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FOI-0001-2023	03/01/2023	Business/Interest Group	<p>Copy of the following documentation held by the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment (“Department”) and created between 01/12/2021 and 03/05/2022;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All communications between DETE officials/employees and executives/representatives of AerCap Ireland Limited, relating to potential, and actual, restrictive measures/sanctions to be imposed on Russia further to Russia’s aggressive actions towards, and later invasion of, Ukraine; 2. All communications between DETE officials/employees and executives/representatives of the Irish Aviation Authority, relating to potential, and actual, restrictive measures/sanctions to be imposed on Russia further to Russia’s aggressive actions towards, and later invasion of, Ukraine; 3. All communications between DETE officials/employees and executives/representatives of the Irish Aviation Working Group, relating to potential, and actual, restrictive measures/sanctions to be imposed on Russia further to Russia’s aggressive actions towards, and later invasion of, Ukraine; 4. All communications between DETE officials/employees and executives/representatives of the Irish Business and General Aviation Association relating to potential, and actual, restrictive measures/sanctions to be imposed on Russia further to Russia’s aggressive actions towards, and later invasion of, Ukraine; 	03/02/2023	Access Part-Granted Sections: 28, 29, 33, 35, 36 and 37

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			<p>5. All communications between DETE officials/employees and executives/representatives of the Department of Transport, relating to potential, and actual, restrictive measures/sanctions to be imposed on Russia further to Russia’s aggressive actions towards, and later invasion of, Ukraine impacting the aircraft leasing industry in Ireland;</p> <p>6. All communications between DETE officials/employees and executives/representatives of the Department of Foreign Affairs relating to potential, and actual, restrictive measures/sanctions to be imposed on Russia further to Russia’s aggressive actions towards, and later invasion of, Ukraine) impacting the aircraft leasing industry in Ireland;</p> <p>7. All communications between DETE officials/employees and executives/representatives of the Department of an Taoiseach relating to potential, and actual, restrictive measures/sanctions to be imposed on Russia further to Russia’s aggressive actions towards, and later invasion of, Ukraine;</p> <p>8. All documentation created by DETE relating to potential, and actual, restrictive measures/sanctions to be imposed on Russia further to Russia’s aggressive actions towards, and later invasion of, Ukraine specifically in relation to their relevance to/impact on the aircraft leasing industry in Ireland.</p> <p>Documentation includes, but is not limited to written reproductions of all records in electronic, photographic, computerised, audio-visual or any other format.</p> <p>This request is made pursuant to sections 11 and 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2014.</p>		

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FOI-0002-2023	04/01/2023	Member of the Public	Under the FOI act I'm looking for the following: Internal and external communications (email, texts, Whatsapp) that discuss Altada and Allan Beechinor. From dates: August 10th 2022 to January 3rd 2023.	01/02/2023	Access Part-Granted Sections: 35, 36 and 37
FOI-0006-2023	10/01/2023	Journalist	Under the FOI Act 2014, I am seeking the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any emails, notes, memos, briefings and/or records in relation to a meeting between Minister English, Senator Byrne and the Kavanagh brothers on 9 November, 2022. 	31/01/2023	Access Part-Granted Sections: 36 and 37
FOI-0007-2023	10/01/2023	Journalist	Under the FOI Act 2014, I am seeking the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any emails, notes, memos, briefings and/or records in relation to a meeting between Minister English and Musgraves on 15 November, 2022. 	02/02/2023	Access Part-Granted Sections: 35, 36 and 37
FOI-0019-2023	23/01/2023	Journalist	I wish to make a request for records held by the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment under the Freedom of Information Act. The records are: <i>Emails sent by Deliveroo to the department in relation to the EU platform work directive, outlined on the lobbying register.</i> https://www.lobbying.ie/return/90994/deliveroo-roofoods-ltd	31/01/2023	Access Granted
FOI-0005-2023	09/01/2023	Journalist	Under the Freedom of Information Act, I am requesting all documents (including external and internal correspondence, meeting notes, briefing notes, WhatsApp messages etc) in respect of contacts between aviation lessors, IBEC/Aircraft Leasing Ireland or the Aviation Working Group and the Minister/Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment in respect of Russian sanctions on dates from February 24 to December 31, 2022.	07/02/2023	Access Part-Granted Sections: 36 and 37

