

FOI DOF/2023-0404

Request

IRC277837 - Deputy Principal

I would be grateful if you could advise me how many vacancies are open and that can be filled by the above competition across NICS and within DAERA.

DoF Response

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

Detail of the total Deputy Principal (DP) vacancies in each department is not held centrally by the 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 NICS HR to initiate the process to fill the post. NICS HR liaises with all departments on an ongoing basis to seek to prioritise recruitment activity within allocated financial and staff resources.

At month end of September 2023 (the most recent figures available at the time of request), NICS HR was managing a caseload of 54 General Service vacancies at DP Grade across NICS that may be filled from competition IRC277837; 11 of these vacancies are in DAERA.