

Department of the Taoiseach

List of non-personal Freedom of Information requests granted

Quarter 3 2017

Reference No	Description	Completion Date	Status
FOI/2017/0105	Correspondence and details of meetings between the Minister for Data Protection, the Department of the Minister for Data Protection, the Department of the Taoiseach and the Irish Data Protection Commissioner's Office on the compliance of the website datasummitdublin.ie with the Irish Data Protection Act and S. I. No. 535 of 2003 as amended by SI 526 of 2008. Details of decisions concerning who is the Data Controller for the website and the conference extracts or details of the contract between the Department of the Taoiseach and Happening Conferences & Events Limited, 3 Wellington Park, Belfast BT9 6DJ, with respect to the role under the Irish Data Protection Act of each party. Communications between the Minister for Data Protection, the Department of the Minister for Data Protection, the Department of the Taoiseach and the Irish Data Protection Commissioner's Office between the 23 March 2017 and the 6th April 2017, concerning the lack of a privacy policy on the website datasummitdublin.ie and between the Minister for Data Protection, the Department of the Taoiseach and Happening Conferences & Events Limited whether the conference is a government conference organised by Minister for Data Protection and/or the Department of the Taoiseach. Details of any sponsorships made by the Minister for Data Protection and/or the Department of the Taoiseach and details of any sponsorships received by the Minister for Data Protection, the Department of the Taoiseach in relation to the Data Summit.	11/05/2017	Granted
FOI/2017/0115	Copies of all representations made to the Taoiseach on the topic of Brexit between March 1, 2017 and May 4, 2017. The representations should include - but are not limited to - those sent by politicians, businesses, non-governmental organisations, unions, representations made by organisations representing farming and business interests.	05/07/2017	Part granted
FOI/2017/0119	Digital copies of all photographs taken or received by the Department of the Taoiseach during or after the Taoiseach's State visit to Saudi Arabia in 2014. Copies of all briefing documents prepared for the Taoiseach ahead of his visit to Saudi Arabia.	16/06/2017	Granted
FOI/2017/0125	All records related to the drafting and publication of the Government Statement on Brexit Preparations in the one month preceding its publication.	04/08/2017	Part granted
FOI/2017/0130	1) All records containing the agendas of all Cabinet and Cabinet Sub-Committee meetings for the period October 5, 2011 to May 25, 2012 (dates inclusive). 2) All memos and decisions in 1) above relating to Irish Water. 3) a) the memo to Cabinet and any related reports/attachments/briefing documents/regulatory impact analyses and b) any decision taken on a) above in relation to various items from Cabinet agendas on various dates in 2011.	04/08/2017	Part granted
FOI/2017/0132	All records and material relating to meetings between An Taoiseach, his advisors or senior civil servants within his Department (Assistant Secretary or higher) with representatives of private companies in the years 2016 and 2017.	02/08/2017	Part granted
FOI/2017/0134	All documents/reports/minutes of meetings/briefing materials/emails/letters/correspondence between the Department of Taoiseach and Connect Ireland/Terry Clune/Joanna Murphy from 01 January 2016 to present.	02/08/2017	Part granted

