

Defence Forces Freedom of Information Disclosure Log

Jan-Mar 2026

(Non Personal Information Only)

Serial	Date of request	Our Ref	Summary of Request	Applicant Details	Decision Due Date	Decision Made
1	Jan 2026	6493	a. Records containing details of all spending on gym facilities and swimming pools at Defence Force properties since the beginning of 2023 to present, to details of the individual projects, dates, and monetary values, I'm referring to capital costs, such as construction and fit-out, excluding running costs	Journalist	19/01/2026	Part Granted 15(1)(a)
2	Jan 2026	6494	a. A copy of the civilianisation option paper prepared by HOSHR/Deloitte	Journalist	13/02/2026	Refused 29(1)(a)(b) 30(1)(c)
3	Jan 2026	6495	a. All dangerous incident reports arising from Defence Forces activity within Ireland in the period since 1 Jan 2024 to 31 Dec 2025 pertaining to categories 4,5,6,7	Journalist	29/01/2026	Part Granted 31(1)(a) 37(1)
4	Jan 2026	6498	a. A list and breakdown of all standalone intelligence led Maritime Defence and Security Operations (MDSO) by the Naval Service, the Air Corps or relevant agencies in Ireland's Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) in 2025 b. A list and breakdown of all vessels that entered Ireland's Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) and did not comply with international law in 2025	Journalist	31/03/2026	Refused 15 (1) (b)
5	Jan 2026	6502	a. All internal and external communication relating to the Havana syndrome, also known as anomalous health incidents (AHIs) from 2023 to date	Journalist	29/01/2026	Refused 15(1)(a)
6	Jan 2026	6504	a. A copy of any risk assessment associated with the towing of aircraft from hangars at Baldonnell. b. A copy of any records held referring or relating to the cancellation, postponement, or deferral of MATS flights	Journalist	24/02/2026	Part Granted 15(1)(a)

			arising from having insufficient staff to carry out safe towing operations as per the above risk assessment			
7	Jan 2026	6506	a. Any records, briefing documents, reports, or analyses created by or for the the Defence Forces relating to the results of NATO Operational Capabilities Concept (OCC) evaluations for Defence Forces units, including internal self-evaluations (SEL), NATO-led external evaluations (NEL), or special forces evaluations (SOFEVAL). o This FOI covers January 2024 to present	Journalist	05/02/2026	Refused 33(1)(a)(b)(d) 33(2)(a)(b)(i)(ii) 33(3)(c)(ii)
8	Feb 2026	6508	Under the Freedom of Information Act 2014, I wish to request access to records held by the Defence Forces relating to an incident that occurred on a Defence Forces military installation. I am seeking the following information: a. Any incident reports, medical reports, ammunition reports, internal memos, logs, or communications generated in relation to the incident b. Details of any investigations conducted, including findings, conclusions, or recommendations. c. Correspondence between Defence Forces personnel and any external bodies (e.g., An Garda Síochána, Department of Defence, emergency services) regarding the incident. d. Policies or procedures referenced or applied during the handling of the incident. e. Any risk assessments or safety reviews carried out as a result of the incident. To assist your search, the incident I am referring to is: • Location: [Curragh Camp] • Approximate date/timeframe: [2005 - 2015] • Brief description: An incident that happened in The Curragh Camp in the ammunition department approx between	Member of the Public	13/02/2026	Refused 15(1)(a)

