

Defence Forces Freedom of Information Disclosure Log

Apr-Jun 2026

(Non Personal Information Only)

Serial	Date of request	Our Ref	Summary of Request	Applicant Details	Decision Due Date	Decision Made
	01 Apr 26	6562	Under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 for the following: I request the following information: <i>a. An annual breakdown of the total number of deployments to Shannon Airport from 1 January 2017 to 31 March 2026. This means I would like the figure individually for each full year from 2017 through 2025, and also for the three months in 2026 to date.</i> <i>I prefer this data in a spreadsheet format such as Excel, if available.</i>	Journalist	01/05/2026	Granted 01/05/2026
	08 Apr 26	6564	Under the FOI Act 2014, please release the following data to cover the time period 1 January 2024 - present (i.e. the day I am sending this request): <i>The cost/expenses incurred per year for 2024, 2025 and 2026 (to date) in connection with Defence Forces deployments to Shannon Airport as part of its Aid to the Civil Power role at Shannon Airport;</i>	Journalist	12/05/2026	Part Granted 15 (1) (a) 08/05/2026

			<i>The cost/expenses incurred per year for 2024, 2025 and 2026 (to date) in connection with Defence Forces deployments to Dublin Airport as part of its Aid to the Civil Power role at Dublin Airport;</i> <i>Please provide a breakdown separately/individually for each year and each airport.</i> <i>Please also provide the data in spreadsheet format (not a pdf of a spreadsheet please</i>			
	14 Apr 26	6567	Under the FOI Act 2014, I'd like to request the following: Records related to the attendance of Brigadier General Mark Staunton, Commander Joint Cyber Defence Command (COM JCDC), COS Division, at the IDSA/Cyber Ireland event, held March 24. Records of any speeches given by Mark Staunton and any briefings prepared for him. With the speeches - I'm looking for written documentation. So, any drafts sent via email, any written version of a speech itself, and any briefing material prepared for the event. Records, if applicable, of any private meetings attended by Brigadier General Mark Staunton, Communications and Information Services Corps, Irish Defence Forces, at the event, or in relation to the event Private messaging services and email addresses just means please check if any privately owned email addresses, or messengers on phones - WhatsApp, Signal etc - contain records.	Journalist	14/05/2026	Part-Granted 33 (1) (b) 37(1) 15 (1) (a) 13/05/2026

			Three months from the date of the event so please search from December 24, 2025			
	20 Apr 26	6569	Will you provide me with the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 The number of males and females that commenced each Cadetship Class for both Army and Naval Services in the years of 2024, 2025 and to-date in 2026 in tabular form. I'm only seeking for Cadetship Class only. Please indicate the date which the cadetship class commence and for which branch of PDF they were for. To be further assistance what I am seeking eg 5 January 2024 a new Army Cadetship class commenced and consisted of 58 personnel of which 50 where males and 8 where females etc in tabular form. The next two dates in which either Army Cadetship Class or Navy Cadetship Class will commence and if known could you indicate the number of persons by gender that have been given a place in the participate class. To be further assistance what I mean a place where an individual has applied to join PDF and has passed all clearance stages eg Security, Medical etc in tabular form. The maximum number of persons that the Defence Forces can handle in one participate Army Cadetship or Navy Cadetship class eg A maximum number of persons for one DF Army Cadetship class is 75 personnel and DF will have	Member of Public	24/04/2026	Part-Granted 30 (1) (a)

			sufficient accommodation capacity for that number of persons in one participate class etc in tabular form.			
	20 Apr 26	6571	I am writing to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2014: Whether the Defence Forces has a policy or guidelines on the use of artificial intelligence in combat or battlefield situations, and if so, a copy of any document outlining that policy. Whether the Defence Forces has explored or procured any AI software/tech for potential use in combat or battlefield situations. A list, in tabular form, of all AI technologies/software currently used by the Defence Forces, and a description of its purpose. This request covers two years prior to the date of this email (20 Apr 26).	Journalist	20/05/2026	Auto refusal FDM response late and no request for internal review received.
	27 Apr 26	6574	Under the FOI Act 2014, I'd like to request the following: Whether any personnel from the Israel Defense Forces received training at the Irish Military College or any other Defence Forces training facility between 1 January 2024 and the date of this request Any records including records detailing the nature of the training provided, the number of personnel involved, and the courses attended by Israel Defense Forces personnel	Journalist	27/05/2026	Refused 15 (1) (a) 02/06/2026

