

## Defence Forces Freedom of Information Disclosure Log

July - September 2021

**(Non Personal Information Only)**

| Serial | Date of request | Our Ref | Summary of Request   | Applicant Details    | Decision Due Date | Decision Made                  |
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| 36     | 2021            | 5070    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What is the policy that allows the Defence Forces to deny a position for reasons of Asthma? What date was this policy written? Has this position ever been reviewed to ensure compliance with modern equality law? Has this policy ever been tested in a court or commission?</li><li>• How many people currently have asthma in the Defence Forces? Is there a discretionary policy that allows asthmatic people to be further tested to determine the extent of asthma? What policy is in place with regards to individuals that are diagnosed with asthma while serving with Defence Forces? How many personnel have been dismissed for having asthma? How many people have been denied access to the defence forces for reasons of being asthmatic?</li><li>• It was stated to me by Dr Coolaghan the above mentioned doctor that Defence Forces believe asthmatics may be a danger to themselves and their colleagues in the Defence Forces. This seems like an outrageous statement, can you please supply the evidence that backs this claim?</li></ul> | Member of the Public | 18/08/2021        | Part Granted 15(1)(a)<br>37(1) |

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|    |      |      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Can the fact that an applicant has been denied access for being asthmatic ever be overturned on internal appeal?</li> </ul>  |                      |            |                                   |
| 37 | 2021 | 5169 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Copies of any reports, submissions, memos, reviews, or any other such review or explanatory documents referring or relating to difficulties in the recruitment and retention of women in the Defence Forces, in all of 2020 and in 2021 so far.</li> </ul> | Journalist           | 26/08/2021 | Part Granted 37(1)                |
| 38 | 2021 | 5223 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A copy of the incident reports from any accidents/incidents involving Air Corps aircraft in the period 2019, 2020, and thus far in 2021.</li> </ul>  | Journalist           | 31/08/2021 | Part Granted 35(1)(a)(b)<br>37(1) |
| 39 | 2021 | 5232 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A copy of reports/investigations in relation to the shooting incident on 18 May 1988 in Portlaoise Prison.</li> <li></li> </ul>  | Member of the Public | 13/07/2021 | Refused 11(5)                     |
| 40 | 2021 | 5234 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All payments for legal services made to James Geoghegan (Barrister) for the period 1 November 2013 to 8 June 2021.</li> </ul>  | Member of the Public | 08/07/2021 | Refused 15(1)(a)                  |
| 41 | 2021 | 5243 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An overview of the costs to produce the Annual Defence Forces Review 2020, as well as any costs regarding reprints</li> </ul>  | Member of the Public | 13/07/2021 | Granted                           |

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| 42 | 2021 | 5246 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A record of how much was spent providing snacks, refreshments, or other food and drink items for the Ministerial Air Transport Service in 2020. A datadump of line-by-line expenditure from your financial management system of all such spending over a one-month period for October 2020.</li> </ul>                              | Journalist | 28/07/2021 | Granted                   |
| 43 | 2021 | 5249 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The number of Defence Forces members who failed drug test from 2018-2020.</li> <li>• The number of those who tested positive for marijuana as a percentage of the total failed drug tests.</li> <li>• A summary of discharges or disciplinary measures, appeals or resignations resulting from positive drug tests.</li> </ul>      | Journalist | 31/08/2021 | Granted                   |
| 44 | 2021 | 5257 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For any records of the Irish Defence Forces conducting any joint operation, or intelligence sharing, with the Israeli State or the Israeli Defence Forces.</li> <li>• Any records of any equipment purchased by the Irish Defence Forces, from the Israeli State, the Israeli Defence Forces (IDF) or Israeli companies.</li> </ul> | Journalist | 10/08/2021 | Refused 33(4)<br>33(2)(a) |
| 45 | 2021 | 5275 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A copy of any UFO sightings and reports relating to these sightings for November 2018</li> </ul>  | Journalist | 05/08/2021 | Refused 15(1)(a)          |
| 46 | 2021 | 5276 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A copy of the total amount spent by the Defence forces promoting posts on social</li> </ul>   | Journalist | 25/08/2021 | Granted                   |