			2005 - 2012 The young soldier claimed to have seen a little creature with red eyes. The soldier discharged his weapon at the door and had to be forcefully removed from duty, he soiled himself, was sent for drink and drug analyst and received psychiatric care. If you have anymore information or written records of this incident it would be very much appreciated. * REFINEMENT- a. Narrow the timeline of this alleged incident. b. Clarify what is meant by forcibly disarmed. c. Clarify what is meant by the duty at the main gate of the ammunition depot. The Camp has changed significantly since 2005. d. Clarify what was meant by pulled off duty. e. What rank was the soldier. f. What medical station / hospital was the individual transported to. Answers to your questions below. a. 2005 until 2012 b. Forcibly or involuntarily discharging a patient occurs when a hospital or care facilities removes a patient against their wishes, often due to lack of medical necessity, behavioral issues, or discharge pressure. c. The Guard (Soldier) was on night duty (look out) at the ammunition depot, (this is where he seen the creature) d. Being pulled off duty due to distress - indicates a formal intervention to manage an employee's wellbeing, protect the public, and address potential mental health crises. e. I'm not 100% sure but maybe General 3 Star as they are generally soldiers who perform night guard duty,			
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			which includes patrolling, monitoring access points, and securing buildings. f. I'm not 100% sure maybe a local hospital close to Curragh Camp			
9	Feb 2026	6510	* I am writing to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act for any records held by the Department of Defence relating to an Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) operation carried out by the Irish Defence Forces at [REDACTED]. * The incident occurred in or around the year 2002 ,but im not 100% on the date or the year, at our farm located in the townland of [REDACTED], County Cork. My [REDACTED] reported the item to the local garda in [REDACTED]. An object believed to be unexploded ordnance dateing from the irish war of independence was discovered on the land, and an Army EOD unit attended and removed the item. At the time, it was described to us as an artillery shell but again I am not 100% is this correct. * I am seeking access to any records, reports, logs, or correspondence relating to this EOD call-out, including (if available): - The date of the operation - The type and description of the ordnance recovered - Any assessment or disposal report created by the Defence Forces * This request is made for personal and historical interest, as I am researching the history of our family farm and military activity in the area around the war of independence and would like to have the exact details of the event	Member of the Public	10/02/2026	Part Granted 37(1)

10	Feb 2026	6513	a. Minutes for records of discussions from the last three general staff board meetings	Journalist	23/02/2026	Refused 33(1)(a) 33(2)(a)
11	Feb 2026	6517	* Under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 (FOI), I would like to request the following records: a. A breakdown of all requested operations carried out by the Royal Air Force, the British Army and the Royal Navy by sea or by air in Irish Air Space, Irish Flight Information Region (FIR) and the Irish Maritime Boundary, the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) for the year 2025. b. A breakdown of the costs incurred by the Defence Forces for the Royal Air Force, the British Army and the Royal Navy patrolling Ireland's Air Space, Irish Flight Information Region (FIR) and the Irish Maritime Boundary, the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) for the year 2025. c. Any further analysis or reports by the Defence for the patrolling of Ireland's Air Space, Irish Flight Information Region (FIR) and the Irish Maritime Boundary, the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ). * I would like to receive this information electronically and in the original language without translation. Please let me know if you have any questions in relation to my application	Journalist	13/02/2026	Refused 15(1)(a)
12	Feb 2026	6518	a. The number of reports, via email, text, phone call or letter, to the Defence Forces in relation to UFO sightings, and/or aliens, in Ireland, over the last year b. Correspondence, including emails and letters, addressed to the Defence Forces in relation to UFO sightings, and/or aliens, in Ireland, over the last year	Journalist	19/02/2026	Refused 15(1)(a)

13	Feb 2026	6521	a. The current actual strengths and establishment strengths of all Defence Forces units within each formation	Journalist	02/03/2026	Refused 33(1)(a)(b) 33(2)(a)
14	Feb 2026	6524	a. Records related to the Irish Naval Service's interdiction of foreign shipping vessels from the start of 2023 through the end of 2025. An example of one such vessel interdiction is the MV Matthew in September 2023. Records should include but are not limited to operational notes, logs, after-action reports, and receipts of items seized	Journalist	27/04/2026	29/04/2026 Refused 15 (1) (b)
15	Feb 2026	6526	a. The search and retrieval of document pertaining to an alleged road traffic accident at Kilworth Training Area on 17SEP25. The named documents are as follows: Crash Report Military Police Report Witness Statements AF439A AF439B Sketches of road traffic accident	Staff	23/02/2026	Refused 32(1)
16	Feb 2026	6532	* Under the Freedom of Information Act 2014, I am seeking access to the following records, which I understand may fall under longer retention categories or may exist independently of incident-specific files: * Standing Orders, Policies, or Protocols a. Any Defence Forces standing orders, standard operating procedures, or internal policies in effect between 2005–2012 at Curragh Camp relating to: * Guard duty at ammunition depots. * Reporting of unusual sightings, security breaches, or unidentified persons/animals on Defence Forces property. * Procedures for discharging a weapon while on duty.	Member of the Public	18/03/2026	Refused 32 (1) (a) (iii) 32(1) (a) (x) 33 (1) (a) & (b) 33 (2) (a) 15 (1)(a)