	27 Apr 26	6575	I am writing to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2014: Any written records relating to the participation of Irish Defence Forces and National Cyber Security Centre personnel in the NATO cyber defence exercise referenced in recent Oireachtas committee proceedings (page 16), in which approximately 60 personnel took part. A list of the private sector companies and/or individuals who participated in that exercise as subject matter experts alongside Defence Forces and NCSC personnel. This search covers the last 24 months.	Journalist	27/05/2026	Auto refusal FDM response late and no request for internal review received.
	01 May 26	6577	1. Policies in force in June 2023 Copies of the full and complete policies, regulations, instructions, circulars, guidance documents, administrative procedures, standing orders or equivalent records governing: • Special Leave • Local Leave as they existed and were in force on 1 June 2023. 2. Changes since June 2023 Copies of any records evidencing amendments, revisions, replacements, updates or changes made from 1 June 2023 to the present date to any policy, regulation, instruction, circular, guidance or procedure relating to:	Member of Public	19 MAY26	Part-Granted 18 (3) 37 (1) 02/06/2026

			• Special Leave • Local Leave This includes revised policies, circulars, directives, memoranda, implementation instructions, change logs and formal internal notices. 3. Authority for changes For each change identified above, records showing: • the date approved and/or effective date • the office, rank, role, appointment or authority that approved or authorised the change • the delegated authority, governance basis or remit relied upon 4. Outside Employment While on Special Leave Copies of any policies, rules, guidance or procedures in force on 1 June 2023, and any amendments since then, concerning whether a member of the Defence Forces on Special Leave could engage in: • outside employment • secondary employment • self-employment • consultancy • contracted work • any other remunerated work outside the Defence Forces			
	05 May 26	6578	<i>I am requesting, under the FOI act, information pertaining to "Re-entrants to the Defence forces from 2020-2026"</i> <i>Specifically, I am looking to know;</i>	Staff	03/06/2026	Granted 03/06/2026

			<i>The Number of re entrants that have been promoted from Private to the rank of Corporal within their initial 3 year period of re-enlisting in the Army. (Regardless of unit)</i> <i>The Number of re entrants that have been promoted from Private tto the rank of Corporal within their initial 3 year period of re-enlisting in the army within 2bde. (Regardless of unit)</i> Response: Record 1 requested, this office consulted with 1 Bde Headquarters (Southern Command), 2 Bde Headquarters (Eastern Command) and the Defence Forces Training Centre Headquarters. The following return was received: 1 Bde: 1 Bde have zero (0) personnel who reenlisted under section 53 of the Defence Act and were promoted to Cpl within their initial 3 years of reenlisting. 1 Bde does however have two (2) personnel who had prior service and enlisted again not under section 53 of the Defence Act, who were promoted to Cpl within 3 years of their enlistment. As they were not reenlisted under sec 53 of the Act, they are not prevented from being promoted within 3 years by DFR A10. 2 Bde: Zero (0). DFTC: No Pte has been promoted to Cpl within their first 3yrs of re-enlistment.			
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			Record 2 requested, this office consulted with 2 Bde Headquarters (Eastern Command). The following return was received: 2 Bde: Zero (0).			
	05 May 26	6581	<i>I wish to apply under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 for the following data held by your organisation and bodies under its remit:</i> <i>Any written material including instruction manuals, technical documents, emails, memos and internal and external communications mentioning the software "Passwork".</i> <i>I request records between 01/01/24 up to today's date.</i>	Journalist	03 June 26	Refused 15 (1) (a) 08/05/2026
	11 May 26	6583	<i>I request the following records:</i> <i>Emails, correspondence, briefing notes, submissions, memoranda, draft replies, final replies, situation reports, and internal summaries sent by the Defence Forces to the Department of Defence relating to the preparation of the response to Parliamentary Question No. 343 of 29 April 2025.</i> <i>Timeframe: 1 January 2024 to 31 May 2025.</i>	Member of Public	09 June 26	Part Granted 37 (1) 15 (1)1(a) 05/06/2026

