Annex C

REASONS FOR APPLYING SECTION 22 EXEMPTION

Ref No	**DOF/2026-0497**			
Information		**Exemption applied**	**Reasons for Disclosure**	**Reasons for Non Disclosure**
Re: Competition IRC324802 – SO General Service. 1. How many applicants were there for this competition? 2. How many applicants passed the online test? 3. How many applicants out of the top scoring 1000 from the online tests were invited to interview? 5. What was the percentage of applicants from the top 1000 who failed the sift?		Section 22 Intended for future publication	• To show compliance with the FOI Act by disclosing information held by the Department as a Public Authority; • There is a general public interest in the accountability, openness and transparency of government, and to promote public understanding.	• As the information requested is of interest to the wider NICS, it is important that it can be accessed by all interested parties at the same time, it should be equally available to all, not given to some people before others • Publishing the information at this stage would require staff to spend time on accelerating publication rather than other activities in the public interest
In balancing where the public interest lies, the Department contends that public interest considerations against disclosure are predominant, and the public interest is better served by non-disclosure of the of the information at this time. Signed: John Cuthbert Date: 03/09/2026				