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FOI-0009-2023	17/01/2023	Journalist	<p>Section 11 (access to records) of the Freedom of Information Act 2014, I request access to records, which are: Non-Personal</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All correspondence, including emails, texts and WhatsApp or other messages on messaging apps, (sent and received) between former Minister of State Damien English and other Department of Enterprise staff, advisors, the press office, or staff/advisors in other departments, in relation to his property interests/planning applications, between 1st December 2022 and 12th January 2023. 2. All correspondence between staff of the Department of Enterprise's Press Office and Ministerial Advisors, in relation to former Minister of State Damien English's property interests/planning applications, between 1st December 2022 and 12th January 2023. 	15/02/2023	Access Part-Granted Section: 37
FOI-0012-2023	16/01/2023	Member of the Public	<p>Can you please provide me with a list of the names of the Irish delegates attending the WEF conference in Davos, Switzerland, the companies that they represent, What members of the Government will be in attendance, how are they getting there and who is paying for it.</p>	14/02/2023	Refused Section: 15
FOI-0013-2023	16/01/2023	Business/Interest Group	<p>This is an FOI request for all records held by the Department relating to the sale by IDA of Folio 27073F, County Cork, being a site at Drombrow, near Bantry. The date range of the records if from 1 January 2021 to date.</p> <p>The request includes, without limitation, any briefing materials prepared for or provided to the Minister for Enterprise or any Minister of State at the Department in relation to the grant or refusal of consent to the sale pursuant to section 3(4) of the Industrial Development Act 1995.</p>	13/02/2023	Access Part-Granted Section: 37

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FOI-0014-2023	17/01/2023	Journalist	<p>Under the FOI Act 2014, I am seeking the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any emails, notes, memos, briefings and/or records in relation to a meeting held between Tanaiste Leo Varadkar and Sky's CEO Dana Strong and Irish CEO JD Buckley. The meeting took place between September 1 and December 31, according to this return. 	17/02/2023	Access Part-Granted Section: 37
FOI-0008-2023	25/01/2023	Journalist	<p><i>All correspondence to and from the Department pertaining to layoffs by tech and software giants in Ireland including Google, Facebook, Meta, Twitter, Dell in 2022 and so far in 2023.</i></p> <p><i>All correspondence to the Department about potential job losses in 2023 from all tech giants operating in Ireland.</i></p>	23/02/2023	Access Part-Granted Sections: 35, 36 and 37
FOI-0017-2023	24/01/2023	Journalist	<p>I request under the Freedom of Information Act the following records held by the Department of Enterprise:</p> <p>All briefing notes between the Department/it's ministers and the IDA in relation to job losses in the tech sector from November 10, 2022 to January 19, 2023.</p>	22/02/2023	Access Granted
FOI-0018-2023	19/01/2023	Journalist	<p>Under the FOI Act 2014, I am seeking the following:</p> <p>copies of all correspondence, whether via email or text message, between Minister Damien English and his special adviser referring or relating to either a/ the minister's register of interests, or b/ a declaration made by the minister in a planning application to Meath County Council.</p> <p>Searches of <u>any mobile phones, relevant private email addresses and/or messaging services</u> should be considered when processing this request.</p>	15/02/2023	Access Part-Granted Section: 37

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FOI-0020-2023	23/01/2023	Journalist	<p>I request under the Freedom of Information Act the following records held by the Department of Enterprise:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All correspondence between DETE and the US Embassy in Ireland and/or US government (including US Trade Ambassador Katherine Tai, US Department of Commerce, US Treasury Department or President Joe Biden) on the US Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) - All submissions made by DETE, including its ministers, to EU-US Trade and Technology Council (TTC), including the EU-US IRA Taskforce, on the IRA - All briefing notes compiled for Ministers Varadkar and Coveney in relation to same <p>The timeframe should cover the period of October 25 and December 25, 2022</p>	20/02/2023	Access Part-Granted Section: 33
FOI-0024-2023	01/02/2023	Journalist	<p>I wish to expand this request to include Minister Richmond. The new phrasing of the request is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a copy of any requests made by Simon Coveney or members of his personal staff with regard to office accommodation, computer equipment, accessories, appliances, artwork, or any other such changes to their accommodation at department headquarters. A copy of any correspondence referring or relating to the above requests. - a copy of any requests made by Neale Richmond or members of his staff with regard to office accommodation, computer equipment, accessories, appliances, artwork, or any other such requests for his accommodation at department headquarters. A copy of any correspondence referring or relating to the above requests 	20/02/2023	Access Refused Section: 15
FOI-0027-2023	01/02/2023	Journalist	<p>In accordance with section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2014, I wish to request access to the following records/details:</p>	03/03/2023	Access Part-Granted Section: 37

