

Defence Forces Freedom of Information Disclosure Log

Oct-Dec 2024

*(Non Personal Information Only)*

Serial	Date of request	Our Ref	Summary of Request	Applicant Details	Decision Due Date	Decision Made
45	2024	6110	A copy of any correspondence (high-level i.e. not day to day routine correspondence) between the DF and the Department of Defence with regard to donations of equipment to the Ukrainian military. This request to cover the period 1 Sept 2023 to date	Journalist	30/10/2024	Part Granted 33(1)(2)(a) 33(1)(d) 33(2)(b)(ii) 36(1)(c) 37(1)
46	2024	6122	Records confirming if OC of ACHQ, Air Corps, requested a derogation for reduction in time in rank for personnel career course qualified to fill vacant RSM appointments in their units as per Admin Instr A10 Section 4 Para 342(h) Records confirming if OC of No1 Ops Wing Air Corps, requested a derogation for reduction in time in rank for personnel career course qualified to fill vacant RSM appointments in their units as per Admin Instr A10 Section 4 Para 342(h) Admin Instr A10 section 4 Para 342(h) states, “Where operational needs require, due consideration may be given by approval of D COS (Sp) to reducing the minimum service in rank requirement to produce a pool of candidates for a competition to meet an identified operational capability gap that cannot be filled by existing numbers of qualified candidates only”.	Staff	22/10/2024	Refused 15(1)(a)
47	2024	6124	a. I writing under the Freedom of Information Act Ireland requesting copy documents of the following the accident involving members of St Marys youth club, Lucan 1979.	Member of the Public	24/10/2024	Refused 15(1)(d)

			<p>b. List of names of all people that were present and involved in the Glen of Imaal accident Saturday 14th April 1979.</p> <p>c. Copy documents of all interviews and enquires of all surviving people that were conducted by the Defence Forces.</p> <p>d. Copy photographic images of the location where the explosion happened on the day or days after.</p> <p>e. Grid reference of exact location of the accident if known.</p>			
48	2024	6127	<p>All correspondence, documents and records since January 1st, 2023 relating to any potential aircraft transiting sovereign Irish airspace without having received appropriate organisation, carrying or suspected of carrying weapons, munitions, ammunition or the components thereof</p> <p>This should include, but not be limited, to:</p> <p>Any internal correspondence relating to the matter</p> <p>Related documents such, such as emails, memos, reports, draft programmes</p> <p>Any minutes, records or notes pertaining to any meeting at which this issue was discussed.</p> <p>Any communications with or briefings for other government departments or state agencies</p> <p>Any concerns expressed regarding national security, the intended recipient currently being engaged in war crimes or crimes against humanity</p> <p>All other documentation pertinent to this issue.</p>	Member of the Oireachtas	22/10/2024	Refused 15(1)(a)
49	2024	6135	* The number of permanently employed personnel in the Defence Forces of Ireland since 2016 (Broken down by year).	Member of the Public	10/10/2024	Granted

			<p>* The number of applications for employment as permanent personnel to the Defence Forces since 2016 (Broken down by year).</p> <p>* The number of permanent personnel that voluntarily separated from the Defence Forces since 2016 (Broken down by year).</p>			
50	2024	6140	<p>I wish to know the total amount spent on Aviation fuel by the Air Corps since 1 January 2024 up until 30 September 2024.</p> <p>Amended on 11 Oct 24 -A month by month breakdown of aviation fuel consumed by the Air Corps since 1 January 2024 up until the 30th of September 2024.</p>	Member of the Public	30/10/2024	Granted
51	2024	6149	<p>a. The number of cadetship and General Service training course for personnel to join Army and Naval services that were held in 2023 and to-date in 2024; Please indicate the number of males and females in each of those training course to qualified as 2 star private in the army or equivalent within Naval service upon completion of the training . Please indicate the date in those years in question when each of those classes commenced Eg 26 February 2024 a new Army Cadetship class commenced basic training and in that class there was 22 males and 5 females etc, eg 2 May 2024 a new General Service Training class for the Naval Service commenced basic training and in that class there were 14 males and 3 females etc</p> <p>b. The number of new cadetship and General Service training course that have yet to commence but have a start date to commence before the end of this year and on completion of this training course all personnel will have qualified as 2 star private within Army or equivalent within Naval Service eg On Tuesday 29 October 2024 a new</p>	Member of the Public	30/10/2024	Granted

			Army Cadetship class will start and in this class will have 40 males and 10 females etc			
52	2024	6150	The number of personnel deployed to UNFILF HQ (46575) who were over the age of 54 years and 354 days on deployment for the following years 2014 to 2024.	Staff	24/10/2024	Refused 15(1)(a)
53	2024	6155	<p>a. Did the Irish Air Corps apply to attend this event or were they invited to attend?</p> <p>b. What dates did the Irish Air Corps contingent leave and return to Ireland from this airshow?</p> <p>c. How many individuals attend this airshow on behalf of the Irish Air Corps?</p> <p>d. How many aircraft attended this airshow on behalf of the Irish Air Corps?</p> <p>e. What was the total cost, if any, incurred by each individual staff member for attending this airshow on behalf of the Irish Air Corps?</p> <p>f. What was the total cost incurred by the Irish Air Corps for attending this airshow?</p> <p>g. What was the breakdown of costs incurred by the Irish Air Corps for attending this airshow?</p> <p>h. Was there any performance fee given by the organiser of the airshow to the Irish Air Corps for performing/attending this airshow?</p> <p>i. If there was a performance fee, what was the total awarded to the Irish Air Corps by the organiser?</p> <p>j. Which department/Individual gives final consent for attending events such as these?</p> <p>k. How is the return on investment for an event like this measured?</p>	Member of the Public	20/11/2024	Part Granted 15(1)(a)

