

Defence Forces Freedom of Information Disclosure Log

January - March 2022

(Non Personal Information Only)

Serial	Date of request	Our Ref	Summary of Request	Applicant Details	Decision Due Date	Decision Made
1	2021	5395	Copies of any value for money reports, or other such reviews, audits, or look back exercises on recruitment campaigns designed to attract new members into the Defence Forces. Copies of any reports, submissions, memos, reviews, or any other such review or explanatory documents referring or relating to difficulties in the recruitment of members to the Defence Forces.	Journalist	02/03/2022	Granted
2	2021	5400	The number of people who undertook the CIS Trainee Technician Scheme between 2012 and 2021. The number of people who completed the CIS Trainee Technician Scheme between 2012 and 2021. The number of people who discharged by purchase prior to completing the service undertaking associated with the CIS Trainee Technician Scheme between 2012 and 2021.	Member of the Public	11/01/2022	Granted
3	2021	5407	Any Data from the fisheries monitoring centre run by Naval service on the departure and arrival at fishing ports by date and time of three (3) fishing vessels. Vessel Aquila between March 2016 and October 2021 inclusive. Vessel Lovon from May to July 2016, May to July 2017, October to December 2017 and October to December 2018.	Business	04/01/2022	Granted

			Vessel Endurance during December 2016, December 2017, July 2018 and December 2018			
4	2021	5410	Copies of all records held referring or relating to the decision by the Defence Forces to cease serving or consumption of alcohol by personnel on overseas duty as per the following newspaper article: https://www.irishtimes.com/news/ireland/irish-news/defence-forces-prohibits-drinking-of-alcohol-during-lebanon-deployment-1.4744973	Journalist	17/01/2022	Part Granted 37(1)
5	2021	5411	All email & SMS communication between Micheal Martin T.D. and Lisa Chambers T.D. to and from any staff of DFHQ and Air Corps HQ to include then Vice Admiral Mark Mellett and Brigadier General Paul Fry from the 7 th of February 2017 to the 21 st of February 2017 inclusive.	Business	15/03/2022	Refused 15(1)(a)
6	2022	5414	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Copies of all records associated with the tender competition for the provision of theoretical training for the Air Corps. b. A copy of the scoring mechanism used during the above tender competition. c. A copy of the scores awarded during the above tender competition, with the names of the unsuccessful tenderers anonymised or replaced with service provider 1, 2, etc. d. A record/spreadsheet/database of of how much has been paid to the firm ASG with regard to the provision of the above services in each calendar year since their appointment. 	Journalist	18/02/2022	Part Granted 36(1)(b)
7	2022	5415	A full list of capital works projects valued at in excess of €1m that was carried out on the Defence Forces projects during 2021. Please provide a brief description of what works was carried out; If the	Member of the Public	06/01/2022	Granted

			<p>works are completed or still ongoing, if still ongoing please provide estimate timeframe for when works will be completed; The name(s) of companies that were awarded each capital works projects that were valued at in excess of €1m during 2021 in tabular form.</p> <p>As of 31 December 2021. Please indicate a list of capital works in excess of €1m that will be carried out at Defence Forces during 2022. Please provide a brief description of what works will be carried out and when works will commence and estimated timeframe of completion. Also include the name(s) of companies that were awarded the contract for each capital works projects valued at over €1m that will commence this year.</p> <p>To assist you in respect to Q2 I'm only looking for the contracts for the works that have been signed off by both parties and where works will commence in 2022 in tabular form.</p>			
8	2022	5416	The amount of monies the military has considered itself that it has "wasted", if any, broken down by operational arms (navy, army and Air Corps) and if possible broken down by company, battalion, Brigade and weaponry and vessels, tanks, planes/helicopters etc.	Member of the Public	06/01/2022	Refused 15(1)(a)
9	2022	5418	The amount of monies the military has spent on R&D in 2020 and 2021.	Member of the Public	10/01/2022	Refused 33(1)(a) 36(2)(b)
10	2022	5419	Copies of all correspondence between the DF and the Department of Defence with regard to release of the following report by them under	Journalist	13/01/2022	Part Granted 37(1)

