

ANNEX A

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I can confirm that the department holds some of the information requested. Responses to your requests are shown below. You should note that the role of Head of Finance Profession currently resides with the Permanent Secretary of the Department of Justice, and you may wish to contact his office via foi@justice-ni.gov.uk for more information.

Request 1

Could I request the name of the civil servant who is responsible for heading up the accounting profession throughout the Northern Ireland civil service.

Response 1

The officer responsible is Richard Pengelly, Department of Justice.

Request 2

How many formal meetings since 2019 until 2022 has been arranged to take forward/discuss the interests of accountants within the civil service.

Response 2

The department does not hold any information concerning formal meetings with the Head of Finance Profession arranged to take forward or discuss the interests of accountants during this time. However, you may wish to contact the Head of Finance Profession's office within the Department of Justice on this matter.

Request 3

How many meetings/gatherings/seminars etc has the Head of Accounting Profession arranged to engage with all accountants within the civil service over the last 4 calendar years 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020.

Response 3

No meetings/gatherings/seminars with **all** accountants within the civil service were arranged in this period.

Request 4

Has the Head of Accounting profession engaged with accountants across the civil service? If no engagement please provide a reason why?

Response 4

DoF is aware that all new/recently promoted accountants were invited to welcome induction events on 1 July 2021 and 18 January 2023. The Head of the Finance Profession attended and spoke at the event in July 2021, and was expected to do the same at the event in January 2023 but unfortunately due to system connectivity issues was unable to attend.

Regarding any additional engagement events, you may wish to contact the Head of Finance Profession's office within the Department of Justice.

Request 5

Are minutes to meetings headed by Head of Accounting profession available for viewing.

Response 5

The department does not hold this information. You may wish to contact the Head of Finance Profession's office within the Department of Justice on this matter.