ANNEX A

FOI DOF/2026-0534

Request

RE: IRC 321946

1. Total number of applicants invited to interview stage.

2. Current number of SO vacancies in DFC operations from all offices in Derry, Lisahally and Ballykelly areas.

DoF response

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

1. The number of applicants invited to interview was 223.

2. 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 August 2026, (the most recent figures available at time of the request), NICSHR was managing a caseload of 1 vacancy in Derry/Londonderry and 4 vacancies in Lisahally which may be filled from competition IRC321946. There were no vacancies in Ballykelly.