

Defence Forces Freedom of Information Disclosure Log

July-Sept 2025

(Non Personal Information Only)

Serial	Date of request	Our Ref	Summary of Request	Applicant Details	Decision Due Date	Decision Made
52	02/07/2025	6352	a. A crash report of the Cessna 172K crash on 6 may 2004 near Clonbolloque, Offaly. Plane carrying serial number 243 of Irish Air Corps.	Member of the Public	17/07/2025	Granted
53	04/07/2025	6355	a. The total amount spent by the Defence Forces for recruitment for new entrants promoting posts on social media including Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube, TikTok etc from 1 July 2024 to date broken down by social media channel. b. The total amount spent by the Defence Forces on advertising for recruitment from 1 July 2024 to date broken down between online, TV, print and radio. c. The total amount spent creating videos or other content for Defence Forces recruitment from 1 July 2024 to the current date. d. The number of people who applied to join the Defence Forces between 1 July 2024 and today's date broken down between males and females and commissioned/non-commissioned.	Journalist	31/07/2025	Granted
54	14/07/2025	6367	a. The number of members of the defence forces charged with offences before the courts martial in the last 24 months. Please indicate where possible the nature of the alleged offence, and whether the individual was found guilty. If possible, please also indicate the sentence received, and whether any individual found guilty is still in the defence forces.	Journalist	31/07/2025	Part Granted 37(1)

55	17/07/2025	6370	<p>* In the space of eleven days during the summer of 2008, three separate witnesses (an airline pilot, a Garda sergeant and a county councillor) reported seeing the same triangular craft over the Dublin–Meath area. The sightings happened on 29 July, 3 August and 8 August 2008(as report by the Irish Independent on Monday 29th September 2008).</p> <p>a. I am asking only for material that falls inside a short window around each of those dates, plus a buffer that runs from 28 July to 15 August 2008 for written reports. Nothing outside that fortnight is required.</p> <p>Radar data (primary and secondary)</p> <p>Please supply the raw radar files and any processed track logs that cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Howth sighting — 29 July 2008, 20:30 UTC to 21:30 UTC, roughly 15 NM circle centred on 53.388 N 6.060 W. * Dunboyne sighting — 3 August 2008, 21:15 UTC to 21:45 UTC, 10 NM circle centred on 53.415 N 6.474 W. * Trim sighting — 8 August 2008, 20:00 UTC to 21:00 UTC, 15 NM circle centred on 53.555 N 6.787 W. <p>If full-size primary-surveillance (PSR) video is too large, a filtered export for just those windows is fine.</p> <p>Air-traffic voice recordings</p> <p>For each period above, please provide any preserved radio or land-line recordings (or transcripts) from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Dublin Tower (118.6 MHz) * Dublin Approach (121.1 / 121.2 MHz) * Shannon ACC sectors that controlled the airspace at the time (often labelled D-1 and F) 	Member of the Public	14/08/2025	Refused 15(1)(a)
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Any hotline calls between ATC and Garda Síochána or Defence Forces about an unidentified target. <p>Occurrence and safety reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Mandatory Occurrence Reports, CAIT entries or other safety reports that mention an “unknown” or “unidentified” target between 28 July and 15 August 2008. * Any e-mails, memos or briefing notes within the IAA, or with Garda HQ / Defence Forces, about the three sightings. <p>Search guidance (keywords)</p> <p>When searching e-mail, CAIT/MOR databases or radar annotations between 28th July and 15th August 2008, please use these terms (case-insensitive, with wildcards where possible), alone or combined:</p> <p>“UFO”, “UAP”, “unidentified aerial phenomenon”, “unidentified flying object”; “unidentified primary”, “unknown target/traffic”, “primary-only track”, “radar anomaly”; “air prox”, “occurrence report”; “DUB PSR”, “ARTAS”, “Shannon ACC D1”, “Shannon ACC F”; “triangle craft”, “triangular object”, “stationary object”, “hovering”; “Jimmy Peppard”, “Garda video”; the dates “2008-07-29”, “2008-08-03”, “2008-08-08”.</p> <p>If your system supports proximity operators, a phrase like unidentified NEAR/3 primary will help reduce false hits.</p>		
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56	24/07/2025	6373	a. Could I please have a table of the flying hours of the PC12 fleet in 2023/2024 and first six months of 2025 b. Could I get a breakdown of Training/Operational/ ISTAR/ Maintenance flights 2023/2024 and first six months of 2025	Member of the Public	14/08/2025	Granted
57	28/07/2025	6378	a. All correspondence email and hand written to and from Comdt RATH (OC McKee Bks Camp Staff at the time of submission of complaint) and CMU in relation to correct undertaking time frame for personal who conducted and completed a Paramedic Degree course (PD) in collaboration with National Ambulance Service College/National Ambulance Service & University College Cork (UCC). The courses been PD12T (2022), PD21T (2023), PD24T (2024) and PD27T (2025). b. All correspondence email and hand written to and from Comdt RATH and J7 in relation to correct undertaking time frame for personal who conducted and completed a PD course in collaboration with National Ambulance Service College/National Ambulance Service & University College Cork (UCC). The courses been PD12T (2022), PD21T (2023), PD24T (2024) and PD27T (2025). c. All correspondence email and hand written to and from Comdt RATH and Legal Branch with reference to the change of undertakings from TWO (2) years to THREE (3) years and THREE (3) years to TWO (2) years for personnel who conducted and completed a PD course in collaboration with National Ambulance Service College/National Ambulance Service & University College Cork (UCC). The courses been PD12T (2022), PD21T (2023), PD24T (2024) and PD27T (2025).	Staff	01/10/2025	Part Granted 31(1)(a) 15(1)(a) 37(1) 15(1)(i)

