

Defence Forces Freedom of Information Disclosure Log

Apr-Jun 2025

*(Non Personal Information Only)*

Serial	Date of request	Our Ref	Summary of Request	Applicant Details	Decision Due Date	Decision Made
36	Apr-25	6287	a. A copy of the CPL report(s) into the validation and assessment of the Defence Forces recruitment processes.	Journalist	09/04/2024	Transferred to DoD
37	Apr-25	6291	<p>a. The current size of the force in the Irish Army, Irish Navy, and Irish Air Force</p> <p>b. The break down of the force mentioned in point 1 above by male and female from 2014 to present</p> <p>c. The age range of the current cohort listed in point 1 above, and male or female figures for same.</p> <p>d. The number of sick days taken by the groups outline in point 1 above, and the breakdown of sick days as injury or illness while on the job.</p> <p>e. The number of sick days in the same cohort in point 1 divided by male and female.</p> <p>f. The most prevalent age group and sex for taking sick days or days off based on injury sustained due to the tasks associated with the job.</p> <p>g. The number of injuries sustained per year as a direct result of their service, preparation, and training to serve in the defence forces.</p> <p>h. A list of the types of injuries that are debilitating the force such as musculoskeletal injuries, joint issues, or back pain, and repetitive strain injuries for example.</p> <p>i. The prevalence of these injuries from point 8 above from 2014 to present.</p> <p>j. The associated cost to the tax payer for health services in the treatment of injuries in point 8 and the average</p>	Business	16/05/2025	Part Granted 15(1)(a)

			<p>time out from work due to each injury.</p> <p>k. A list of the mandatory physical exercise that is required of qualified or serving Gardai over their lifespan (cardio vs. Strength training).</p> <p>l. A list of current provisions and/or facilities and/or access to facilities such as a gym or gym memberships to provide opportunity to the defence force to develop their athleticism for the tasks the job demands of them.</p>			
38	Apr-25	6296	As of 22nd April 2025 The number of Permanent Defence Forces personnel by rank that took maternity leave in the years of 2024 and to-date in 2025 in tabular form	Member of the Public	01/05/2025	Granted
39	Apr-25	6298	I require to know the mortality rates of irish soldiers for the years 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024 2025. b. I require to know the mortality rate of retired irish soldiers for the years 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024 2025. c. I require to know the days missed due to illness by irish soldiers for the years 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024 2025. d. I require to know the numbers of health insurance claims made by members of the irish soldiers for the years 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024 2025	Member of the Public	28/05/2025	Part Granted 15(1)(a)
40	Apr-25	6299	Number of Steyr AUG magazines listed on training loss reports to J4 for the period 01/01/2024 to 31/12/2024	Member of the Public	N/A	Withdrawn

41	May-25	6309	<p>I am making this request under the Freedom of Information Act 2014, and where applicable, I also request consideration under the Access to Information on the Environment (AIE) Regulations 2007–2018, as defined under Directive 2003/4/EC.</p> <p>I am requesting access to records held by the Irish Naval Service concerning the detection, investigation, or observation of Unidentified Submerged Objects (USOs), or other anomalous underwater phenomena, within Ireland's territorial waters and Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) during the period 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2023.</p> <p>Detection or Tracking of USOs or Anomalous Subsurface Objects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reports of underwater or seabed-based anomalies that were not attributed to known vessels, marine life, or geological events.</li> <li>• Situational Reports (SITREPs), Patrol Logs, or Acoustic Signature Reports noting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Unusual submerged craft, including objects lacking IFF transponders, AIS identification, or military vessel recognition;</li> <li>o Objects exhibiting non-standard movement patterns, such as stationary hovering, instantaneous speed shifts, or silent propulsion inconsistent with diesel/electric systems;</li> <li>o Submerged targets tracked by variable-depth sonar, towed array systems, or hull-mounted sonar that were later categorised as "unresolved" or "non-attributable."</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>2. Events Suggesting Transmedium Travel (Water to Air / Air to Water)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any logs or communications referencing objects</li> </ul>	Member of the Public	17/06/2025	Refused 15(1)(a)
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			<p>observed entering or exiting the water at high velocity, particularly near known sonar buoys or underwater surveillance infrastructure.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sensor fusion data (if held) from combined sonar-radar tracking during maritime exercises or routine patrols.</li> </ul> <p>3. Strategic Patrol and Surveillance Areas</p> <p>Please include reports from patrols in the following regions, known for underwater cables, geological faulting, or historical sightings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rockall Bank and Rockall Trough</li> <li>• Porcupine Bank and Canyon</li> <li>• Whittard Canyon</li> <li>• Celtic Sea Escarpment</li> <li>• Northwest approaches and deep Atlantic shelf drop-offs</li> <li>• Shannon Estuary, Fastnet, and Bantry Bay coastal waters</li> <li>• Any subsea monitoring points connected to GCHQ/NATO (if available under FOI)</li> </ul> <p>4. Vessels and Technologies of Interest</p> <p>Please include logs from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Samuel Beckett-class Offshore Patrol Vessels, including LÉ James Joyce, LÉ William Butler Yeats, and LÉ George Bernard Shaw</li> <li>• Towed Sonar Systems, Variable Depth Sonar, Hull-Mounted Active Sonar, and Optical/Infrared sensors</li> <li>• Operational use of Remotely Operated Vehicles (ROVs) or Unmanned Underwater Vehicles (UUVs), if applicable.</li> </ul> <p>5. Related Operational Context</p> <p>I also request access to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communications or reports to/from Naval Operations</li> </ul>			
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			<p>Command, Defence Intelligence Section, or the Department of Defence discussing unidentified underwater contacts or escalated response to anomalous maritime detection events.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Any incident debriefs, post-mission assessments, or internal inquiries referring to:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>o “unusual acoustic signatures”</li><li>o “unclassified submerged contact”</li><li>o “sensor anomalies”</li><li>o “non-NATO underwater craft”</li><li>o “transmedium contact”</li><li>o “possible hypersonic underwater object”</li><li>o or equivalent keywords.</li></ul></li></ul>			
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42	04/06/2025	6324	<p>a. A database/spreadsheet/record of the number of requests for permission to change personal appearance as per the new regulations on grooming/personal appearance since they were first implemented.</p> <p>b. A breakdown of the number of requests according to gender and category e.g. hair, tattoos, jewellery, clothing etc.</p> <p>c. If the above is not possible, an anonymised copy of the twenty or thirty most recent such requests for permission to change personal appearance and their outcome.</p>	Journalist	N/A	Withdrawn
43	04/06/2025	6325	a. A copy of the incident reports from any accidents/incidents involving Air Corps aircraft in the period 1 Jan 2024 to date.	Journalist	02/07/2025	Part Granted 33(2)(a)
44	05/06/2025	6328	<p>a. Records showing all costs associated with the Defence Forces School of Music in each of the years 2023, 2024 and 2025 to date.</p> <p>b. Records showing the duties and events or engagements attended by the Defence Forces School of Music in each of the years 2023, 2024 and 2025 to date.</p> <p>c. Copies of invoices and any other records relating to the purchase of a soprano saxophone in 2024 for €5,564, to include emails requesting or sanctioning the purchase, and any emails with the supplier.</p>	Member of the Public	19/06/2025	Withdrawn
45	17/06/2025	6336	<p>a. Minutes from any meetings between the Defence forces and the Institute for Security Governance. Timeline would be 01 January 2024 to present</p> <p>* Refined to Reports between the Defence forces and the Institute for Security Governance. Timeline would be 01 January 2024 to present</p>	Journalist	25/06/2025	Refused 33(1)(b) 33(1)(d) 33(2)(a) 22(2)(b)(ii) 29(1)