			* Mandatory medical, psychological, or disciplinary steps following an unplanned discharge of a firearm. (These are general policy documents, not incident-specific records.) Any training manuals, briefing documents, or guidance provided to soldiers assigned to night guard duty at ammunition depots during the same period. Without requesting any personal data, I am seeking: b. The number of reported firearm-discharge incidents by personnel on guard duty at the Curragh Camp ammunition depot between 2005–2012. c. The number of cases in which personnel on guard duty were removed from duty due to distress or psychological concerns during the same period.			
17	Feb 2026	6540	* Under the Freedom of Information Act 2014, I wish to request access to records relating to any plans, policies, or proposals concerning the recruitment of foreign nationals. In particular, I request: * Records identifying the decision-making authority responsible for approving such recruitment plans. * Copies of relevant internal policies, guidance documents, or statutory frameworks informing these plans. * Records outlining the ratification or governance process through which these plans are reviewed and approved (including committee, management, or board oversight where applicable). * I am requesting records created or held within the period of January 1st 2025 to February 19th 2026.	Member of the Public	23/03/2026	15 (1) (d)
18	Mar 2026	6542	a. All records evidencing, relating to or touching upon all Defence Forces personnel who served for any period of time at casement Aerodrome, Baldonnel, County Dublin	Business	31/03/2026	Part Granted 15(1)(a) 15(1)(c)

			from 1st January 1980 to the present day that have died before they had reached the age of 66. b. All records evidencing, relating to or touching upon the number of personnel in each Cadet, Recruit and Apprentice intake at Casement Aerodrome Baldonnell, County Dublin from 1st January 1980 to the present day. c. All records evidencing, relating to or touching upon the number of personnel in each Cadet, Recruit and Apprentice intake nationally from 1st January 1980 to the present day. d. All records evidencing, relating to or touching upon the number of Defence Forces personnel serving in each year from 1980 up to and including 2026 according to Defence Forces Annual Report. e. All records evidencing, relating to or touching upon the number of all Defence Forces personnel that served at Casement Aerodrome Baldonnell, County Dublin that died in each year from 1st January 1980 to the present day. f. All records evidencing, relating to or touching upon the cause of death from those said personnel who died each year that served at Casement Aerodrome Baldonnell County Dublin from 1980 to the present day. g. All records evidencing, relating to or touching upon the number of all Defence Forces personnel that served nationally who died each year from 1st January 1980 to the present day.			
19	Mar 2026	6543	I am writing to make a request for records under the Freedom of Information Act 2014. I am requesting access to internal policy, evaluation, and legal records relating to the decision to replace the existing Irish Defence Forces camouflage uniform (Irish DPM) with the Irish	Member of the Public	30/04/2026	Refused 12 (1) (b)

