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Reference Number	Date Received	Requester	Request Details	Decision Date	Decision
FOI/2016/052	14/04/2016	Journalist	I wish to request the following records which I believe to be held by the Department of Jobs: 1) The number of staff sick days for the calendar years 2014, 2015 and so far for 2016. 2)The cost of temporary/ substitute cover, if any, for those on sick leave during the periods specified above	11/05/2016	Access Granted
FOI/2016/053	19/04/2016	Journalist	I wish to apply, under the Freedom of Information Acts, for the following records: 1. Any correspondence in the last two years to the Department, the Minister or any of his officials in relation to a proposed "fat tax" on sugar-sweetened drinks. 2. Any correspondence in the last two years from the Department, the Minister or any of his officials in relation to a proposed "fat tax" on sugar-sweetened drinks. 3. Any records or minutes of any discussions involving the Department, the Minister or any of his officials and any external agency or organization in the last two years on a proposed "fat tax" on sugar sweetened drinks; and any written submissions made in connection with any such meetings.	17/05/2016	Access Refused Section: 15(1)(a)
FOI/2016/055	06/05/2015	Journalist	All correspondence between Minister Ged Nash and private sector companies or bodies regarding zero hours contracts	27/05/2016	Access Granted
FOI/2016/061	12/05/2016	Journalist	Under the FOI Act 2014, I am seeking the following: - copies of all invoices and receipts relating to any travel undertaken by an officeholder, minister, OR minister of state for St Patrick's Day 2016. Copies of all invoices and receipts relating to a spouse or partner if they travelled with the officeholder, minister OR minister of state. - a copy of the itinerary for the above trip.- copies of any records relating to the repayment of expenses for mileage or any other expense category by an officeholder, minister OR minister of state at your Department to cover the period 1 January 2014 to date of receipt of this request. This request excludes any such records already released to me.	09/06/2016	Access Granted

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FOI/2016/062	13/05/2016	Journalist	Under the FOI Act 2014, I am seeking the following: - A copy of the ministerial diary for Ged Nash for the period 1 Jan 2016 until the date of this request. - A copy of the actual subsistence and mileage claims submitted by Mr Nash and/or his personal drivers during the same period.	10/06/2016	Access Part Granted Section: 2(1)(b)
FOI/2016/063	13/05/2016	Journalist	Under the FOI Act 2014, I am seeking the following: - details of any purchases of computer equipment, mobile equipment, tablets, laptops, or any mobile or computer accessories on behalf of any officeholder, minister or minister of state at your Department in period between 1 November 2015 and the current date. - Copies of any receipts or invoices related to the above.	27/05/2016	Access Granted
FOI/2016/069	23/05/2016	Journalist	Copies of all correspondence - both written and electronic - between your Department and any other Department relating to the appointment of staff by the minister in period 1 April 2016 to the current date. Copies of any records - to include emails, memos, letters, faxes, handwritten notes etc. - relating to payment of salaries in excess of agreed pay scales to any such ministerial appointments.	31/05/2016	Access Granted
FOI/2016/070	23/05/2016	Journalist	Under the FOI Act 2014, I am seeking the following: - the names of all the people (along with their job title) who have been appointed/reappointed by the minister or ministers of state at your Department since their appointment (1st March 2016).	31/05/2016	Access Granted
FOI/2016/071	27/05/2016	Journalist	Under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 I am seeking the following: * A breakdown of payments made to companies for translating services between 1/1/13 - 31/12/15. I only wish to receive figures relating to translations from English to Irish.	24/06/2016	Access Granted

