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Request

RE: IRC 303169 – AO Competition

1. How many people applied for this competition?
2. How many people were invited for interview?
3. And finally of those invited for interview, how many candidates passed and are to be offered a merit position?

DoF response

I can confirm the department holds the information requested.

1&2. Information you have requested is held by the Department but is exempt under section 21(1) of the Freedom of Information Act. Section 21 exempts information if this information is reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means. Section 21 is an absolute exemption, and the Department is not required to consider whether the public interest favours disclosure of this information. The information can be found at the following link: [IRC303169 Administrative Officer \(AO\) external recruitment campaign data - Dataset - Open Data NI](#)

3. 1929 candidates passed the interview and were added to the merit list for this competition.