46	17/06/2025	6337	<p>a. Has the DF Psychiatrist ever received any performance related pay or bonuses related to his employment with the Defence Forces?</p> <p>i. If yes, please provide the details?</p> <p>b. If yes, what is the criteria required to receive such pay or bonus?</p> <p>c. Does the DF Psychiatrist have a fixed term contract?</p> <p>d. If this contract is of a fixed term, will the role be readvertised in due course?</p> <p>e. Could the Defence Forces please provide the full job description when advertising the current DF Psychiatrists role in 2019/2020?</p>	Member of the Public	18/06/2025	Transferred to DoD
47	19/06/2025	6339	<p>a. Records showing all costs associated with the Defence Forces School of Music in each of the years 2023, 2024 and 2025 to date” for transport, equipment, instruments or other items.</p> <p>b. Records showing the duties and events or engagements attended by the Defence Forces School of Music in each of the years 2023, 2024 and 2025 to date</p> <p>c. Copies of invoices and any other records relating to the purchase of a soprano saxophone in 2024 for €5,564, to include emails requesting or sanctioning the purchase, and any emails with the supplier</p>	Member of the Public	10/07/2025	Part Granted 36(1)(b)
48	19/06/2025	6340	<p>I seek the following records, covering the period from January 1st 2019, to June 1st 2025;</p> <p>a. A comprehensive list of all venues where the Irish Defence Forces conducted recruitment events and sessions, including the name and address of each venue and the date(s) of the session(s).</p>	Journalist	10/07/2025	Granted

49	20/06/2025	6341	<p>a. Could I please request correspondence and paperwork originating from the director of HR pertaining to the creation of eligibility criteria for members of the Defence forces applying for the job of Assistance Chief of Staff. I understand there was a parliamentary question asked on the matter PQ 29449/25] and I would like to understand the rationale detailed on paper which allows only for Army Line officers to apply for the role.</p> <p>b. Could I also request correspondence from DFHQ to DOD relating to the answering of PQ 29449/25</p>	Member of the Public	17/07/2025	Granted
50	25/06/2025	6345	<p>* Under the Freedom of Information Act 2014, I am writing to formally request access to records concerning planned Information and Communication Technology (ICT) procurements for the current financial year (2025/26). As part of our organisation's interest in understanding upcoming ICT procurement initiatives, I kindly request access to the following information:</p> <p>a. Details of the ICT budget and planned ICT projects or initiatives for the current financial year (2025/26)</p> <p>b. Documentation outlining planned ICT procurements for FY 2025/26, including (but not limited to) hardware, software, ICT maintenance agreements, and related services.</p>	Business	26/06/2025	Refused 15(1)(d) 36(1)(b)(c) 33(1)(a)(b)
51	25/06/2025	6348	<p>a. Could I please have the strength versus establishment figures for the Air traffic control unit in the air core for December 2022</p>	Member of the Public	17/07/2025	Granted