Defence Forces Freedom of Information Disclosure Log

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| Serial | Date of request | Our Ref | Summary of Request | Applicant Details | Decision Due Date | Decision Made |
| 1 | 2024 | 5919 | A record showing all costs associated with the production and development of the interactive game on military.ie, A New Dawn, including details of payees  Copies of all correspondence relating to the production, development and use of the interactive game, A New Dawn | Member of the Public | 12/03/2024 | Part Granted 37(1) |
| 2 | 2024 | 5922 | a. A copy of any records held referring or relating to the failure of the Learjet for use for a MATS mission on December 8th  b. A copy of any records held referring or relating to the potential for permanent grounding of the Learjet in the period since that mission failure. | Journalist | 01/02/2024 | Part Granted 33(1)(a) 33(1)(b) 33(2)(a) 18(2) |
| 3 | 2024 | 5923 | A copy of the incident reports from any accidents/incidents involving Air Corps aircraft in the period 1 March 2023 to date, to receive this information electronically, ideally in original format | Journalist | 24/01/2024 | Part Granted 33(1)(a) 33(1)(b) 33(2)(a) |
| 4 | 2024 | 5924 | A copy of the business case, cost benefit analysis, or other such sanction/approval documents associated with the DF new uniform project. | Journalist | 16/01/2024 | Refused 36(1)(b) |
| 5 | 2024 | 5928 | All records, emails, voice recordings, memos, records electronic or otherwise, radar data, notes, logs, files correspondence internal external, minutes of meetings, agendas of meetings, reports of UFO/UAP/UAV/USO/unknown target/anomalous/drone pertaining to the Naval Service from 01 Jan 2016 to 31 Dec 2023 | Business | 10/06/2024 | Refused 15(1)(a) |
| 6 | 2024 | 5940 | A copy of all records held referring or relating to the relaxation of rules around the wearing of beards by members of A.Admin section within the Defence Forces. This request is to cover the period from 1 Apr 2023 to date. | Journalist | 14/03/2024 | Part Granted 37(1) |
| 7 | 2024 | 5954 | A copy of all correspondence, reports Correspondence, reports of memos in relation to the provision of two modules of drill instructor training in Germany provided by the Defence Forces to the Ukrainian Armed Forces. | Member of the Public | 07/03/2024 | Refused 15(1)(a) |
| 8 | 2024 | 5948 | All correspondence, documents and records since January 1st, 2023 relating to the Irish Defence Forces providing weapons training to Ukrainian personnel.  This should include, but not be limited, to:  Any internal correspondence relating to the matter, and in particular but not limited to consideration as to panellists, role or participation of the elected representatives or the members of the public  Related documents such, such as emails, memos, reports, draft programmes  Any minutes, records or notes pertaining to any meeting at which this issue was discussed.  Any communications with other government departments or state agencies  All other documentation pertinent to this issue. | TD | 08/02/2024 | Refused 15(1)(a) |
| 9 | 2024 | 5949 | a. A copy of how many Maritime surveillance fisheries patrols have been conducted using the new Airbus 295 maritime surveillance aircraft since delivery. Specifically these figures should be Operational maritime patrols and not flights marked in the Amms system as Training flights .  b. Could you please indicate how many operational hours were flown in 2023 by the PC12 fleet.  c. Could you please indicate how many training hours were flown in 2023 by the PC12 fleet. | Journalist | 01/03/2024 | Part Granted 33(2)(a) |
| 10 | 2024 | 5950 | a. A copy of all records in relation to diversity, gender and unconscious bias training provided for the staff of the Irish Defence Forces.  b. A copy of the records to include the names of any external entities providing this training and the costs of such training provided by external trainers. | Member of the Public | 14/03/2024 | Part Granted 37(1) |
| 11 | 2024 | 5951 | a. A copy of all analysis referring to psychometric testing in the Naval Service General recruitment, which was paused on a pilot basis for 6 months in June 2023.  b. A copy of the analysis of the revised approach and its effects on recruitment/induction numbers which will then take place and inform future decisions on this process | Journalist | 12/03/2024 | Part Granted 15(1)(a) |
| 12 | 2024 | 5964 | A copy of the letter from the COS of the Defence Forces to the Tanaiste and Minister for Defence pn July 6 2023, regarding events at McKee Bks on June 25 2020. | Journalist | 24/04/2024 | Part Granted 37(1) |