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FOI/2016/078	20/06/2016	Journalist	Under the FOI legislation, can I request the diary of Minister Mary Mitchell O'Connor for the period since she took her new position up until to the most current date possible please. This is to include all appointments and meetings.	15/07/2016	Access Part-Granted
FOI/2016/080	21/06/2016	Journalist	I am requesting the following information under the Freedom of Information Act. 1) All correspondence between Andrew Byrne Head of Public Policy UK for Uber and the department regarding regulation flexible enough to allow new innovation for Uber's logistic platform, from Sep 1, 2015 to date 2) All minutes of meetings between former Minister Richard Bruton and/ or department officials and Andrew Byrne Head of Public Policy UK for Uber regarding regulation flexible enough to allow new innovation for Uber's logistic platform, from Sep 1, 2015 to date 3) All correspondence between former Department of Finance secretary general John Moran on behalf of Uber and the department regarding regulation flexible enough to allow new innovation for Uber's logistic platform from Sep 1, 2015 to date 4) All minutes of meetings between former Minister Richard Bruton and/ or department officials and former Department of Finance secretary general John Moran on behalf of Uber regarding regulation flexible enough to allow new innovation for Uber's logistic platform, from Sep 1, 2015 to date	06/07/2016	Access Granted
FOI/2016/081	21/06/2016	Journalist	I am making a freedom of information request for the following records:* A copy of the minister's diary between May 6, 2016 and June 21, 2016.	15/07/2016	Access Part-Granted
FOI/2016/082	27/06/2016	Journalist	Under the Freedom of Information Act I am requesting all documents prepared for release in the event that Britain voted to REMAIN in the European Union.	25/07/2016	Access Refused Sections: 29(1), 30(1), 33(1) and 40(1)

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FOI/2016/086	27/06/2016	Journalist	<p>I hereby request the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* A detailed breakdown of all costs associated, including flights, hotels, and expenses incurred during the government visits to the UK in relation to the EU referendum between the period 01 January 2016 and 27 June 2016 inclusive.</li> <li>* Copies of all briefing material and correspondence related to government visits to the UK in relation to the EU referendum between the period 01 January 2016 and 27 June 2016 inclusive.</li> <li>* A copy of all internal briefing documents compiled by the Department that relate to the UK Referendum on EU membership between the period 1 January 2016 to 27 June 2016.</li> </ul>	25/07/2016	Access Part-Granted Sections: 29(1), 30(1), 33(1) and 40(1)
FOI/2016/087	28/06/2016	Journalist	<p>I am making the following request under the Freedom of Information Act.</p> <p>I would like copies of all reports, contingency plans and risk assessments relating to the Brexit referendum compiled by the Department.</p>	25/07/2016	Access Refused Sections: 29(1), 30(1), 33(1) and 40(1)
FOI/2016/089	04/07/2016	Journalist	<p>I am requesting the following information under the Freedom of Information Act. 1) All minutes and agendas of meetings of the Retail Consultation Forum (which was set up as part of the Action Plan for Jobs) in 2015 and 2016 to date. 2) Any documents submitted for discussion at meetings of the Retail Consultation Forum in 2015 and 2016 to date.</p>	21/07/2016	Access Granted
FOI/2016/090	06/07/2016	Journalist	<p>I would like to request copies of all correspondence between Minister Mary Mitchell O'Connor and the Low Pay Commission since May 1, 2016.</p>	03/08/2016	Access Granted
FOI/2016/091	07/07/2016	Journalist	<p>I am seeking the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- copies of all mileage claims (to include the amount paid on dealing with the claim) made by any minister or minister of state at your Department relating to travel undertaken in the calendar year 2016 only.</li> </ul>	28/07/2016	Access Granted