FOI/2017/0136	All records referring to "Web Summit" or "MoneyConf". All correspondence between department staff, including the Taoiseach; Secretary General, Martin Fraser and Second Secretary General John Callinan and Mr Paddy Cosgrave, co-founder of Web Summit. The request should cover the period from January 1, 2017 to June 6, 2017.	04/07/2017	Granted
FOI/2017/0143	All correspondence between the Department/Office of An Taoiseach and the following bodies/offices on the issue of the appointment of former Attorney General, Maire Whelan, to the Court of Appeal. The Department of Justice/Minister for Justice. The Office of President/Aras an Uachtarain I also wish to obtain all internal correspondence in the Department of An Taoiseach on this issue. The timeframe for this request is: 01/06/17-20/06/17.	19/07/2017	Part granted
FOI/2017/0144	The last 30 emails sent by Enda Kenny on his Taoiseach email. The last 30 emails received on the same email. The first 30 emails (both sent and received, as above) on the Taoiseach email accounts of Leo Varadkar and Nick Miller.	11/08/2017	Part granted
FOI/2017/0145	Copies of all documentation, emails, correspondence, receipts, bills and accounts relating to the dinner and drinks hosted by Taoiseach Enda Kenny for departmental and office staff at Hugo's restaurant in central Dublin on Monday June 12, 2017, together with a full list of all attendees by name and position.	26/07/2017	Granted
FOI/2017/0148	Any records held by the Department relating to possibility that payment of Whip allowance as well as junior Ministerial allowance to Regina Doherty may not be allowed for under legislation.	02/08/2017	Part granted
FOI/2017/0149	A copy of any briefing documents prepared for the new Ministers of State at the Department, Helen McEntee and Joe McHugh.	20/07/2017	Granted
FOI/2017/0151	All Department of Taoiseach correspondence and/or documents to and from the office of the President or affiliated offices/agencies regarding the Seals of Office procedure for Judges since the beginning of this year. This should include, where possible, any correspondence or documents pertaining the appointment of Maire Whelan to the Court of Appeal.	24/07/2017	Part granted
FOI/2017/0154	The correspondence sent on June 28, 2016, by the Chief Justice, the President of the Court of Appeal, the President of the High Court, the President of the Circuit Court, and the President of the District Court, to the Taoiseach on the Judicial Appointments Commission Bill.	17/08/2017	Granted
FOI/2017/0155	All correspondence sent to and received from the Chief Justice by the Taoiseach's Office since May 1 2017 to 27 June 2017.	17/08/2017	Granted
FOI/2017/0156	Copies of all correspondence from, and replies to, the following organisations/companies in relation to the General Data Protection Regulation and the proposed ePrivacy Regulation (for 2017 to date): Facebook, Google, Twitter, LinkedIn, Apple, Ibec (or divisions thereof) and the American Chamber of Commerce Ireland.	25/07/2017	Part granted
FOI/2017/0159	All correspondence, electronic or otherwise, between the holder of the Office of An Taoiseach or his officials and/or advisers and Todd Manning and/or Abbvie Ltd between January 1 2016 and June 28 2017. A copy of all internal memos, correspondence, interdepartmental emails or diary entries referencing Todd Manning and/or Abbvie Ltd between January 1 2016 and June 28 2017.	26/07/2017	Part granted

FOI/2017/0160	Copies of all briefings and associated records prepared for and/or supplied to Minister of State Helen McEntee in relation to her portfolios since her appointment to office. If such records are available, briefings and associated records prepared for and/or supplied to Minister of State Pat Breen concerning the data protection brief assigned to him recently.	26/07/2017	Part granted
FOI/2017/0163	Copies of any reports (electronic or hard copy) held by your Department on the operations of REITs - Real Estate Investment Trusts - in Ireland. Copies of any submissions (electronic or hard copy) made to your Department on the introduction and/or operations of REITs - Real Estate Investment Trusts - in Ireland, by other government departments or third parties. Copies (electronic or hard copy) of any submissions made by your Department about the introduction and/or operations of REITs - Real Estate Investment Trusts - in Ireland. Copies of any diary entries or phone logs relating to Hibernian Reit and/or Kevin Nowlan - between January 1 2010 and July 4 2017.	02/08/2017	Granted
FOI/2017/0166	All Cabinet Memos to Ministers from the Departments of Finance and Public Expenditure and Reform relating to Budget 2011 and Budget 2012 and the relevant economic figures.	04/09/2017	Part granted
FOI/2017/0167	A copy of any correspondence sent to the Irish Environmental Forum (IEF) in response to letters sent by this group to former Taoiseach Enda Kenny/Department of An Taoiseach on June 23, 2014 and December 11, 2014. A copy of any written correspondence between Deputy Kenny/Department of An Taoiseach and the Attorney General seeking legal advice on whether the alleged granting of an IPPC licence by the EPA to certain industries in a "reckless manner on behalf of the Irish State" may constitute criminal damage under the 1991 Criminal Damage Act following the publication of the 2011 European Environmental Agency report completed by Professor Jaculine McGlade. A copy of any legal advice sought by Deputy Kenny/Department of An Taoiseach in relation to whether the Government could take action to recoup the estimated €1 billion pollution costs caused by seven industries in Ireland as outlined in the 2011 European Environmental Agency report completed by Professor Jaculine McGlade. A copy of minutes of any meeting between Deputy Kenny/Department of An Taoiseach and the Department of the Environment or the EPA in relation to these issues during 2014.	31/07/2017	Granted
FOI/2017/0169	All correspondence between the Department and/or Taoiseach's Office/advisors and Time magazine or agencies acting on the publication's behalf in the last six months.	30/08/2017	Granted
FOI/2017/0170	Records detailing the categories of workers in the Civil Service, within the remit of this Department, to whom an on-call allowance is awarded, particularly, professional grades, to include the nature and amount of the on-call allowance, the number of employees in receipt of said allowance, the grade of these employees, and the justification for the award of the allowance.	31/08/2017	Granted
FOI/2017/0171	Access to all correspondence from Chief Justice Susan Denham to the Department/Taoiseach since the start of 2017. Please include any replies to Ms Denham.	01/09/2017	Granted
FOI/2017/0172	Details of how much was spent with regard to the official visit of Justin Trudeau to Ireland. This request to cover the cost of accommodation, entertainment, dining, receptions, official transports, flowers, and any other related expense. Copies of all of the invoices and receipts relating to the above.	16/08/2017	Part granted