		<p>d. All correspondence email and hand written to and from J7 and Legal Branch with reference to the change of undertakings from TWO (2) years to THREE (3) years and THREE (3) years to TWO(2) years for personnel who conducted and completed a PD course in collaboration with National Ambulance Service College/National Ambulance Service & University College Cork (UCC). The courses been PD12T (2022), PD21T (2023), PD24T (2024) and PD27T (2025).</p> <p>e. All correspondence email and hand written to and from CMU and Legal Branch with reference to the change of undertakings from TWO (2) years to THREE (3) years and THREE (3) years to TWO(2) years for personnel who conducted and completed a PD course in collaboration with National Ambulance Service College/National Ambulance Service & University College Cork (UCC). The courses been PD12T (2022), PD21T (2023), PD24T (2024) and PD27T (2025).</p>			
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58	29/07/2025	6380	<p>I wish to request, under the Freedom of Information Act, records relating to investigations by the Irish Defence Forces' maritime assets, including maritime patrol aircraft and Naval Service vessels, into suspicious vessels at sea. Specifically, I am seeking:</p> <p>a. The total number of instances, from 1 January 2023 to present, where maritime patrol aircraft (e.g., CASA CN-235 / CASA C295) and naval Service vessels were tasked to investigate, monitor, and/or intercept vessels deemed "suspicious" or "of interest" within Irish territorial waters or the Irish Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ).</p> <p>Where available, please provide:</p> <p>i. The year of each instance (2023, 2024, 2025 (so far) and the general location (e.g. Irish Sea, Atlantic, Celtic Sea) and if they were in Irish territorial waters or the Irish EEZ.</p> <p>ii. Broad reason the vessel was deemed suspicious (e.g., unusual route, failure to identify, suspected smuggling, foreign military activity)</p>	Journalist	14/08/2025	Refused 33(2)(a) 33(3)(a)
59	01/08/2025	6382	a. Could I please have the total aircraft movements from Baldonnel on the 5th 6th and 7th of June 2025.	Journalist	14/08/2025	Granted
60	07/08/2025	6385	a. A copy of any final, overarching or overview reports provided to the department by the Health and Safety Authority arising from its inspections of military installations	Journalist	29/08/2025	Part Granted 37(1) 33(1)(a) 33(2)(a)
61	07/08/2025	6386	a. Minutes or records of what was discussed at the Defence Forces Board meetings for July 2025.	Journalist	04/09/2025	Refused 33(1)(a) 33(2)(a)