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FOI-0028-2023			<p>– All correspondence between Leo Varadkar, An Tánaiste, two named Special Advisers and Irish Institutional Property (IIP) (between 1 Sep, 2022 and current date) in connection with the following entry on the Lobbying Register - https://www.lobbying.ie/return/91349/irish-institutional-property)</p> <p>– Minutes from any meeting between Leo Varadkar, An Tánaiste, Special Advisers and Irish Institutional Property (IIP) (between 1 Sep, 2022 and current date)</p>		
	02/02/2023	Member of the Public	<p>I would like to make a request for some documents/ records. The request is being made under the FOI Act.</p> <p>I am looking for any documents/ records surrounding the notification of (or plans for) a collective redundancy to the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment by the following two companies:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Paypal Europe Services Limited 2. Sodexo Ireland Limited <p>The date range of any notifications I am looking for are starting from between 01 June 2022 and up to the present day.</p>	03/03/2023	Access Part-Granted Sections: 35, 36 and 37
FOI-0016-2023	18/01/2023	Business/Interest Group	<p>We wish to request, under the FOI Act on behalf of our Client: Connect-Ireland Initiative Limited ("Connect Ireland"), Taxback and the Taxback Group copies (in hard and soft copy format) of the following records ("records" shall be read as including all records falling within the definition of "records" under the FOI Act including all letters, emails, memorandums, typed or handwritten notes of meetings/telephone conversations; minutes of meetings/teleconferences; texts; reports; documents and any correspondence):</p>	15/03/2023	Access Part-Granted Sections: 29, 31, 35, 36, 37 and 40

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			<p>1. Any and all records (including drafts thereof) generated by or held by the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment ("the Department"), or any employee or agent thereof, including any representations/communications made to the Department, in relation to the Succeed-in-Ireland Initiative between 25 March 2022 and 19 December 2022;</p> <p>2. Any and all records (including drafts thereof) generated by or held by the Department, or any employee or agent thereof, including any representations/communications made to the Department, regarding any report requested by Taoiseach Leo Varadkar in his former capacity as Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment from the Industrial Development Agency (Ireland) (the "IDA") between 1 September 2022 and 19 December 2022 regarding the Succeed-in-Ireland Initiative; and</p> <p>3. Any and all records (including drafts thereof) generated by or held by the Department or any employee or agent thereof, including any representations/communications made to the Department, in relation to the correspondence exchanged between Connect Ireland and Leo Varadkar in his former capacity as Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment and/or the board members of the IDA between 1 September 2022 and 19 December 2022.</p> <p>4. The report prepared by the IDA at the request of the Department detailing the basis for the arbitration between Connect Ireland and the IDA; details of the present status of each of the modules involved in the arbitration process; and any conclusions that have been reached to date as mentioned in the Department's letter to Connect Ireland on 19 December 2022. Please be advised that a blanket application of the confidentiality exemption to the entire report will not be upheld.</p>		

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			<p>For the purposes of this FOI request, "person" shall be read as including a body corporate (whether a corporation aggregate or a corporation sole) and an unincorporated body of persons, as well as an individual).</p> <p>If any of the requested records are, to your knowledge, held by one or more other FOI bodies, such as the IDA, we ask that you give a copy of this request to the heads of such bodies under Section 12(3) of the FOI Act.</p>		
FOI-0032-2023	16/02/2023	Business/Interest Group	<p>Under the FOI Act 2014 I wish to request a copy of the notification in respect of the collective redundancy issued by Bluechip Financial Consultants on the 24th of November 2021.</p> <p>We require any documentation associated with that notification including an acknowledgement, automated or otherwise.</p>	15/03/2023	Access Refused Sections: 15 and 36
FOI-0033-2023	20/02/2023	Member of the Public	<p>Under the FOI Act 2014, I wish to request a copy of any notifications made to the Minister in respect of collective redundancy issued by Google Ireland or Alphabet in 2023.</p>	15/03/2023	Access Refused Section: 15
FOI-0037-2023	27/02/2023	Journalist	<p>I am writing to request access to records held by your organisation under the Freedom of Information Act, 2014.</p> <p>In accordance with section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2014, I wish to request access to the following records/details:</p> <p>Any communications, by letter between Insurance Ireland and the department from June 2022 to the current date.</p> <p>Any internal briefings prepared for the Minister by the Department between September 2022 and the current date on the impact of proposed Right To Be Forgotten Laws.</p>	27/03/2023	Access Granted

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FOI-0038-2023	27/02/2023	Journalist	<p>In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2014, I request the following records which I believe to be held by the Department:</p> <p>Correspondence received by Minister Simon Coveney from the Minister for Social Protection concerning a communication from the EU Commission about the addition of COVID-19 to the list of reportable occupational diseases.</p> <p>All following correspondence related to same, and ministerial briefing notes on same.</p>	28/03/2023	Access Part-Granted Section: 29