| 13 | 2024 | 5968 | a. A list of all defence forces weapons\* that are currently missing or unaccounted for.  b. A list of all parts/components of weapons\* that are currently missing or unaccounted for.  \* All weapons to include weapons' and 'parts/components of weapons' includes; pistols, assault rifles, sniper rifles, shotguns, machine guns, grenades, anti-tank weapons, rockets, mortars, ammunition and explosives | Journalist | 01/03/2024 | Refused  15(1)(a) 33(1)(a) 33(2)(a) |
| 14 | 2024 | 5969 | a. A Copy of details of all weapons, weapons accessories and ammunition which has been reported stolen, missing or mislaid from Defence Forces stores. To include explosives, training weapons and ammunition and all other types of weapons and related items. Information to include details of missing item, date item went missing, how item went missing and if it was subsequently recovered. | Journalist | 01/03/2024 | Refused  33(1)(a) 33(2)(a) |
| 15 | 2024 | 5970 | a. A copy of the following presentation and report delivered by Lt Col Cooke on the Public Perception Survey to include the unmentioned b. Research Methodology –sample survey of over 1000 c. Likelihood of recommending a career in the DF d Importance in investing in the DF for Ireland  e. Support and reasons supporting additional resources  f. Importance in investing in the European Defence for Ireland  g. Perception of Organizational Culture in the DF  h. Reasons for negative perception of the DF Org Culture  i. Overall attitude to the DF | Journalist | 12/03/2024 | Granted |
| 16 | 2024 | 5971 | a. A full description of the standard fitness test required to be taken by male/female members. b. The ages at which members are required to take this fitness test. c. The pass rate for the fitness test in 2023. d .How many troops took the fitness test in 2023.  e. How many failed the test in 2023  f. The pass rate of the fitness test by gender in 2023.  g. The pass rate of the fitness test by age bracket (further sub-categorised by gender) in 2023.  h. I would prefer to receive this information electronically, ideally in its original electronic format | Journalist | 21/03/2024 | Granted |
| 17 | 2024 | 5974 | I am making a request for the following information from the Taoiseach's Department under the Freedom of Information Act 2014: A breakdown of costs for John Bruton's funeral on Friday 9 and Saturday 10 February, between Óglaigh na hÉireann's services, Garda overtime and any costs for RTÉ | Journalist | 07/03/2024 | Granted |
| 18 | 2024 | 5975 | a. A copy of all Correspondence and communications between the Defence Forces and NATO or any other relevant parties regarding Admiral Rob Bauer's visit to Ireland.  b. Agendas, schedules, and itineraries for Admiral Rob Bauer's visit, including details of meetings, events, and engagements attended during the specified period.  c. Minutes, notes, or summaries of meetings attended by Admiral Rob Bauer or involving the Defence Forces during the visit.  d. Briefings, reports, presentations, or other materials prepared for Admiral Rob Bauer's visit to Ireland.  e. Any agreements, memoranda of understanding, or other official documents signed or agreed upon during the visit.  f. Any other records related to Admiral Rob Bauer's visit to Ireland that are not purely logistical in nature.  g. If the Defence Forces facilitated a meeting between the Admiral and other parties, please also include records related to this.  h. Searches of any relevant mobile phones, private email addresses and/or messaging services should be considered when processing this request. | Journalist | 18/06/2024 | Part Granted 33(2)(a)  37(1) |
| 19 | 2024 | 5979 | a. A copy of the amount spent by the DF at private/commercial firing ranges in each of the years since 2018. | Journalist | 21/04/2024 | Granted |
| 20 | 2024 | 5980 | 1. A copy of the number of flying hrs completed on training flights for the new casa 295 aircraft in 2023 and 2024. 2. A copy of the number of flying hrs completed on operational flights for the new casa 295 aircraft in 2023 and 2024. | Member of the public | 10/04/2024 | Refused  33(1)(a) 33(1)(b) 33(2)(a) |
| 21 | 2024 | 5987 | A copy of data held by the Naval Service on the departure and arrival at fishing ports by date and approximate time of the fishing vessel Ambitious IMO 8598352 from the time he boarded the vessel in Kilkeel on or about 7th June 2023 until 3rd March 2024 when the vessel sank. | Member of the public | 16/04/2024 | Granted |