			<i>Records provided by the Defence Forces to the office of the then Minister for Defence, Simon Harris, or to the Department of Defence relating to:</i> <i>Leaders' Questions on 26 June 2025 (Dáil Debates Vol. 1070 No. 1, printed page 75)</i> <i>the Dáil debate on 15 October 2025 concerning the motion of confidence in the Tánaiste (Dáil Debates Vol. 1078, printed page 132)</i> <i>This includes briefing notes, speaking points, preparatory notes, emails, draft responses, updates, and records created for the purpose of oral briefings.</i> <i>The relevant Dáil references include the following statements:</i> <i>26 June 2025:</i> <i>“In response to a parliamentary question... I was told that an investigation was ongoing and had been referred to the Garda. Which is it?”</i> <i>15 October 2025:</i> <i>“That woman still does not have clarity. She has been left in limbo and has been given conflicting information.”</i>			
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			<i>Timeframe: 1 June 2025 to 15 July 2025 for the June 2025 Dáil appearance, and 1 September 2025 to 31 October 2025 for the October 2025 Dáil appearance.</i> <i>Records provided by the Defence Forces to the office of the then Minister for Defence, Simon Harris, or to the Department of Defence relating to the written response issued by Simon Harris dated 10 November 2025 concerning this case (DFHQ/INV/01/23), including references to the court martial referred to in that correspondence.</i> <i>This includes emails, correspondence, briefing notes, submissions, preparatory material, updates, speaking points, draft responses, and records created for the purpose of any oral briefing connected to that written response.</i> <i>Timeframe: 1 October 2025 to 30 November 2025.</i> <i>Records provided by the Defence Forces to the current Minister for Defence, Helen McEntee, her office, or the Department of Defence relating to the case identified as DFHQ/INV/01/23 since her appointment as Minister for Defence.</i>			
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			<i>Timeframe: From the date of her appointment to the date of processing of this request.</i> <i>Records identifying the rank, role, and organisational unit of Defence Forces personnel involved in preparing, reviewing, checking, approving, or transmitting records sent to the Department of Defence concerning:</i> <i>Parliamentary Question No. 343</i> <i>Leaders' Questions on 26 June 2025</i> <i>the Dáil debate of 15 October 2025</i> <i>the written response of 12 November 2025</i> <i>Timeframe: 1 January 2024 to 30 November 2025.</i> <i>Records held by the Defence Forces referring to the status of the investigation in the case identified as DFHQ/INV/01/23:</i> <i>i. "ongoing"</i> <i>ii. "complete"</i> <i>iii. "referred to An Garda Síochána"</i> <i>Timeframe: 1 January 2024 to 31 May 2025.</i> <i>Records held by the Defence Forces relating to any referral, proposed referral, consideration of referral, or</i>			
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			<i>communication with An Garda Síochána concerning the case identified as DFHQ/INV/01/23.</i> <i>Timeframe: 1 January 2024 to 31 May 2025.</i>			
	12 May 26	6584	<i>Records of the murder of XXXXXXXXXXXX on or about 12 January 1983</i>	Member of public	10 June 26	Refused as it predates the FOI Act 2014
	19 May 26	6612	<i>A copy of all invoices, receipts, and expense claims associated with test flights by the new Dassault Falcon aircraft to the United States. This request to include airfares, hotel bills, ground transportation, dining, gifts, subsistence claims, and all other miscellaneous expenditure associated with the above. Its whatever costs were incurred by the DF through the sending of personnel on test flights to the US for the new jet.</i>	Journalist	17 June 26	Refused 15 (1) (a) 02/06/2026
	22 May 26	6628	<i>A copy of any briefing, review, assessment or report prepared by this authority for the Anti-Money Laundering Steering Committee (including sub-committees) concerning the EU's Sixth Anti-Money Laundering Directive (6AMLD) and/or beneficial ownership and/or beneficial ownership database(s);</i> <i>A copy of the most recent departmental briefing and/or memo and/or report for SecGen or Ministerial level concerning the EU's Sixth Ant-Money Laundering Directive (6AMLD) and/or beneficial ownership and/or beneficial ownership database(s)</i>	Journalist	22 June 26	Refused 15 (1) (a) 18/06/2026