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FOI/2016/093	13/07/2016	Journalist	Copies of all internal audit reports carried out by or for your department or which have been supplied to the Department by any agencies under your remit, since January 2016, and any related correspondence to/from the relevant line Minister regarding any audits if such exists, since then.	05/08/2016	Access Part-Granted Sections: 30(1)(a), 30(1)(b), 29(1), 32(1), 33(1)(a), 40(1) and 40(2)
FOI/2016/094	14/07/2016	Journalist	I wish to request access to the following information/documents held by your department:  * All FOI requests (non-personal) submitted by journalist Mr Ken Foxe since 2014.  * All FOI (non-personal) requests submitted by journalist Gavin Sheridan since 2014.	09/08/2016	Access Part-Granted Sections: 29(1)(a) and 15(1)(a)
FOI/2016/097	25/07/2016	Journalist	Under the FOI Act 2014, I am seeking the following:  - copies of any correspondence between your Department and the Dept of Public Expenditure and Reform with regard to the appointment of special advisers.- copies of any correspondence between your Department and the Dept of Public Expenditure and Reform seeking salaries in excess of agreed pay caps. This request to cover the period 1 April 2016 until the current date,	10/08/2016	Access Part-Granted Sections: 37(1) and 15(1)(a)
FOI/2016/095	14/07/2016	Journalist	I wish to request access to the following information/documents held by your department; * A list of all FOIs (non-personal) request submitted to your department since February 2016. Please provide the exact wording of the request.	12/08/2016	Access Part-Granted Sections: 29
FOI/2016/079	20/06/2016	Member of the Public	1) All Correspondence between the Department and IDA Ireland seeking permission for employing additional staff. I am seeking the information for the time-frame of 1 January 2015 to 17 June 2016 inclusive.	16/08/2016	Access Part-Granted Sections: 30(1), 36(1), 37(1) and 40(1)

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FOI/2016/092	18/07/2016	Journalist	I wish to apply under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 for the following records held by the Department of Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation: A copy of all internal briefing/risk assessment documents that relate to the UK referendum on EU membership which were compiled by the Department over the period 1 January 2015 to 15 July 2016.	16/08/2016	Access Refused Sections: 29(1), 30(1), 33(1) and 40(1)
FOI/2016/096	26/07/2016	Member of the Public	Under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 I am seeking the following: All Ministerial representations, requests for meetings and invitations to meetings made to the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation in regards to the issue of crowdfunding/crowdsourcing since January 2015.	23/08/2016	Access Granted
FOI/2016/098	25/07/2016	Journalist	Under the Freedom of Information Acts 2014, I am seeking the following: A detailed breakdown of payments made to companies for translating services between 1/1/10-31/12/12. I wish for the breakdown to include the name of the company in receipt of payment as well as a description of work carried out. I am only interested in translations from English to Irish. I would prefer to receive this information in electronic format, such as a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet for example.	22/08/2016	Access Granted
FOI/2016/100	27/07/2016	Journalist	- All internal and external correspondence, files, and reports related to the 439 proposed dual use and/or military exports referred to the Department of Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation by Revenue Customs for review in 2013. - All internal and external correspondence, files, and reports related to the 422 proposed dual use and/or military exports referred to the Department of Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation by Revenue Customs review in 2014. - All internal and external correspondence, files, and reports related to the 267 proposed dual use and/or military exports referred to the Department of Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation by Revenue Customs review in 2015. - All correspondence, and reports of correspondence, and notes of meetings with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade related to all military licence applications and all sensitive dual-use export licence applications in the years 2013, 2014, and 2015.	25/08/2016	Access Refused Sections: 29, 30(1)(a), 33, 35, 36 and 40

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FOI/2016/102	11/08/2016	Member of the Public	I request under the Freedom of Information Act the following: All emails, reports, briefings and other communications exchanged between the Department of Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation and Denis O'Brien, any of his companies, or anyone acting on behalf of him or his companies, in relation to the 'The Competition and Consumer Protection Act 2014'.	08/09/2016	Access Refused Section: 15(1)(a)
FOI/2016/104	18/08/2016	Journalist	A copy of all internal briefing documents that relate to the UK referendum on EU membership which were compiled by the Department over the period 1 January 2016 to August 17, 2016.	15/09/2016	Access Refused Sections: 29(1), 30(1), 33(1) and 40(1)
FOI/2016/105	18/08/2016	Journalist	* Copies of all correspondence between the Department of Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation and Enterprise Ireland concerning the UK's EU referendum and its impact, between January 1, 2016 and August 17, 2016, including correspondence detailing actions taken as a result of the vote.	15/09/2016	Access Refused Sections: 29, 30, 33, 35(1)(a) and 40

