

FOI DOF/2026-0407

Request

Re: Competition IRC313542 – DP.

I'd like to request the following information:

1. How many vacancies are there currently at Deputy Principal grade to be filled by the IRC313542 competition
2. Please provide a breakdown by department of the vacancies to be filled from this competition
3. When is it anticipated that the merit list will be communicated to those interviewed
4. When is it anticipated that the roles will start to be filled from this competition

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 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

IRC313542	Number of vacancies
TEO	6
Total	200

3. Interview outcomes issued to candidates on 23 July 2026.
4. As at the date of the request, this information is not held.