FOI/2017/0173	Details of any purchases of computer equipment, mobile equipment, tablets, laptops, any mobile or computer accessories, any electrical equipment or appliances on behalf of any officeholder, Minister or Minister of State at your Department in period between 1 May 2017 and the current date. Copies of any requests for additional office space, furniture, decoration, or paintings by any officeholder, Minister or Minister of State at your Department in period as outlined above. Copies of the response that issued in any such instance. Copies of any receipts or invoices associated with the above.	11/08/2017	Granted
FOI/2017/0178	All correspondence, including letters, emails and memos, between the Department of the Taoiseach and the Donald Trump Presidential campaign, from June 16, 2015 to July 20, 2017. All correspondence, including letters, emails and memos, between the Department of the Taoiseach and the office of U.S. President Donald Trump, from January 20, 2017 to July 20, 2017. Unless it is provided based on the requests above, all correspondence, including letters, emails and memos, between the Department of the Taoiseach and Donald Trump, Donald Trump Jr., Eric Trump, Ivanka Trump, Jared Kushner, Melania Trump, George Sorial, Joseph Russell (also known as Joe Russell), and Trump International Golf Links and Hotel Ireland, from January 1, 2013 to July 20, 2017.	03/08/2017	Part granted
FOI/2017/0179	Cabinet papers from the start of 2004 to the end of 2006 to examine all mentions of the Irish language in the EU and specifically the derogation. Who proposed or suggested asking for a derogation and what exactly was the rationale for this?	18/08/2017	Part granted
FOI/2017/0181	<p>A breakdown of gifts given by or on behalf of Taoiseach Leo Varadkar to visiting dignitaries including a description of each gift, the cost of each gift and who it was for? A breakdown of gifts received by Taoiseach Leo Varadkar since his election as Taoiseach, including a description of each gift and who it was from? All correspondence held by the Department regarding the most recent visit of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau. Details of all entertainment costs incurred by the Department of the Taoiseach since 13 June 2017, including a breakdown of specific events, their individual cost and an itemised list of what was purchased. All correspondence regarding the salary arrangements for so-called super junior ministers or Ministers of State who sit at Cabinet. Copies of correspondence, including any email attachments, to and from the Taoiseach Leo Varadkar and officials in his office and the following politicians:</p> <p>Micheál Martin TD Minister Shane Ross Minister Denis Naughten Minister Katherine Zappone Minister of State John Halligan Minister of State Kevin Boxer Moran Minister of State Finian McGrath Dr Michael Harty TD Michael Lowry TD Sean Canney TD Enda Kenny TD</p> <p>The timeframe for all the above correspondence requested can be limited to the period 13 June 2017 to 24 July 2017.</p>	28/08/2017	Part granted

