ANNEX A

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Request

Re: Competition IRC324802 – SO General Service.

1. How many applications were made to the competition?

2. How many applicants passed the online assessment stage?

3. How many applicants did not pass the online assessment stage?

4. How many applicants of the first 1000 passed the sift stage to gain an invite to interview?

5. How many applicants of the first 500 passed the sift stage to gain an invite to interview?

6. Of the applicants that did not pass the sift stage how many of them requested a review of decision?

7. Of the number that requested a review of decision how many were successful?

DoF response

I can confirm the department holds the information requested.

1-4. The information you have requested is being withheld as it is exempt under section 22(1) of the Freedom of Information Act. Section 22(1) protects information intended for future publication. Section 22 is a qualified exemption, and I have considered whether the balance of the public interest favours maintaining the exemption in section 22(1) or disclosing the information. By applying Section 22 Exemption of the FOI Act, we are required to carry out a Public Interest Test. This can be found attached as a separate document (Annex C).

5. Out of the first 500, 176 were invited to interview

6. To date 332, sift reviews have been received.

7. 332 sift reviews are outstanding.