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FOI/2016/106	18/08/2016	Journalist	Copies of all correspondence between the Department of Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation and the IDA concerning the UK's EU referendum and its impact, between January 1, 2016 and August 17, 2016, including correspondence detailing actions taken as a result of the vote.	15/09/2016	Access Part-Granted Sections: 29(1), 30(1), 33(1), 36(1) and 40(1)
FOI/2016/108	23/08/2016	Journalist	I am requesting, under the Freedom of Information Act, copies of correspondence between department officials and the law firms McCann Fitzgerald and Matheson from 2012 to date in relation to policy and the Companies Act 2014.	16/09/2016	Access Granted
FOI/2016/109	24/08/2016	Journalist	I'm looking for all records of communication between the Department of Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation and either - or both - the Department of Finance and the Office of the Comptroller and Auditor General from January 1 of this year to the present date regarding the transposition in Ireland of the EU Audit Regulation & Directive. I'm looking for records, including, but not limited to, notes, memoranda, correspondence, e-mails of contacts, diaries, briefing material, minutes of meetings, agendas, background papers, and letters, relating to these matters.	19/09/2016	Access Part-Granted Section: 42(f)
FOI/2016/116	13/09/2016	Journalist	I am making this request under the Freedom of Information Act for the following records:* Copies of all correspondence to/from Intel Ireland Ltd or its representatives from May 6, 2016 to September 13, 2016. I am also seeking copies of any documents attached to correspondence to/from the aforementioned organisation/individual(s).* A copy of the minutes of a meeting between Intel vice-president Eamonn Sinnott and Assistant Secretary Dermot Mulligan that took place on May 13, 2016.	05/10/2016	Access Part-Granted Sections: 35(a) and (b), 36(1)(a) and (b) and 37(1)
FOI/2016/117	21/09/2016	Business/Interest Group	Could you please supply all records in any form relating to the following entries on the Lobbying Register: <a href="https://www.lobbying.ie/return/9152/matheson-solicitors">https://www.lobbying.ie/return/9152/matheson-solicitors</a> <a href="https://www.lobbying.ie/return/9155/matheson-solicitors">https://www.lobbying.ie/return/9155/matheson-solicitors</a> <a href="https://www.lobbying.ie/return/9160/matheson-solicitors">https://www.lobbying.ie/return/9160/matheson-solicitors</a> The request includes the records specifically referred to in the register entries as well as any internal records generated in response to the request and any follow-up either from or to a third party or generated internally.	07/10/2016	Access Granted



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FOI/2016/118	21/09/2016	Journalist	I wish to request, under the Freedom of Information Act, access to any letters / emails between Breda Power, Assistant Secretary, and Matheson Solicitors relating to section 1237 of the Companies Act 2014.	28/09/2016	Access Granted
FOI/2016/121	26/09/2016	Journalist	* Details of the number of sick or unexplained absences among Dublin-based Departmental personnel on each day of the following months: - September 2015- September 1 to 26, 2016	14/10/2016	Access Granted
FOI/2016/119	22/09/2016	Journalist	I am requesting documentation under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 which is in the possession of the Department of Jobs, Enterprise & Innovation. The period I am interested in is 1st May to 31st August 2016. I am seeking all records - to include files, letters, emails, briefing notes, meeting minutes, internal memos etc - relating to meetings and correspondence between representatives of Coca-Cola and Minister Mary Mitchell O'Connor, as registered in this return: <a href="https://www.lobbying.ie/return/8936/coca-cola-ireland">https://www.lobbying.ie/return/8936/coca-cola-ireland</a>	19/10/2016	Access Part-Granted Sections: 35(1)(a) and (b), 36(1)(a) (b) and (c) and 37(1)
FOI/2016/113	01/09/2016	Journalist	I wish to request access to records held by your Department. Under the Freedom of Information Act 2014, I hereby request the following. All documents, correspondence, emails, briefing notes, details of telephone calls, and any other relevant information held by your Department related to the European Commission's state aid investigation regarding Apple's tax arrangements in Ireland between the period 01 January 2016 and 01 September 2016 inclusive.	21/10/2016	Access Part-Granted Sections: 29(1), 30(1)(c), 31(1)(a), 32(1)(a)(iv), 33(1)(d) & (2)(b), 35(1)(a), 36(1)(b) and (c), 40(1) & (2)(k) and 28(1)(a), (b) & (c)
FOI/2016/114	05/09/2016	Journalist	I request the following: - All records relating to the European Commission's decision on the Apple state aid case. - I wish to include all communications from Apple, the European Commission, members of the public, companies, representative bodies & groups and any subsequent replies. - I wish to cover the timeframe from 26/08/16 to present day.	21/10/2016	Access Part-Granted Sections: 28(1)(a)(b) & (c), 29(1), 30(1)(c), 31(1)(a), 32(1)(a)(iv), 33(1)(d) & (2)(b), 35(1)(a), 36(1)(b) and (c) and 40(1) & (2)(k)

