

Defence Forces Freedom of Information Disclosure Log

October - December - 2020

(Non Personal Information Only)

Serial	Date of request	Our Ref	Summary of Request	Applicant Details	Decision Due Date	Decision Made
44	2020	4959	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A record of how much was spent on the following repatriation flights: https://www.irishtimes.com/news/ireland/irish-news/army-officers-evacuated-from-goma-after-weeks-of-delay-1.4267026 	Journalist	08/10/2020	Part Granted 37(1)
47	2020	4970	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A copy of the business case, cost benefit analysis or other such document for the decision to send Air Corps pilots to the United States for training (as per the following newspaper article: https://www.irishtimes.com/news/ireland/irish-news/irish-air-corps-pilots-are-training-in-alabama-with-us-military-1.4353859) Copies of any briefings/submissions or other such reports prepared for the minister or secretary generally relating to the above. 	Journalist	17/10/2020	Part Granted 33(2)(a)
49	2020	4972	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The number of Pilots and Air Traffic Controller that graduated in the years of 2018, 2019 and to date in 2020 in tabular form. 	Journalist	21/10/2020	Part Granted 37(1) Refused 35(1)

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The number of persons that are currently in training to become pilot or air traffic controller as of 18 September 2020 in tabular form. • The number of vacant pilots and air traffic controller posts (excluding those in training for either post) as of 18 September 2020 in tabular form 			
50	2020	4974	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A copy of any records held referring or relating to delays in delivery of Pilatus aircraft from the United States to the Air Corps. This request to cover the period 1 January 2020 to date of receipt of the request. 	Journalist	19/10/2020	Part Granted 18(1) 37(1)
51	2020	4994	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Correspondence between the Department of Defence and the Defence Forces between August 19 to present as a result of this article: https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/coup-in-mali-highlights-no-airlift-back-up-for-peacekeepers-dc6hrp29w. • Internal correspondence created as a result of the same article. 	Journalist	13/11/2020	Refused 15(1)(a)
52	2020	4996	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information on how many members of the Irish Defence Forces have been killed by Israeli Forces or by paramilitary proxies operating under Israeli control or at the latter's request (what official information is kept by the Irish state about this matter). 	Journalist	15/12/2020	Part Granted 37(1)
53	2020	4997	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Could you have the number of SAR Top cover missions carried out by the casa fleet in 2016, 2017,2018,2019,2020? 	Journalist	09/11/2020	Granted

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Could you also find out the amount of SAR Top cover missions that have been requested by the Irish Coast Guard and turned down by the Defence Forces? For the same years as above. 			
54	2020	4998	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A copy of reports/investigations in relation to the shooting incident on 18 May 1988 in Portlaoise Prison. 	Journalist	23/11/2020	Refused 15(1)(a)
55	2020	4999	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have the Air Corps investigated whether they have sufficient fixed wing aircraft & pilots trained to provide 24/7 cover for Search and Rescue (SAR) Services with 15 minute takeoff capacity. Please forward a copy of the report. • Does the Air Corps have a sufficient number of AW139's with trained crew to provide 24/7 SAR Services for, North West, West, South East & East or any one of these areas. Please provide details. • Does the Air Corps have trained Drone operators which could be used to augment SAR operations? • Are the Air Corps currently training crews in, Night Flying, Winch Operations, Medical/First Aid, Which would enable the Corps to engage fully 24/7 SAR operations. • Has the Air Corps investigated the costs associated with providing full SAR services including cost/benefit analysis of aircraft purchase or leasing. If so can you please forward a copy of this report. 	Oireachtas	13/12/2020	Refused 15(1) Part Granted 18 (1)

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has any report on the Air Corps ability to tender for the SAR service been prepared for the Officer Commanding the Air Corps Helicopter Wing, the General Officer Commanding the Air Corps, The Deputy Chief of Staff Operations or the Chief of Staff? If so can you please forward a copy of this report. 			
56	2020	5008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Records of correspondence between the HSE and the Irish Air Corps about the provision of emergency air ambulances. • Correspondence between the Irish Air Corps and the Irish Coast Guard about the provision of Emergency Air Ambulances. • Internal reports, including but not limited to draft reports, on the provision of an emergency air ambulance service. 	Journalist	02/12/2020	Transferred
57	2020	5012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copies of all records held referring or relating to complaints by Defence Forces members about the standard of accommodation available at the currency center in Sandymount, Dublin. This request to cover the 	Journalist	03/12/2020	Refused 15(1)(a)

			period from 1 Sept 2019 to date of receipt of this request.			
58	2020	5018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All correspondence between the Chief of Staff in the Defence Forces and the Minister for Defence and his officials over the last year. All correspondence between the Flag Officer in the Naval Service and the Minister for Defence and his officials over the last year. 	Journalist	08/12/2020	On Going
59	2020	5021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copies of the contracts agreed with Pilatus (and any other relevant companies) for the purchase and aftermarket outfitting of the three Pc-12 aircraft delivered to Baldonnell from Colorado in September (namely the aircraft with the markings 281, 282 and 283). 	Journalist	11/12/2020	Transferred to DOD
60	2020	5025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All records of memos, policy papers, emails, briefing notes and minutes created in 2020 originating in the headquarters of the Air Corps, the headquarters of the Naval Service, the headquarters of the Defence Forces; or transmitted to any of those headquarters or transmitted between those headquarters and the Department of Defence which discuss the proposed Coast Guard tender for aviation services? 	Journalist	10/12/2020	Part Granted 36(1)(b), 33(2)(a) Part Granted 36(1)(b), 33(1)(b) Part Granted 33(2)(a) 36(1)(b) Refused 29(1)(a)(b)

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61	2020	5027	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All information related to the expulsion, firing or discharge of any members from the Defence Forces. You would like numerical data for incidents in the period with comparisons based on at least one (the most recent) prior year. You would also like documents relating to dismissals if they resulted from a behavioral complaint, all to cover the period 1/1/2020 to the current date. 	Journalist	26/01/2021	Granted
62	2020	5031	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The entire contract awarded to CDHC Clothing Ltd following the 'Tender CPC 02/2019 – Bespoke Tailoring and Uniforms' tender competition. 	Journalist	18/12/2020	Part Granted 36(1)(b), 37(1),18(1)
63	2020	5035	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Records on how many soldiers have been charged and convicted with crimes in the past five years and how many currently have a criminal record. 	Journalist	23/12/2020	Granted
64	2020	5045	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How many Irish participants in the 2019 World Military Games held in Hubei Province, China, which includes Wuhan, fell ill with covid 19 or flu like symptoms during the games and returned to Ireland in October/November 2019? 	Journalist	17/02/2021	Refused 15(1)(a)
65	2020	5056	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A copy of any correspondence between the Defence Forces and bodies or government departments in the Republic of Ireland, Northern Ireland and Great Britain relating to the assistance provided by the Irish Air Corps in the gorse fires on Slieve Gullion in Co Armagh in July 2018. 	Journalist	05/01/2021	Refused 15(1)(a)

66	2020	5070	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The total number of Pilots positions in the Air Corps, (No 1, No 3 and Air Corps College).• The total number of NCO and Airman Technicians positions in the Air Corps (No1, No 3, No 4 and the Air Corps College).	Journalist	03/02/2021	Granted
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