			<p>FOI: https://www.documentcloud.org/documents/21152943-military-abuse-report</p> <p>Copies of all records held within the DF referring or relating to the release under FOI of that report by the Department.</p>			
11	2022	5420	How many men (not to include woman or civilians) who are currently enlisted in the DF, NS and AC as of 30/11/2021	Member of the Public	11/01/2022	Granted
12	2022	5425	I wish to know if there was any communication between the military and Government over having to implement the 5km, 20km and 2 km lockdown with the assistance of the Army and Air Corps.	Member of the Public	14/01/2022	Refused 15(1)(a)
13	2022	5440	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) A database/spreadsheet of the number of new General Service Recruits or all inductees to the Defence Forces in each of the following years: 2019, 2020, and 2021. b) The above data broken down by gender. c) Number of personnel who discharged during training and breakdown of Male and Female. 	Journalist	04/02/2022	Granted
14	2022	5455	The number of persons detained at Curragh Camp, County Kildare as of 8 February 2022, if any. I would like a breakdown by age grouping (18-25, 25-30, 30-35 etc,) and sex of these persons and statistics on the Offences they have been convicted of.	Member of the Public	10/02/2022	Granted
15	2022	5457	Please send me any information or a list of what can be described as non-lethal weaponry held by the Irish defence forces. I am particularly interested to know if the defence forces holds weapons with acoustic capability like LRAD 'long range acoustic	Member of the Public	10/02/2022	Refused 15(1)(a)

			device' used by police and army in many countries for crowd control purposes or also sonic or sound cannon. Please advise if the IDF has capability for using magnetron equipment for directing microwave energy by laser or of sending other RF waves including infrasound or ultrasound ie, inaudible sounds, and with general accuracy over hundreds of meters. Furthermore It would ease my mind to know that if such so-called non-lethal weaponry is indeed held in army stores that it is minded very well and not allowed to be signed out not even for training purposes, and not without the correct level of authority.			
16	2022	5459	The amount spent on purchasing new or replacement musical instruments for members of the Defence Forces School of Music in the years of 2019, 2020, 2021 and to-date in 2022 in tabular form. The name of shop or company that was awarded the contract to provide Defence Forces School of Music with musical instruments; when this current contract is due to expire	Member of the Public	11/02/2022	Granted
17	2022	5460	1) The amount spent on external veterinary services for the horses in the Defence Forces Equitation School in the years of 2020, 2021 and to-date in 2022 in tabular form 2) The name of external veterinary practice that was awarded the contract to provide veterinary services to DF Equitation School in the years in question; if the services is carried by inhouse personnel are all members of DF Equitation school fully qualified in veterinary services 3) The number of horsebox vehicles owned by the Defence Forces as of 7 February 2022; and the year of registration of each horsebox vehicle eg vehicle 1 is registered 171D, Vehicle 2 is registered 141D etc in tabular form	Member of the Public	22/02/2022	Part Granted 36(2)(b)

18	2022	5462	<p>I am undertaking a research project relating to the enlistment of people with disabilities in Europe. This includes people with disabilities of any type being accepted for training, passing training, and people who continue working for the forces in some capacity after being wounded either in civilian or combat related incidents.</p> <p>I'd like the information for the Army, Air-Force and Navy.</p> <p>I would also appreciate what criteria you have for accepting foreign nationals into the Irish Armed Forces, as I know other countries also accept foreign nationals into their forces.</p>	Member of the Public	16/03/2022	Granted
19	2022	5467	<p>I am seeking data from the Fisheries Monitoring Centre run by your colleagues in the Naval Service on the movements of the Fishing Vessel Adrienne between the 4th April 2016 and end of September 2018 inclusive</p>	Member of the Public	17/02/2022	Refused 15(1)(a)
20	2022	5474	<p>Statistics of military personnel vaccinated to perform overseas duties from the year 2000 – 2021</p> <p>Any internal/procedural documentation including documents that are signed by personnel in relation to the requirements of personnel to be vaccinated for duties domestic and abroad</p> <p>A list of countries in which personnel are required to be vaccinated to perform duties for the Irish defense forces</p> <p>Policy documentation In relation to the procedures if personnel are not or refuse to be vaccinated</p> <p>A full list of vaccinations personnel are required to have to continue employment in the defense forces</p>	Member of the Public	06/03/2022	Granted

