ANNEX A

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Request

Re: Competition IRC328000 – Aquatic Animal Health Professional

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.

1-3. 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 July 2026, (the most recent figures available at time of the request), NICSHR was managing a caseload of 3 vacancies which may be filled from Competition IRC328000 – these are all in the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) in Downpatrick.

4. Interviews are currently scheduled to conclude on 4th September. Interview outcome letters will follow shortly after this date.

5. A merit list will be compiled following issue of interview outcome letters.