requester is not the data subject.