			Transitional Multicam Pattern (ITMP) as part of the Defence Forces Combat Clothing System (DFCCS). - This request is intentionally limited to policy and decision-making records created prior to the commencement of formal commercial tendering (i.e., records created broadly between 2018 and the publication of the Prior Information Notice in 2023/2024). I am not seeking records that relate to any active or concluded competitive tendering process, bid evaluations, supplier pricing, or commercially sensitive information, so as not to interfere with any active procurement or legal proceedings. a. Pattern Evaluation and Requirements Documentation I request access to all records relating to the internal decision to replace Irish DPM with ITMP, including but not limited to: - Capability gap analyses, internal evaluation reports, or review papers identifying deficiencies in the existing Irish DPM uniform pattern. - User Requirements Documents (URD), Statements of Requirements (SOR), or equivalent operational requirements documents for the DFCCS. - Internal briefing notes, memoranda, or papers submitted to the Minister for			
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			Defence, the Chief of Staff, or Defence Forces leadership recommending the adoption of ITMP. • Records of any comparative analysis between retaining or modernising the existing Irish DPM pattern versus adopting a Multicam-based alternative. • Documentation of the criteria used to select the Irish Transitional Multicam Pattern over other candidate patterns, including the rationale for engaging Crye Precision. • Any records explaining why a bespoke Irish national pattern was not developed indigenously, or documentation exploring that option. b. Concealment Effectiveness Testing and NVG Trials I request access to all records relating to camouflage performance evaluation, including: • Field trial reports, observer study results, or photosimulation studies comparing Irish DPM and ITMP in Irish terrain types, including woodland, peat bogland, agricultural land, moorland, and urban environments. • Any testing conducted under Night Vision Goggle (NVG) conditions or near-infrared (NIR) imaging. • Records of test site locations, observer numbers, trial methodology, and statistical analysis used in any such evaluation.			
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			• If no comparative trials were conducted in Irish environments, any records explaining the rationale for this decision and documenting reliance on foreign (e.g., US, UK) testing data. • Any multispectral signature assessments (NIR, thermal) conducted for ITMP garments. • Records of engagement with or data received from allied nations (e.g., UK MOD, US DOD, NATO agencies) regarding Multicam family pattern effectiveness in temperate European environments. c. Cost Analysis and Industrial Considerations I request access to all records relating to the financial and industrial appraisal of the DFCCS decision, including: • Cost comparison studies or analyses comparing: (a) procurement of new ITMP uniforms versus continued production of Irish DPM; (b) total lifecycle costs including procurement, issue, maintenance, and replacement cycles. • Records of any feasibility study or consultation on the domestic manufacture of ITMP or modernised Irish DPM garments within Ireland. • Economic impact assessments relating to the Irish textile or manufacturing sector arising from DFCCS procurement.			
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			- Records of any consideration of industrial participation, offset arrangements, or domestic content requirements in the DFCCS programme. - Records noting the historic offshore manufacture of Irish DPM (including in Belgium) and any policy review of this in the context of DFCCS. d. Legal Opinions — Section 264 Defence Act 1954 and 'Colourable Imitation' I request access to all legal records relating to the public wearing of ITMP and associated legal implications, including: - Legal opinions, advice, or memoranda from the Office of the Attorney General, the Chief State Solicitor's Office, or internal Defence legal advisers regarding the application of Section 264 of the Defence Act 1954 to the ITMP. - Specifically, any advice on how the concept of 'colourable imitation' in Section 264 would apply to commercially available Multicam products (e.g., backpacks, caps, airsoft equipment, civilian apparel) given the visual similarity between ITMP and off-the-shelf Multicam. - Records of any proposed amendments to Section 264 or related legislation arising from the ITMP adoption. - Any guidance issued to, or consultations with, An Garda Síochána regarding			
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			enforcement of Section 264 following ITMP adoption. • Interdepartmental correspondence between the Department of Defence, Department of Justice, and the Office of the Attorney General on this matter. e. Operational Risk Assessments — Overseas Deployment I request access to all records relating to operational and force protection risks associated with ITMP in overseas environments, including: • Risk assessments evaluating the potential for Irish Defence Forces personnel to be visually misidentified as US, UK, or other NATO forces in overseas deployments — particularly in Middle Eastern environments such as Lebanon (UNIFIL) or the Golan Heights (UNDOF) — due to the similarity of ITMP to US OCP and UK MTP. • Records of consultations with UN missions, the EU, or allied militaries regarding visual deconfliction and pattern proliferation risk. • Force protection analyses considering pattern recognition by non-state armed actors or adversary forces. • Any assessment of the risk of ITMP appearing in civilian or commercial markets, undermining security controls. f. Stakeholder Consultation Records			
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			I request access to records of consultations held with internal and external stakeholders regarding the DFCCS and ITMP decision, including: • Records of consultation with, or submissions from, the Representative Association for Commissioned Officers (RACO) and the Permanent Defence Force Other Ranks Representative Association (PDForra). • Records of consultation with operational units, the Defence Forces Directorate of Logistics, or Quartermaster General's Branch regarding performance requirements and the transition from DPM. • Minutes or notes from interdepartmental meetings, working groups, or project boards relating to DFCCS/ITMP. • Records of engagement with international partners or allied defence procurement agencies regarding pattern selection. g. Alternative Options Considered I request access to records documenting alternatives to ITMP that were evaluated or considered, including: Documentation of alternative camouflage patterns evaluated alongside or instead of ITMP (e.g., patterns from Czech Republic, Portugal, France, or other EU/NATO nations). Records assessing whether an updated or modernised version of Irish DPM could have met operational requirements.			
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			Options appraisals or business cases comparing ITMP against alternatives on grounds of performance, cost, supply chain, and national identity. Scope and Format I request records created between 1 January 2018 and 31 December 2023. I request that records be provided in electronic format (PDF or Word) where possible. Where a record exists in part and part is exempt, I request the non-exempt portions be released in redacted form with exemption grounds clearly identified.			
20	09 Mar 26	6547	“A list of concert or events that Defence Forces School of Music participated within Dublin only (excluding any events or concerts on behalf of the State) in the years of 2025 and to-date in 2026 in tabular form. To be further assistance what I mean as in events or concerts where DFSOM participated in eg Community fundraiser Concert, Christmas concert for nursing home etc. Please include location of event and date of event. The number of personnel by rank from DFSOM that participated in each of those events by location in tabular form in tabular form.”	Member of Public	12/03/2026	Granted
21	20 Mar 26	6554	I wish to request access to the following records under the Freedom of Information Act:	Journalist	27/03/2026	Part-Grant 15 (1) (a)

