

FOI DOF/2026-0423

Request

Re: Competition IRC312943 – Scientific Officer, Water Chemistry.

Please provide:

1. The total number of applications received for competition IRC312943.
2. The total number of applicants who passed the eligibility sift.
3. The total number of applicants who passed the shortlisting sift.
4. The total number of applicants invited to interview.
5. The total number of applicants who attended their interview.
6. The interview scores given to each candidate and which panel it was given by, stating which candidates were successful.

DoF response

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

1. 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: [FOI DOF/2025-0527 - IRC312943 - number of applicants in total, number interviewed and number of interviewed applicants who were successful | Department of Finance](#).
2. 50 applicants passed the eligibility sift.
3. Shortlisting was not used.
4. 50 applicants were invited to interview.
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required to consider whether the public interest favours disclosure of this information. The information can be found at the following link: [FOI DOF/2025-0527 - IRC312943 - number of applicants in total, number interviewed and number of interviewed applicants who were successful | Department of Finance](#).

6. There was one panel who interviewed all candidates. The interview scores given and which candidates were successful are outlined in the below table.

Score	Outcome
107	Successful
106	Successful
103	Successful
102	Successful
98	Successful
97	Successful
96	Successful
94	Successful
93	Successful
92	Successful
91	Successful
89.5	Successful
89	Successful
88	Successful
87	Successful
84.5	Successful
84	Successful
83.5	Successful
83	Successful
82	Successful
78	Successful
77.5	Successful
77	Successful
76	Successful
75	Successful
74	Successful
73	Successful
72	Successful
78	Unsuccessful
72	Unsuccessful
71	Unsuccessful
65	Unsuccessful
60	Unsuccessful
58.5	Unsuccessful
58	Unsuccessful
57	Unsuccessful
48	Unsuccessful