62	14/08/2025	6404	<p>a. Whether the Defence Forces maintains any records or data on former Defence Forces personnel who have gone on to work with private military companies or private security contractors</p> <p>b. If such records exist, a breakdown (e.g. by year, rank, number, and/or type of company where applicable, as well as which companies) covering the past five years</p> <p>c. Any policies, procedures, or guidelines regarding the tracking, reporting, or regulation of former Defence Forces personnel joining private military or security companies. This request covers the last year only, and applies to documents currently in use.</p>	Journalist	14/08/2025	Refused 33(4)
63	18/08/2025	6407	<p>a. A copy of all correspondence between CATSO and ACHQ with regard to a proposal for the outsourcing of air traffic control to a private company called ASG. This request to cover the period 1 Jan 2025 to date</p>	Journalist	04/09/2025	Refused 29(1)(a) 36(1)(b)

64	20/08/2025	6409	<p>* Under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 (as amended), I request the following records regarding the Instructor Allowance for Defence Forces officers, as announced by the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence:and Minister for Defence:</p> <p>a. Core Policy & Eligibility Documents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o The final, approved policy directive authorising the Instructor Allowance, including; o Primary eligibility criteria (e.g., rank, instructional appointments, required qualifications). o The specific accredited courses or training programmes (e.g., SETU-affiliated Masters) deemed to satisfy the "advanced education" requirement. o Any Delegation of Authority orders specifying who determines eligibility (e.g., Director of Training, G1 Branch).b. Implementation & Discrepancy Records o All internal communications (emails, briefs, meeting minutes) discussing: o The rollout timeline, including delays or phased implementation plans. o Discrepancies or exemptions in applying the allowance across different training institutions. o Appeals or disputes regarding eligibility (redacted as 	Member of the Public	02/12/2025	Part Granted 30(1)(b)(c) 29(1)(a)37(1) 33(2)(a)
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		<p>necessary under Section 37).c. RACO & DoD Consultations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">o Correspondence between the Defence Forces, RACO, and the Department of Defence (2022–present) on:o The design or modification of the allowance’s criteria.o Representations made by RACO regarding perceived inequities in eligibility.o My request seeks all correspondence (emails, letters, meeting minutes) between:o The Defence Forces and RACOo The Defence Forces and the Department of Defence from 2022–present, regarding the Instructor Allowance’s design or eligibility criteria.			
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65	26/08/2025	6410	<p>a. An anonymised copy of the exit interviews (or findings of the exit interviews) with the last thirty members of the Defence Forces to leave the DF. If the DF wishes to make this request more representative, they are free to select thirty such documents from across the DF i.e. Army, Naval Service, Air Corps etc so long as the documents relate to the period 1 Sept 2024 to date.</p>	Journalist	04/09/2025	Refused 35(1)(a) 37(1)
66	22/09/2025	6415	<p>Under the Freedom of Information Act, I am seeking access to the following records:Records showing the number of personnel who left the Permanent Defence Force (Army, Naval Service, and Air Corps) in the period between 1 January 2024 to 28 August 2025.A breakdown of these departures by category, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Voluntary discharge b. Retirement c. Medical discharge d. Disciplinary discharge e. Other 	Journalist	23/09/2025	Granted

67	05/09/2025	6417	Under the Freedom of Information Act 2014, I am requesting access to the following records (or information) for the period 1st of January 1990 to the present date.a. The total number of Commissioned Officers whose pay was completely stopped ("no pay") at any stage due to long-term sick leave.b. The total number of Other Ranks whose pay was similarly suspended for any period due to long-term sick leave.c. If available, the number of cases in which the pay was reinstated after such a stoppage.	Member of the Public	23/09/2025	Refused 15(1)(a)
68	08/09/2025	6421	a. All communications between the Defence Forces and the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade relating to the withdrawal of Irish soldiers serving with the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon from the 1.7.2025 to date.b. A breakdown of the amount of Irish soldiers that served with the UN Interim Force in Lebanon in the last 5 years.	Journalist	23/09/2025	Part Granted 15(1)(a)
69	22/09/2025	6427	a. Under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 I am requesting a copy of the specific Job Description for the role of Defence Forces Head of Strategic HR for the Irish Defence Forces that was advertised via PublicJobs.ie in 2023.	Member of the Public	09/10/2025	Granted