

FOI DOF/2026-0340

Request

Re: EO2 competition IRC317873.

1. What is the number of those successfully placed in the merit list to date?
2. What is the current merit number that have been received pre-placement letters to date?
3. How many on the merit list have been placed from the merit list in Area 5?
4. How many remain on the merit list for Area 5? What is the current merit number ranging from for Area 5?
5. What are the vacancy breakdowns in area 5 for all Departments, by Department?

DoF response

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

1. As of 23rd June 2026, no candidates have been successfully placed from the merit list for IRC317873. (Please note, NICSHR regards a candidate to be placed when confirmation is received that they have reported for duty on their agreed start date.)
2. The lowest merit position of a candidate who has received a pre-placement letter is 920.
3. As of 23rd June 2026, no candidates have been successfully placed from the merit list in Area 5 (Omagh/Strabane).
4. There were 108 successful candidates in the merit list who selected Area 5 (Omagh/Strabane) as a locational preference. No candidates have been successfully placed at 23rd June 2026. The highest merit position of a candidate who selected Area 5 as a location preference is 1. The lowest merit position of a candidate who selected Area 5 as a locational preference is 1138.

5. Details of the total vacancies in each department is 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 end of May 2026, (the most recent figures available at time of the request), NICS HR was managing a caseload of 12 vacancies in Area 5 which may be filled from competition IRC317873. The breakdown by department is shown in the table below.

Competition IRC317873 Vacancies in Area 5 by Department	
Department	Total
DAERA	2
DfC	8
DfI	1
DoF	1
Grand Total	12