	26 May 26	6631	<i>A copy of correspondence (incl attachments) with representatives of the Defence Security Industry and Research Ireland CLG or Irish Defence and Security Association (IDSA).</i> <i>A copy of meeting/briefing packs, minutes, notes taken by attendees, presentations, reports presented at any meetings with representatives of the Defence Security Industry and Research Ireland CLG or Irish Defence and Security Association (IDSA);</i> <i>A copy of any internal emails (incl attachments), meeting notes/minutes, and any briefings/memos/reports concerning any of the proposals, recommendations, or ideas presented by the Defence Security Industry and Research Ireland CLG or Irish Defence and Security Association (IDSA) in its correspondence or in meetings with your officials.</i>	Journalist	24 June 26	Part-Granted 18 (2) 33(1) (a) 37 (1) 33 (3) (c) (ii) 24/06/2026
	27 May 26	6636	<i>FOI Act 2014 Request for Naval Service Vessel Monitoring System Data on behalf of Ghanaian fisher Isaac Sabbah</i> <i>I am writing to you in my capacity as a trade union official working for Unite the Union.</i>	Member of Public	25 June 26	Refused 35(1)(b) 36(1)(b)

			On behalf of <i>Ghanaian national, Isaac Sabbah</i>, who was employed by <i>Patrick O'Sullivan</i> on the fishing vessel <i>Vasterland</i> and undertook voyages between 05/11/2025 to 26/02/2026 I am requesting under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 Vessel Monitoring System data which will show the time and date of departures and entries into ports and the location of said ports.			22/06/2026
	27 May 26	6637	Under the Freedom of Information Act 2014, I request copies of the following records to cover the period 1 January 2025 - present; a. A full breakdown of spending on external public relations advice, support, or training received by officials in advance of any appearances by officials before any Oireachtas committee hearings; b. A list of the positions of staff who received the support or training;	Journalist	25 June 26	Granted – 24 June 26
	05 Jun 26	6642	A spreadsheet, database, record of all Explosive Ordnance Disposal call-outs since 1 January 2024 to 31 May 26 involving suspected historic munitions, old grenades, ammunition, ordnance souvenirs, items found during house clearances, items found by magnet fishers, or items found on beaches, farms, building sites, or private property. This to include date, type of item, outcome of callout.	Journalist	03 Jul 26 26 Aug 26	Auto-refusal Requester applied for an internal review 07 Aug 26 Appeal refused 33 (1)

	08 June 26	6643	Freedom of Information Act 2014, Request for Records, Court Martial Outcomes Statistics 202-2025. <i>I request all records, in whatever form held, setting out the following statistical information in respect of each of the calendar years 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025:</i> <i>a. The total number of cases brought before the Court Martial in each year.</i> <i>b. The outcome of each case, categorised as follows:</i> <i>(i) Conviction: guilty finding, or plea of guilty was recorded, on one or more charges resulting in punishment being awarded;</i> <i>(ii) Acquittal: not guilty finding on all charges;</i> <i>(iii) Nolle prosequi: charges withdrawn by the Director of Military Prosecutions before verdict;</i> <i>(iv) Charges withdrawn or struck out before evidence was heard; (v) Any other outcome, described.</i> <i>c. The total number of individual charges preferred in each year and the number of charges on which a guilty finding was recorded.</i>	Member of the public	06 July 26	03 Jul 26 Granted
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			<i>I confirm that the information requested consists solely of aggregate statistical data and does not include any personal data within the meaning of the Data Protection Act 2018, nor any information that could reasonably be expected to identify any individual.</i> <i>For the avoidance of doubt, I am requesting records of outcomes at the General Court Martial, the Limited Court Martial, and the Summary Court Martial, separately identified where such a breakdown is available.</i>			
	09 June 2026	6646	<i>Under the Freedom of Information Act 2014, I request access to records held by the Department of Defence and/or the Defence Forces relating to workplace complaints, investigations and protected disclosures concerning personnel serving at James Stephens Barracks, Kilkenny.</i> <i>Specifically, I request:</i> <i>1. Records showing the number of complaints made by personnel serving at Stephens Barracks in each year from 2020 to date relating to:</i> <i>(a) bullying;</i> <i>(b) harassment;</i> <i>(c) sexual harassment;</i> <i>(d) discrimination; or</i> <i>(e) dignity-at-work matters.</i> <i>2. Records showing, for the same period, the number of</i>	Journalist	07 July 2026	Extension of timeline under Section 14 (1) 28 Jul 26 Refused 15 (1) (a) 37(1) 42

