ANNEX A

FOI DOF/2026-0525

Request

Re: Competition IRC324802 – SO General Service.

Can I get the numbers that:

1. Passed the test
2. Failed the test
3. Were sifted through to interview
4. Were sifted out and not put through to interview
5. Number of panels and composition of each panel in terms of grade
6. Can I get confirmation that the sift was done on basis of individual merit - in terms of who passed the eligibility and who didn't, rather than the sift being used as a shortlisting tool?

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. This competition used one sift panel comprising of 6 panel members. 3 x Grade 7s and 3 x DPs were involved in the sift.
6. The sift was done on individual merit and was carried out to confirm eligibility as detailed in the Candidate Information Booklet.