Defence Forces Freedom of Information Disclosure Log

July - September - 2020

(Non Personal Information Only)

| Serial | Date of request | Our Ref | Summary of Request | Applicant Details | Decision Due Date | Decision Made |
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| 24 | 2020 | 4863 | How many male naval cadets joined with a level BBC between 2010-2020? How many males joined Naval Service Recruitment with GCSE qualifications between 2010-2020? | Journalist | 10/07/2020 | Granted |
| 25 | 2020 | 4864 | A copy of the incident report relating to the event where a door fell from an Air Corp helicopter. | Journalist | 10/07/2020 | Refused 30(1)(a) |
| 26 | 2020 | 4868 | • The rank held, the role and function, by each of the 6 Defence Forces Members posted to the EU Military Staff in Brussels as of 2 Jan 20, and the duration of the posting in each case. | Oireachtas | 14/07/2020 | Granted |
| 27 | 2020 | 4870 | All files relating to unknown aerial objects or unknown aerial phenomena for the period January 2008 to December 2019 All correspondence files between the Defence Forces and a journalist from the Irish times resulting in the release of UFO files in September 2007 All files relating to unknown aerial objects or unknown aerial phenomena prior to May 1947 | Journalist | 15/07/2020 | Refused 15(1)(a) |
| 28 | 2020 | 4872 | How much is paid by the Defence Forces to the Port of Cork Company for mooring fees in Cork harbour. | Journalist | 17/07/2020 | Refused point 2&3 36(1)(b) |

| | | | Also the use of the Port of Cork tug. How much is paid to the shipping group for the use of their tug vessels. | | | |
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| 29 | 2020 | 4878 | • All records held referring or relating to the provision of an aide-de-camp to the Tánaiste as part of arrangements for the new government. | Journalist | 03/08/2020 | Part Granted 37(1) |
| 30 | 2020 | 4884 | The Concept Paper. The formal Feasibility Study. (Final version of the study) | Journalist | 30/07/2020 | Transferred to DOD |
| 31 | 2020 | 4887 | The number of fitness Instructor posts across each branch of Defence Forces as of 31 December 2018 and 25 June 2020 in tabular form. The number of vacant fitness Instructor posts across each branch of Defence Forces as of 31 December 2018 and 25 June 2020 in tabular form. The number of Fitness Instructors that are female across each branch of Defence Forces as of 31 December 2018 and 25 June 2020 in tabular form. | | 31/07/2020 | P.Grant 37(1) |
| 32 | 2020 | 4888 | Details of measures implemented regarding Covid-19 at Custume Barracks in Athlone to date in 2020? All costs of providing Covid-19 precautions/screens/hand gel etc at Custume Barracks in Athlone to date in 2020? An itemized break down of the cost per item to prevent Covid-19 at Custume Barracks to date in 2020? | Journalist | 03/08/2020 | P.Grant 36(1)(b) |

| 33 | 2020 | 4899 | A copy of any written advice passed from DCOS SP Office to the Department of Defence relating to the purchase of PC12 aircraft this year. | Journalist | 14/08/2020 | Refused 15(1)(a) |
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| 34 | 2020 | 4909 | The total amount of new recruits to the Defence Forces in 2019, along with the total number of people who left the Defence Forces in 2019. And the total number of people who were in the defence forces on December 31, 2019. The total amount of new recruits to the defence forces so far in 2020, along with the total number of people who have left the defences forces this year. And the total number of people who are currently in the Defence Forces - broken down by gender. A copy of any recent briefing notes (completed this year) that exist on the strength of the defence forces. The total amount of times the Air Corps was unable to provide cover for the National Ambulance Service (i) last year and (b) this year, with the dates of each request, and the reason for being unable to provide cover in each case. | Journalist | 26/08/2020 | Granted |
| 35 | 2020 | 4913 | • A copy of all communications (e-mails,letters,phonecalls,texts etc) both internal and external in 2019 and 2020 regarding efforts to retrieve gold from the sunken RMS Empress of Britain off the coast of Donegal. | Journalist | 27/08/2020 | Refused 36(1)(b) |

| | | | Minutes of any minutes on same, during same time period. | | | |
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| 36 | 2020 | 4918 | Please provide a list of the number of enlisted personnel including rank awarded a DSM following deliberations of a board? Please provide a list of the number of enlisted personnel including rank awarded a MMG following deliberations of a board? Please provide a list of the number of enlisted personnel including rank awarded a Military Star following deliberations of a board? Please provide a list of the members of the General Staff awarded a DSM following deliberations of a board? Please provide a list of the members of the General Staff awarded a MMG following deliberations of a board? Please provide a list of the members of the General Staff awarded a Military Star following deliberations of a board? | Oireactas | 28/08/2020 | Granted |
| 37 | 2020 | 4919 | The number of Defence Forces personnel who have been convicted of a crime since 1 Jan 2017. Nature of conviction. Any disciplinary action taken. | Journalist | 28/08/2020 | Granted |
| 38 | 2020 | 4928 | • A record detailing the number of EOD callouts for the Defence Forces in 2019 and to date in 2020. If possible, this record to include the general location, date, and nature of the callout. | Journalist | 04/09/2020 | Part Granted 33(1)(a), 15(1)(a) |

| | | | The cost of such callouts in 2019 and 2020. | | | |
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| 39 | 2020 | 4936 | The number of times the Naval Service has rented a ship or boat from an external provider (including private companies/persons and other State agencies) since the beginning of 2015. b. Also request the name of each rented vessel, the date it was rented on, the purpose of the rental, and the cost of the rental. | Journalist | 15/09/2020 | Part Granted 36(1)(b) |
| 40 | 2020 | 4953 | A copy of the Defence Forces FOI log (non-personal requests) for 2019 and 2020 | Journalist | 25/09/2020 | Granted |
| 41 | 2020 | 4955 | Any correspondence from GOC Air Corps to higher command relating to the case supporting the purchase of PC12 aircraft that were offered to the State in March of this year. | Journalist | 28/09/2020 | Refused 15(1)(a) |
| 42 | 2020 | 4957 | The total number of members of the Defence Forces who have tested positive for Covid-19, with a breakdown by gender and by where the staff are stationed. | Journalist | 28/09/2020 | Part Granted 15(1)(a) |
| 43 | 2020 | 4958 | What is the War Flag of the Republic of Ireland if any? What is the Civil Ensign of the Republic of Ireland if any? What is the State Ensign of the Republic of Ireland if any? What is the Naval Ensign of the Republic of Ireland? Are there any other official flags used by the Irish Defence Forces? | Journalist | 30/09/2020 | Granted |