			<i>such complaints that were:</i> <i>(a) upheld;</i> <i>(b) not upheld;</i> <i>(c) resolved informally; or</i> <i>(d) remained ongoing.</i> <i>3. Records showing the number of protected disclosures made by personnel serving at Stephens Barracks from 2020 to date, together with the broad subject matter categories of such disclosures where recorded.</i> <i>4. Any reports, briefing notes or management updates prepared since 1 January 2023 concerning workplace culture, bullying, harassment, protected disclosures or personnel welfare issues involving personnel serving at Stephens Barracks.</i> <i>5. Records showing the number of complaints involving personnel serving at Stephens Barracks that resulted in an external or independent investigation from 2020 to date.</i> <i>I am not seeking personal information relating to any identifiable individual and I am content for any such information to be redacted.</i>			
	18 Jun 26	6652	<i>Under the FOI Act 2014, I am seeking the following documents associated with flights by the new Dassault Falcon aircraft to/from the United States (excluding ministerial taskings) in</i>	Journalist	20 Jul 26	Fees paid

			<i>respect of any branch of the Defence Forces, including the Air Corps:</i> <i>i. Airfares</i> <i>ii. Hotel Bills</i> <i>iii. Ground transportation</i> <i>iv. Dining</i> <i>v. Gift</i>			Part-Grant 15 (1) (a) 32 (1) (a) (ix) 37 (1)
	18 Jun 26	6654	<i>Under the Freedom of Information Act 2014, I am seeking the following please:</i> <i>any correspondence regarding procurement of equipment in which a decision was taken not to purchase equipment which was manufactured in Israel or by a company with links to Israel in the last 24 months.</i> <i>any lists compiled of companies or specific equipment not to be included in procurement due to being manufactured in Israel or by a company with links to Israel in the last 24 months.</i> <i>Correspondence regarding the purchase of the Dassault Falcon 6X and the omission of the EVS system from the purchase.</i> <i>Reports regarding the purchase of the Dassault Falcon 6X and the omission of the EVS system from the purchase.</i> <i>Briefings regarding the purchase of the Dassault Falcon 6X and the omission of the EVS system from the purchase.</i>	Journalist	16 Jul 26	14 Jul 26 Refused 15 (1) (a)

	18 Jun 26	6655	<i>Under the Freedom of Information Act 2014, I request copies of the following records to cover the period 1 January 2024 – present:</i> <i>A breakdown of number of contracts awarded, and total expenditure on products, software licenses, or consultancy services provided by the following entities: NSO Group, Candiru, Intellexa, Cytrox, WiSpear, Quadream, Memento Labs, Gamma Group, DarkMatter, Cellebrite, Cognyte, Verint, Paragon, and Palantir. Please break this down by the individual company and also detail which unit or division is currently using the products or software (e.g. Irish Military Intelligence Service).</i> <i>A list of any software licenses, digital forensic tools, or data analytics platforms currently in use by the force procured from the aforementioned entities. Please break this down by the individual company.</i> <i>Any internal risk assessments, data protection impact assessments (DPIAs), or legal memoranda concerning the procurement or operational deployment of software from these specific providers.</i>	Journalist	16 Jul 26	10 Jul 26 Part-Grant 15 (1) (a)
	23 Jun 26	6659	<i>The total number of applications by retired or discharged formerly enlisted defence forces personnel to rejoin under the scheme announced originally by then Taoiseach Leo Varadkar which still runs today.</i>	Member of Public	21 Jul 26	Extension Requested 11 Aug 26 Granted