54	2024	6162	A copy of any inspection reports, assessments, condition reviews, health and safety reports, or other such reports concerning the hangar and associated facilities at Custume Barracks for the emergency air ambulance service. This request to cover the period 1 Jan 2023 to date.	Journalist	27/11/2024	Granted
55	2024	6163	a. Information regarding the activity of military personnel between 2000-2012 in surveilling Sinn Féin politicians and their daily activities. b. Any logs or correspondence between Defence Forces staff around this initiative.	Journalist	22/11/2024	Refused 33(4)
56	2024	6184	a. We would like to obtain the VMS data for fishing vessels in the Irish sea and the Celtic sea (all nationalities). Ideally, we would like to obtain latitude/longitude of those boats alongside their type (eg. trawlers, seiner etc...) for the following periods : * 2017: 17/07 00:00 to 30/07 23:59 * 2018: 19/05 00:00 to 30/05 23:59 and 16/07 00:00 to 30/07 23:59 * 2019: 07/06 00:00 to 30/06 23:50 and 15/07 00:00 to 30/07 23:59 * 2021: 22/07 00:00 to 07/08 23:59 * 2023: 17/07 00:00 to 30/07 23:59 * To respect vessel anonymity, would it be acceptable to replace the vessel identifier of each vessel with a random number, so we could still tell which were the same vessels (to plot a track or work out speed) without knowing what vessel it was ?"	Business		Withdrawn
57	2024	6188	a. I was hoping you would be able to help me in a comparison of flying hours for the Irish Air Corps between 2013 vs 2023. The annual report in 2013 is quite detailed and gives flying hours per mission category. Some of the data I can get from the	Member of the Public	20/12/2024	Part Granted 33(1)(a) 33(1)(b)

			<p>2023 report but the following categories only list missions completed. I wondered if you could help provide the flying hour data for the following operational missions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Civil Assistance</li> <li>* ATCA,</li> <li>* GASU flying hours</li> <li>* Interhospital Air AMBULANCE</li> <li>* SAR , Search and Rescue</li> <li>* MATS Ministerial Air Transport Service</li> </ul> <p>b. Could I also get a record of the total flying hours completed by the pc9 aircraft since it was introduced into service in 2004</p> <p>c. Could I also get a breakdown of how many flying hours were completed by the pc9 in 2022 and 2023</p>			33(2)(a)
58	2024	6190	<p>following information, held by the Defence Forces;</p> <p>a. A copy of all materials related to the "Gender Diversity and Unconscious Bias Training" course introduced by the Defence Forces in 2023, as referenced in the Defence Forces 2023 Annual Report. This includes, but is not limited to: the</p>	Journalist	10/01/2025	Granted

			<p>course syllabus, instructional materials, PowerPoint slides, handouts, and related materials.</p> <p>b. A list of any groups, organisations or individuals who may have been consulted as part of the process of drafting this course.</p> <p>c. A copy of all materials related to any racial equality or equity training course (if applicable). This includes, but is not limited to: the course syllabus, instructional materials, PowerPoint slides, handouts, and related materials.</p>			
59	2024	6193	<p>* I am submitting this Freedom of Information request to obtain any and all records, documentation, and materials held by your department or affiliated agencies related to the following from 1998 to date:</p> <p>a. Unidentified Craft/Objects/Phenomena:</p> <p>o Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena (UAP), Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO), or any other terminology used to describe unknown or unexplained aerial objects or phenomena (e.g., "unknown craft," "anomalous objects," or similar descriptors) but all of which below is simply referred to as UAP/UFO.</p> <p>b. Specific Documentation and Records:</p>	Member of the public	10/01/2025	Refused 15(1)(a)

			<p>o Reports, memos, briefings, or logs of any sightings, incidents, or investigations as well as internal discussion about the existence of any such objects.</p> <p>c. Communications or reports from pilots (civilian or military) detailing encounters with unexplained objects or phenomena.</p> <p>d. Air Traffic Control (ATC) communication records, incident reports, or logs that document or reference unexplained or anomalous activity.</p> <p>e. Correspondence related to UAP/UFO phenomena between the Department of Defence, Defence Forces, and any other parties, including but not limited to An Garda Síochána, civilian organizations, and the public.</p> <p>f. Civilian reports made to the Defence Forces, Department of Defence, or any affiliated agency regarding UAP/UFO activity.</p> <p>g. Media files, including but not limited to photographs, videos, or audio recordings related to UAP/UFO incidents or investigations.</p> <p>h. Incident Responses and Investigations:</p>			
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		<p>o Any documented responses by the Defence Forces, Department of Defence, or any other affiliated units to incidents involving UAP/UFO activity.</p> <p>o Any follow-up investigations or actions taken, including coordination with external agencies.</p> <p>i. Broader Categorization:</p> <p>o Any records, regardless of how they are categorized or labeled, that involve unexplained aerial phenomena, including those not explicitly classified as "UAP" or "UFO" but falling under similar descriptors (e.g., "unidentified aircraft," "anomalous radar returns," "unknown aerial activity," etc.).</p> <p>* I would also like to reference my prior Freedom of Information requests to both the Department of Defence and the Defence Forces, where I was informed that there were no records whatsoever fitting my criteria. However, the recent article published by Sidestream News ("The Irish Government's Secretive Hold on UFO/UAP Records" <a href="https://www.sidestreamnews.com/post/exclusive-the-irish-government-s-secretive-hold-on-ufo-uap-records">https://www.sidestreamnews.com/post/exclusive-the-irish-government-s-secretive-hold-on-ufo-uap-records</a>) directly contradicts these responses by</p>			
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			detailing the existence of material related to UAP/UFO activity held by Irish government entities.			
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