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|    |      |      | <p>media including Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube, TikTok etc. from 01 August 2020 to date broken down by social media channel.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A copy of the total amount spent by the Defence forces on advertising for recruitment between 01 August 2020 and the current date.</li> <li>• A copy of the total amount spent creating videos or other content for Defence forces recruitment between 01 August 2020 and the current date.</li> <li>• A copy of the total amount who applied to join the Defence forces between 01 August 2020 and date broken down between males and females.</li> </ul> |            |            |                       |
| 47 | 2021 | 5279 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How much the Department of Defence has spent in the last 3 years on agency doctors, that is, doctors employed through an agency to fill gaps when there isn't a commissioned medical officer doctor available?</li> </ul>   | Journalist | 10/08/2021 | Granted               |
| 48 | 2021 | 5290 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The number of women currently serving in the Army, Naval Service and Air Corps?</li> <li>• The number of females who have left the Defence Forces before they were entitled to a full pension since 2010?</li> <li>• Can you confirm that the figures below released by the Defence Forces in March 2020 on the number of sexual harassment</li> </ul>  | Journalist | 03/09/2021 | Part Granted 15(1)(a) |

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|  |  | <p>and sexual assault cases reported from 2014 to 2019 are accurate? (Please confirm that there were no complaints of sexual harassment or sexual assault at all in 2018.)</p> <p><b>2019 2 sexual assault complaints (1 court martial, 1 under investigation)</b></p> <p><b>2017 2 sexual harassment complaints (1 withdrawn, 1 not upheld)</b></p> <p><b>2016 1 sexual assault complaint (Case closed, disciplinary action followed) 1 sexual harassment complaint (Not Upheld)</b></p> <p><b>2015 1 sexual harassment case (Remanded for court martial)</b></p> <p><b>2014 1 sexual assault case (Case closed, disciplinary action followed)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can you please update these records to include the outcome of the 2015 sexual harassment case and the outcome of the two sexual assault cases in 2019?</li> <li>• How many complaints of sexual harassment have been made by females in the Defence Forces these figures were compiled?</li> <li>• How many more cases of sexual assault have been made by females in the Defence Forces since those figures were compiled?</li> <li>• What was the outcome of these new complaints of harassment</li> </ul> |  |  |
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|    |      |      | <p>and sexual assaults? How many were upheld/not upheld/withdrawn?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How many complaints were referred to An Garda Siochana since 2014?</li> <li>• How many female serving or retired members of the Defence Forces have cited bullying, harassment and/or sexual assault in legal actions against the Defence Forces since 2010?</li> <li>• How many of these actions ended in settlements that featured a non-disclosure agreements?</li> </ul> |            |            |         |
| 49 | 2021 | 5294 | <p>a. Payments made including separately any expenses or lump sums to the following personnel or companies;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FleishmanHillard:<br/>1/1/2019 to 31/7/2021<br/>Michael Moriarty<br/><br/>Mark Mortell</li> </ul>   | Oireachtas | 23/08/2021 | Granted |
| 50 | 2021 | 5304 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• With respect to the following members of the group known as the 'Independent Review Group' into Jadotville<br/><b>Brig Gen Paul Pakenham</b><br/><b>Comdt William Campbell</b><br/><b>RSM Michael Dillon</b><br/><br/>Please provide the following information for each above named:</li> </ul>   | Oireachtas | 31/08/2021 | Granted |