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FOI/2016/120	23/09/2016	Journalist	Under the Freedom of Information Act 2014, I would like to request copies of all correspondence (including emails) between (to and from) the Department of Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation and IDA since January 1, 2016, in relation to the former MBNA building in Carrick-on-Shannon, Co. Leitrim.	20/10/2016	Access Part-Granted Section: 37(1)
FOI/2016/127	13/10/2016	Member of the Oireachtas/Public Representative	Request all records, briefing notes and correspondence sent to the Department of Finance by the Minister in advance of Budget 2017 relating to a special emigrants tax or adjustments to the Special Assignees Relief Programme (SARP) and any records, briefing notes and correspondence between the Minister and her advisors relating to those records, briefing notes and correspondence sent to the Department of Finance (revised)	11/11/2016	Access Part-Granted Sections: 29(1)(a) and (b), 30(1)(c), 35(1)(a), 40(1)(b),(c) and (d) and 40(2)(b), (j) and (k)
FOI/2016/128	10/10/2016	Member of the Public	<p>Under the Freedom of Information Act, I am requesting copies of any internal communications, policy papers, documents, circulars or otherwise which would clarify the Department's position on the State's decision not take to take part in the EU Directives listed below. These Directives deal directly or indirectly with the employment permits section of the Department and its other roles. If the Departments has no position or was not consulted, please state for which Directive.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Directive 2011/98/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 December 2011 on a single application procedure for a single permit for third-country nationals to reside and work in the territory of a Member State and on a common set of rights for third-country workers legally residing in a Member State OJEU 23 December 2011, L-343/1.</li> <li>• Council Directive 2003/86/EC of 22 September 2003 on the right to family reunification OJ L 251, 3.10.2003.</li> <li>• Directive 2014/66EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 May 2014 on the conditions of entry and residence of third-country nationals in the framework of an intra-corporate transfer OJ L 157, 27.5.2014.</li> </ul>	08/11/2016	Access Granted

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Directive 2014/36/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 February 2014 on the conditions of entry and stay of third-country nationals for the purpose of employment as seasonal workers OJ L 94, 28.3.2014.</li> <li>• Directive 2003/109/EC of 25 November 2003 concerning the status of third-country nationals who are long-term residents.</li> <li>• Directive 2009/50/EC on the conditions of entry and residence of third-country nationals for the purpose of highly-qualified employment [2009] OJ L155/17.</li> <li>• Council Directive 2004/114/EC of 13 December 2004 on the conditions of admission of third-country nationals for the purposes of studies, pupil exchange, unremunerated training or voluntary service OJ L 375, 23.12.2004.</li> </ul>		
FOI/2016/130	12/10/2016	Member of the Public	I am making a request under Freedom of Information legislation regarding export licences that have been granted to Irish companies this year. Specifically I am looking for information on Individual Dual-Use Licences, Global (Dual-Use) Licences, and Military Licences that were granted between January 2016 and September 2016. This I believe would include the name of the company that applied for the license, what the company was exporting, if this license was granted (and if a license was denied, the reason why), and if the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade was involved in any of these decisions.	10/11/2016	Access Refused Sections: 33(1)(d), 35(1)(a), 35(3), 36(1)(b) and 40(1)(c)
FOI/2016/131	12/10/2016	Business/Interest Group	We wish to make an access request under Freedom of Information Act 2014 all but not limited to the following: copy of any information you keep about Shannon Rowing Club, on computer or in manual form. Also all correspondence email or other with any reference to Shannon Rowing Club. By reference of the above in relation to the organisations, company or companies known or trading as Shannon Development pre 5th September 2014.	09/11/2016	Access Granted