			i) Copies of accounts for the Defence Forces Canteen Board for 2024 and 2025 ii) A copy of the current price list for food, drink and other items sold in Defence Forces canteens			
22	20 Mar 26	6555	Copies of all records (including attachments in the case of emails) generated or received by the Defence Forces in the period Jan9, 2026 to March 18,2026 relating to Air Breathing Unit BA 2025 (serial number 36552) which was located in Baldonnel. Copies of records relating to breathing air testing carried out in connection with Air Breathing Unit (serial number 36552) in the period J1, 2014 to J 1, 2024. Records of invoices (with pricing redacted) submitted by Harold Engineering Limited relating to the servicing of Air Breathing Unit BA 2025 (serial number 36553) in the period January 1, 2010 to January 1, 2025.	Journalist	21/04/2026	Auto-refusal as no response given before the 20day timeframe to respond to requester.
23	25 Mar 26	6556	<i>Records of the number of arms or firearms, licensed to the Defence Forces;</i> <i>Record of application for arms or firearms, licensed to the Defence Forces;</i>	Member of Public	01/04/2026	Refused 15 (1) (a)

			<i>Record of the name and title of applicant for arms or firearms, and name and title of grantor;</i> <i>Records of all the aforementioned, but as would be applicable under common law;</i> <i>I am looking for the current number of licences to the defence forces, for arms / firearms;</i> <i>According to the definition that I assume you operate under is, (and correct me if I am wrong):</i> <i>Firearms Act, 1925, Section 1</i> https://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/1925/act/17/section/1/enacted/en/html#sec1 <i>I am not seeking the number of applications of individual members that have their own personal "firearms";</i>			
24	25 Mar 26	6557	<i>Under the FOI Act 2014, I am seeking the following:</i> <i>a copy of any accident or incident reports, whether preliminary or final, relating to the following:</i> <i>an accident involving the LÉ Samuel Beckett at the quays in Dublin,</i> <i>an accident involving the Twin Otter at Baldonnel.</i>	Journalist	29 Apr 2026	Part Granted 37 (1) (a) 33 (1) 35 (1) 30 (1) (a)

Serial	Date of request	Our Ref	Summary of Request	Applicant Details	Decision Due Date	Decision Made
	31 Mar 26	6561	Under the FOI Act 2014, I am seeking the following: Records relating to the acquisition of the Dassault Falcon 6X aircraft and its interior fit-out and design. a. Where the interior completion works were carried out, including the specific facility or location. b. The contractor(s) responsible for interior design and installation. c. A breakdown of the overall cost of the aircraft, to indicate: base aircraft cost, interior fit-out, and completion costs. d. Records identifying any additional modifications or bespoke elements that were sought in terms of interior design or fit-out. e. Copies of any high-level correspondence with the Dept of Defence on the interior design, fit-out and configuration of the aircraft, 1 Sept 2025 to date.	Journalist	30/04/2026	15/05/2026 Part-Grant 15 (1) (a) & (b)

			f. Photographs of the interior fit-out of the aircraft. I would prefer to receive this information electronically, ideally in its original electronic format			
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