FOI/2017/0183	Fees paid to guest speakers, if any, brought in to address staff or management at the Department of the Taoiseach, or any of the bodies under the remit of the Department - to include the bodies' operating premises or outside functions - between Jan. 1 2014 and June 30 2017. This should include the name of each individual speaker, the organisation they represented, a copy of the speech/address they gave, the location of the speech/address, the number of speeches/addresses and any other pertinent details. Fees paid to celebrities/guests to appear in photocalls or to front campaigns, if any, lead by the Department of the Taoiseach, or any of the bodies under the remit of the Department, between Jan. 1 2014 and June 30 2017, including the name of each individual, the organisation they represented, the purpose of the photoshoot/campaign, the location of the campaign, the number of photoshoots they took part in and any other pertinent details.	17/08/2017	Part granted
FOI/2017/0190	All correspondence, documents notes (including briefing notes and the documents used in the preparation thereof) and memoranda in relation to: (1) meetings with An Taoiseach or his officials and (2) cabinet meetings, concerning or touching upon any of the following: allegations of sexual assault against Michael Shine, former consultant at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda, Co. Louth; the sale of said hospital by the Medical Missionaries of Mary to the North Eastern Health Board; and/or the Deed of Indemnity and Trust entered into by the Medical Missionaries of Mary on or about the 15th April 1997 and the fund established thereunder.	29/08/2017	Part granted
FOI/2017/0192	Appointments diary of former Minister of State for European Affairs, EU Digital Single Market and Data Protection, Dara Murphy from January 1st 2017 to the end of his tenure as Minister.	30/08/2017	Part granted
FOI/2017/0193	Any documents relating to the Taoiseach's meeting with JP Morgan Chase & Co. Chief Executive Jamie Dimon on 6 July 2017. This would include, but not be limited to, briefing notes prepared ahead of the meeting and minutes of the meeting itself.	11/09/2017	Part granted
FOI/2017/0194	Any documents relating to the Taoiseach's meeting with Bank of America Chief Executive Brian Moynihan in July 2017. This would include, but not be limited to, briefing notes prepared ahead of the meeting and minutes of the meeting itself.	11/09/2017	Part granted
FOI/2017/0202	Information in relation to the State dinner held in Ireland for Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, which was hosted by Taoiseach Leo Varadkar. A copy of the menu, the names on the guest list for the event, an itemised list of costs associated with the event to include a breakdown cost of the food, the venue, photographer, entertainment, printing, etc.	12/09/2017	Part granted
FOI/2017/0203	A list of all gifts given and received by the Taoiseach to/from foreign dignitaries for each of the following years: 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 to date, including the name of the person who received/gave the gift, the cost of the gift, a description of the gift.	19/09/2017	Granted
FOI/2017/0204	A copy of all statements/invoices relating to the visit to the US by the Taoiseach for St. Patrick's Day events 2017. A copy of all statements/invoices relating to any departmental staff that travelled with the Taoiseach to the US for St. Patrick's Day events 2017.	14/09/2017	Granted
FOI/2017/0213	A list of all of Minister of State, Helen McEntee's diary appointments, since her appointment as Minister of State at the DFA.	26/09/2017	Part granted
FOI/2017/0214	All written correspondence, including letters, memos, faxes, emails and SMS text messages and/or other social media messages, between Minister of State, Helen McEntee, and any other party regarding 'Brexit' or Brexit related matters, since her appointment as Minister of State at the DFA.	29/09/2017	Granted
FOI/2017/0220	The minutes of the meeting below attended by former Minister of State for European Affairs, EU Digital Single Market and Data Protection, Dara Murphy. Per his appointments diary. Tuesday, May 23 2017. "Meet with Microsoft, Apple, Google, Yahoo, and King on DSM."	27/09/2017	Granted

FOI/2017/0222	Copies of all mileage claims made by Minister Regina Doherty in the calendar year 2017. Any records relating to the provision of a "fresh start" to Minister Doherty for the purposes of calculating her mileage in 2017.	26/09/2017	Granted
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