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FOI/2016/132	14/10/2016	Member of the Oireachtas/Public Representative	I wish to request the information listed below under the Freedom of Information Acts 1997, 2003 and 2014. All electronic and written correspondence including letters, memos, background papers, preparatory advice, minutes of meetings, submissions, and documents within the Department in relation to Minister Mitchell O'Connor's submission to the Department of Finance relating to introducing a 30% flat rate tax to attract skilled foreign workers, in the period 7 May 2016 to October 11 2016.	11/11/2016	Access Part-Granted Sections: 29(1)(a) and (b), 30(1)(c), 35(1)(a), 36(1)(b) and (c), 40(1)(b),(c) and (d) and 40(2)(b), (j) and (k)
FOI/2016/142	27/10/2016	Member of the Public	I wish to access all data regarding the appointment by Minister Richard Bruton of the Rights Commissioner, Ms. Emer O'Shea during his tenure as Minister in your Department of Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation in title under the Freedom of Information Act 2014.	25/11/2016	Access Granted
FOI/2016/143	27/10/2016	Member of the Public	I would be grateful if you could provide me with the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2014. The Names of the Top five Executives in the Office of the Director of Corporate Enforcement in the year 2014, 2015, 2016. The Salaries and expenses paid to the top five executives in the office of the Director of Corporate Enforcement in 2014, 2015.	16/11/2016	Access Part-Granted Sections: 2(1), 37(1) and 37(5)
FOI/2016/147	04/11/2016	Business/Interest Group	Correspondence with and submissions made in writing to the Intellectual Property Unit of the Department of Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation by or on behalf of Phonographic Performance Ireland Ltd., of 1 Corrig Avenue, Dun Laoghaire, Co Dublin, in the period 30 January to date, that relate directly or indirectly to either or both of the following matters: 1. The "Foreign Countries Order" issue and 2. High Court proceedings between Recorded Artists Actors Performers Ltd (or CLG) and Phonographic Performance (Ireland) Ltd (or CLG).	24/11/2016	Access Granted

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FOI/2016/149 FOI/2016/153 FOI/2016/154	07/11/2016	Journalist	Any and all correspondence between the Minister, Ministers of State and their officials (i.e. advisers, private office staff) and Ryanair chief executive Michael O'Leary between 01 January 2016 and 07 November 2016 inclusive.	02/12/2016	Access Refused Section: 15(1)(a)  <b>3 Decision Makers</b>
FOI/2016/150 FOI/2016/155 FOI/2016/156	08/11/2016	Journalist	Any and all correspondence between the Minister, Ministers of State and their officials (i.e. advisers, private office staff) and Michael Lowry TD between 01 January 2016 and 07 November 2016 inclusive.	02/12/2016	Access Refused Sections: 15(1)(a) and 37(1) <b>3 Decision Makers</b>
FOI/2016/157	15/11/2016	Member of the Public	Could you supply me with the following information under the FOI Act 2014: 1) The amount spent by the Dept of Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation spent on hiring taxis for work related business in the years 2014, 2015 and to-date in 2016. 2) The names of taxi company that currently have a contract with the Dept of Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation and the amount the Department spent on taxis with each company in the years 2014, 2015 and to-date in 2016. 3) The current expiry date of each contract with each taxi company eg 31 December 2016 etc 4) The current robust steps that the Department takes to ensure any costs incurred by taxi firms from the Department are best value for the Exchequer 5) The number of occasions in the years mentioned above where staff members were refunded any costs incurred by taxi firms for Department related business but were unable to provide valid receipt; if so a brief reason why costs were refunded eg Receipt from taxi was in coat pocket, and subsequently the coat was stolen etc, receipt from the taxi firm was accidentally ripped etc	09/12/2016	Access Granted
FOI/2016/158	15/11/2016	Journalist	I wish to request access to the following: * Copies of any correspondence received by the department since January 1, 2016 from representatives of insurance companies in relation to issues affecting the industry; * Copies of any responses issued to that correspondence by the department; * Copies of notes of any meetings between representatives of insurance companies and the department; * Copies of any brief documents provided to the minister ahead of any such meetings.	08/12/2016	Access Granted