			<i>Total number and percentage of these applications processed to a decision, and the total number reviewed in their entirety since 2020 and since 2024</i> <i>The criteria used to weigh said decision to accept or deny an application, the rank of personnel making said decisions, positions held by non-defence forces in the decision making process</i> <i>Input of outside civilian agencies in Ireland and of those outside the State and Irish Defence Forces.</i> <i>Total number of applications, and percentage to rejoin which have resulted in:</i> - <i>An offer of employment and service within the DF to resume as enlisted personnel ranks or NCOs since 2020 and 2024</i> - <i>Acceptance of any offers made as described above in 2020 and 2024</i>			
	24 Jun 26	6660	<i>I would like to request, under Freedom of Information, access to two internal defence forces audit reports from 2025, end date 31DEC25 which related both human resource and organisational culture issues relating to the Defence Forces.</i> <i>The reports concerned apparent irregularities identified in the administration and financial controls of certain aspects of personnel policy and practice applicable to serving members of the Defence Forces. Specifically, they related to:</i> <i>i. the granting of leave to Commissioned Officers; and</i> <i>ii. the management and administration of grant aiding members of the Defence</i>	Journalist	22 Jul 26	21 Jul 26 Part-Grant 31 (1) (a) 37(1)

	26 Jun 26	6662	<i>Under the Freedom of Information Act 2014, I wish to request access to records held by the Irish Defence Forces relating to the external scheduled maintenance of the Pilatus PC-9M fleet operated by the Irish Air Corps.</i> <i>The scope of this request covers the three most recent full financial years (2023, 2024, 2025) and current year-to-date 2026 expenditure.</i> <i>Specifically, I request the following records:</i> <i>1. External Scheduled Maintenance Expenditure</i> <i>An itemised breakdown or financial summary of all expenditure relating to scheduled maintenance performed by external maintenance organisations (MROs) or contractors on the PC-9M fleet.</i> <i>Where records permit, I request this expenditure to be separated into:</i> <i>a) External labour costs</i> <i>b) Parts and materials costs</i> <i>2. Aircraft Ferry and Associated Costs</i> <i>Records showing the costs associated with ferrying or transporting PC-9M aircraft to and from external maintenance facilities, including any related fuel, handling, logistics, or contractor charges.</i>	Member of Public	22 Jul 26	Part-Grant 36 (1) (b) (c) 33 (1) (b) 33 (2) (a)
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			<i>3. Technical Representative Costs</i> <i>Records detailing travel, accommodation, subsistence, and associated expenses incurred by deploying Irish Air Corps technical personnel or engineering representatives to Pilatus Aircraft Ltd or other external maintenance facilities in direct support of scheduled maintenance activities.</i> <i>4. Maintenance Turnaround Times (Duration and Variance)</i> <i>Records showing the planned and actual durations for scheduled maintenance events performed by external maintenance organisations on individual PC-9M airframes during the stated period, including:</i> <i>a) Planned or contractually scheduled completion dates</i> <i>b) Actual completion or return-to-service dates</i>			
	29 Jun 26	6663	<i>To ensure the request meets the requirements of Section 12(1)(b) of the FOI Act 2014, I would like to refine the scope by applying a specific timeframe and clarifying the records sought.</i> <i>Please search for records created between 1 January 2022 and 26 June 2026. Within this timeframe, I am requesting the following identifiable records:</i> <i>Any internal reports or studies regarding the continued operation or life-extension of the PC-9M fleet.</i>	Member of the Public	24 Jul 26	Refused 36 (1) (b) (c) 33 (1) (b) 33 (2) (a)

			<i>Any fleet capability assessments or capability reviews concerning the PC-9M fleet.</i> <i>Any formal fleet renewal strategies or planned replacement programme documents for the PC-9M fleet.</i> <i>The current projected timeline or schedule for the retirement or replacement of the PC-9M fleet.</i> <i>Documents indicating the current budgetary allocations or estimated costs associated with a future PC-9M replacement programme.</i>			
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