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|    |      |      | <p>The number of appointments for each of the above named to Military Boards (Medals Board) for the award of;</p> <p>a. The Military Medal for Gallantry (MMG)<br/> b. Distinguished Service Medal (DSM) excluding any DSM award for a Chief of Staff</p>  |            |            |                    |
| 51 | 2021 | 5310 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>1st January 2020 to 27th March 2021</b></li> <li>• I am requesting on behalf of these three individuals that the Fisheries Monitoring Centre run by your colleagues in the Naval Service provide the ITF with the dates it has recorded over the relevant timeframe that the Ellie Adhamh was at sea.</li> </ul>           | Business   | 09/09/2021 | Granted            |
| 52 | 2021 | 5311 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On behalf of an Egyptian fisher I am seeking data from the Fisheries Monitoring Centre run by your colleagues in the Naval Service on the movements of the Fishing Vessel Sainte Catherine Laboure over between February and June 2020 inclusive.</li> </ul>  | Business   | 09/09/2021 | Granted            |
| 53 | 2021 | 5312 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any interim and final reports completed by the Working Group which was set up in light of WRC ruling Ref 'F' in April, submitted to the Deputy Chief of Staff between May 21 and August 21</li> </ul>   | Journalist | 14/09/2021 | Refused 15(1)(a)   |
| 54 | 2021 | 5313 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The total amount of money paid per year by those wishing to leave the Defence Forces via a discharge by purchase, from July 2019 to date.</li> <li>• A scale of the amount required for discharge per rank across the Defence Forces.</li> <li>• The number of discharges by purchase in each of 2019, 2020, 2021.</li> </ul> | Journalist | 27/09/2021 | Part Granted 37(1) |

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|    |      |      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A copy of the records which issued in response to FOI 4553 of 2019.</li> </ul>   |            |            |                       |
| 55 | 2021 | 5314 | <p>In relation to the flight on the Learjet Callsign 258 at RAF Northolt at 21:40 BST on 04 Sept 2021.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Why did it stay overnight?</li> <li>• Was the passenger manifest the same for both the journey to and from London</li> </ul>  | Journalist | 13/09/2021 | Part Granted33 (2)(a) |
| 56 | 2021 | 5328 | <p>On behalf of an Egyptian fisher I am seeking data from the Fisheries Monitoring Centre run by your colleagues in the Naval Service on the movements of the Fishing Vessel Nausicaa over between January 2013 and the end of September 2020 inclusive.</p>  | Business   | 27/09/2021 | Granted               |
| 57 | 2021 | 5327 | <p>a. How many females have served in the Defence Forces since 1980?</p> <p>b. How many are currently serving.</p>  | Journalist | 22/09/2021 | Granted               |
| 58 | 2021 | 5330 | <p>A breakdown by category of the total amount spent by the Defence Forces at Carnagh Camp, Athlone, County Roscommon for the years ending:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 31st December 2019</li> <li>• 31st December 2020</li> <li>• 2021 to date</li> </ul> <p>I would like to receive the information electronically, in tabular format and in its original formatting if possible.</p> | Journalist | 19/10/2021 | Granted               |
| 59 | 2021 | 5332 | <p>AIS and VMS data for a two week period in relation to all submarine activity up to and including the 24<sup>th</sup> of July 2018 that were in the location of 7.1 nautical miles East South East of Cahore Point 'the'Location'</p>   | Business   | 27/09/2021 | Refused 15(1)(a)      |

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| 60 | 2021 | 5336 | Data from the Fisheries Monitoring Centre run by your colleagues in the Naval Service on the movements by date and time of the Fishing Vessel Courageous between the beginning of June 2018 and the end of December 2020 inclusive.   | Business | 11/10/2021 | Granted |
| 61 | 2021 | 5337 | Data from the Fisheries Monitoring Centre run by your colleagues in the Naval Service on the movements by date and time of two Fishing Vessels:<br><br>Ocean Harvester II between the start of July 2017 and end of September 2020 inclusive<br><br>Verlaine between start of January 2019 and end of December 2019 inclusive | Business | 11/10/2021 | Granted |