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FOI/2016/160	22/11/2016	Member of the Public	<p>Request the following records:</p> <p>1) Any and all minutes of the Department's Brexit Coordination Group, as referred to by Minister Mitchell O'Connor in the Dail on Thursday 3 November.</p> <p>2) Any other documents produced by the Brexit Coordination Group.</p>	09/12/2016	Access Refused Sections: 29(1), 30(1), 33(1) and 40(1)
FOI/2016/148	07/11/2016	Member of the Oireachtas/Public Representative	I wish to request access to the following records under the Freedom of Information Act: - Copies of all correspondence, written or electronic, between Minister Mary Mitchell-O'Connor and Alan Cantwell between 1st September 2016 and 5th November 2016; to include those sent/received from/to departmental or other email servers.	21/12/2016	Access Refused Sections: 28(1)(c), 29(1)(a) and (b), 33(1)(c) and (d), 35(1)(a), 36(1)(b), 37(1) and 40(1)(c)
FOI/2016/162	30/11/2016	Journalist	In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, I request access to the following records which are non-personal and which I believe are held by the Department about ministerial gifts. * Details of all the gifts received and given by the minister and/or his office in the 12 months up to the date of this letter. The details should list: (1) the type of gift and its value; (2) who gave it/to whom it was given; (3) when and where the gift was given/received and the reason for the presentation. * Records of any correspondence to and from the Minister's office in relation to the sourcing and/or purchase of items to be used as gifts to be handed out by the minister on trips abroad or upon welcoming people to Ireland. * Correspondence to/from the Minister's office about receiving/giving gifts.	21/12/2016	Access Granted
FOI/2016/168	16/12/2016	Business/Interest Group	We request access to all correspondence between the Department and the Association of Patent and Trademark Attorneys in relation to the Knowledge Development Box and legislation on the Knowledge Development Box, including the Knowledge Development Box (Certification of Inventions) Bill 2016 for the period 1st January 2015 to date.	18/01/2017	Access Part-Granted Sections: 29(1)(a) and 30(1)(c)

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FOI/2016/169	14/12/2016	Journalist	Under the FOI Act 2014, I am seeking the following:- copies of any representations received by your Department in the period 1 January 2004 to end December 2006 relating to decision not to introduce new whistleblower legislation.- copies of correspondence between your Department and other government Departments dealing directly with the decision not to introduce New Whistleblower Legislation, during the same time frame	16/01/2017	Access Part-Granted Sections: 15(1)(a) and 42(j)
FOI/2016/170	16/12/2016	Journalist	Under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 I'd like to request the following information: How many people are employed by the Department? How many of the Department's employees are male and female? What is the average pay for male employees and the average pay for female employees within the Department? A breakdown of gender at each pay scale eg. 'Principal Officer: 5 male 3 female.	11/01/2017	Access Granted
FOI/2016/171	19/12/2016	Journalist	I wish to make the following request under the Freedom of Information Acts. Copies of all internal audits carried out by the Department between 1st June 2016 to date. Copies of all internal audits carried out by agencies or bodies under the aegis of the Department, of which a copy has been forwarded to the Department/Minister for consideration, in the same period.	16/01/2017	Access Part-Granted Sections: 29(1), 30(1)(a) and (b), 32(1)(a) and (c), 33(1)(a), 40(1)(a), (c) and (d) and (40)(2)(h), (i), (j), (k) and (o)
FOI/2016/166	12/12/2016	Journalist	My request relates to the Irish Centre for High End Computing (ICHEC). I seek: * All correspondence with Science Foundation Ireland since September 2015 regarding the performance and funding of the ICHEC. * All correspondence with the ICHEC regarding its performance, spending governance and funding since June 2015.	08/02/2017	Access Part-Granted Sections: 29(1)(a) and (b), 35(1)(a) and (b) and 37(1).