

FOI DOF/2026-0344

Request

RE: TalentDog - AO

1. How many applications were received?
2. How many were successful to progress to the next stage?
3. How was each question scored and what score was needed to progress.

DoF response

I can confirm the department holds the information requested.

1. The information you have requested is being withheld as it is exempt under section 22(1) of the Freedom of Information Act. Section 22(1) protects information intended for future publication. Section 22 is a qualified exemption, and I have considered whether the balance of the public interest favours maintaining the exemption in section 22(1) or disclosing the information. By applying Section 22 Exemption of the FOI Act, we are required to carry out a Public Interest Test. This can be found attached as a separate document (Annex C). This information will be published in the near future.
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3. The scores were derived from Subject Matter Expert responses and psychologist input. It is not possible to provide any further information on exactly how questions were scored. The top scoring candidates then progressed to interview in merit order.