

FOI DOF/2026-0403

Request

Re: Competition IRC313542 – DP.

Please can you confirm the following regarding competition IRC313542:

1. The number of vacancies to be filled from this competition.
2. Breakdown by locations for the vacancies.
3. Breakdown by department for the vacancies.
4. The date interview outcome letters are to be issued.
5. The date a merit list is to be expected.

DoF response

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

1. 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 NICSHR to initiate the process to fill the post. NICSHR 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 June 2026, (the most recent figures available at time of the request), NICSHR was managing a caseload of 200 vacancies which may be filled from competition IRC313542.

2. The breakdown of vacancies by town is shown in the table below

IRC313542	Number of vacancies
Antrim	1
Armagh	1
Ballykelly	19
Ballymena	2

IRC313542	Number of vacancies
Bangor	16
Belfast	142
Carrickfergus	2
Coleraine	1
Cookstown	1
Derry-Londonderry	4
Downpatrick	7
Enniskillen	1
Lisburn	2
Omagh	1
Total	200

3. The breakdown of vacancies by department is shown in the table below

IRC313542	Number of vacancies
DAERA	83
DE	16
DfC	20
DfE	15
DfI	29
DoF	8
DoH	11
DoJ	12
TEO	6
Total	200

4. Interview outcomes issued on 23 July 2026.
5. A merit list is now available as all interview outcomes have issued.