21	2022	5476	<p>In relation to recent random drug testing that occurred on the Irish Naval Base , the 14th of February 2022;</p> <p>The number of personnel tested and the number of positive results that came back.</p> <p>Is there still a zero drug policy within the Defence Forces? If so is it to be assumed anyone who failed the test is to face possible dismissal? And if so, will the military make a statement on this issue?</p>	Member of the Public	29/03/2022	32(1)(i)
22	2022	5479	<p>How many handcuffs are in the possession of the Defence Forces, if any?</p> <p>How many handguns are in the possession of the Defence Forces?</p> <p>How many assault rifles are in the possession of the Defence Forces?</p>	Member of the Public	07/03/2022	Refused 33(2)(a)
23	2022	5484	<p>Any emails sent around to staff at McKee Barracks between May and June 2020 inviting members to an outdoor gathering at the barracks on 24 or 25 June, 2020, as well as any subsequent replies to such emails.</p>	Journalist	25/02/2022	Refused 32(1)(a)
24	2022	5485	<p>The number of Military Police in the Army, Navy & Air Corps</p> <p>The number of actual active members in the Army, Navy & Air Corps</p> <p>The number of members in the Engineer Corp</p>	Member of the Public	25/02/2022	Part Granted 33(1)(a)
25	2022	5488	<p>A list of all events held by the Irish Defence Forces Covid Task Force at McKee Barracks from March 26, 2020 to present</p> <p>A list of all entertainment expenses (food, drinks etc) associated with the Irish Defence Forces Covid Task Force events at McKee Barracks from March 26, 2020 to present</p>	Journalist	25/02/2022	Refused 32(1)(a)

			A list of all events held by the Irish Defence Forces Covid Task Force at McKee Barracks from March 26, 2020 to present			
26	2022	5490	Aircrafts flying over head in Maynooth Co Kildare on 01/03/2022; What type of plane was overhead? What Country owns this aircraft? Why was it flying over Maynooth, and should the public be informed of this activity? Does this occurrence correlate to the current global climate?	Member of the Public	07/03/2022	Refused 15(1)(a)
27	2022	5491	All correspondence sent/received with the term: UAP/UFO/UAPTF to/from Brigadier General Gerald Buckley, Irelands Representative to the European Union Military Committee. Please include all letters/email/memos/notes/hand written notes/briefing documents etc./ recordings electrical or otherwise.	Business	15/03/2022	Refused 15(1)(a)
28	2022	5492	- a record of how many eligible pilots there are in the Air Corps with a breakdown according to rank. This data broken down by year and by rank. - a record of how many of these pilots have signed up to the service commitment scheme and the duration i.e. three, five, or eight years. - an anonymised record (generated through Navixa) of each pilot enrolled on the above scheme with the number of flying hours they carried out in 2020 and 2021 (disaggregated). I would draw your attention in particular to this decision, which discusses the obligation on public bodies to create new records when these can easily be generated from existing computer systems: https://www.oic.ie/decisions/mr-ken-foxe-of-right-to-k-6/index.xml	Journalist	06/04/2022	Part Granted 33(1)(2)

29	2022	5493	<p>- a copy of all Learjet Air Corps Mandatory Occurrence Reports in the period 1 Jan 2020 to date of receipt of the request.</p> <p>I would prefer to receive this information electronically, ideally in its original electronic format.</p>	Journalist	06/04/2022	Refused 35(1)(a)
30	2022	5494	<p>We are currently working on a research project funded by the SEAI RD&D fund on “Offshore Airborne Wind Energy (AWE) demonstrator” RD&D project along with Ampyx Power. We would like to exclude the areas where there are offshore military training areas. Do you have information on the location of these areas that you could share with us?</p>	Business	10/03/2022	Granted
31	2022	5498	<p>I am requesting the official number of soldiers who have had a Leave Of Absence granted (Career break) from the Defence Forces from 01/01/2021 to 14/03/2022 (present day).</p> <p>Under what circumstances given ie Travel, Further education, Domestic reasons & for the initial period requested.</p> <p>And if possible the Unit's these soldiers serve in.</p> <p>Also the number of soldiers who have had their applications NOT RECOMMENDED.</p>	Member of the Public	16/03/2022	Granted