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CASE NUMBER	DATE RECEIVED	REQUESTOR TYPE	REQUEST	DECISION
FOI/Req/23/010	13/01/2023	Media	I am making a Freedom of Information request for the following records:• Copies of all correspondence between the Department of Foreign Affairs and DAA (Dublin Airport Authority) between 1/12/2022 and 31/12/2022.The records should include copies of any documents attached or enclosed with the correspondence.	Part Granted
FOI/Req/23/022	01/02/2023	Media	Under the FOI Act 2014, I am seeking the following: - a copy of any requests made by Micheal Martin 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.	Part Granted
FOI/Req/23/023	08/02/2023	Other	I am doing some research into passports applications from the UK and particularly those applications from people who have applied and have no right to an Irish passport , since 2016 how many of the applications have been received since 2016.	Refused
FOI/Req/23/026	16/02/2023	Media	I wish to apply under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 for the following information:A list of all e submissions sent to the cabinet minister in this Department from 2022 to the current date.	Part Granted
FOI/Req/23/028	21/02/2023	Media	All records related to Gorta Group or Self Help Africa, held by Irish Aid between 1st September 2022 and 1st January 2023. This would include but not be limited to correspondence with the charities, internal correspondence about the charities, any minutes of meeting and internal reports carried out, or briefings for the Minister. I would like to exclude records related to the following, BT Young Scientist • Global Education Congress in Dublin Castle • Ireland Kenya Agri-Food Strategy • Irish Forum for International Agricultural Development • Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Organisation • United Purpose • “Plant the Planet” • War on Want NI • World Wise Global Schools	Part Granted

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FOI/Req/23/033	28/02/2023	Other	How many Irish diplomats have been expelled from their host countries since 2010. Can you break down the reason given for their expulsion and from the country they were expelled from?	Refused
FOI/Req/23/034	28/02/2023	Media	Under the FOI Act 2014, I am seeking the following: - a copy of the business case, cost benefit analysis, sanction or approval documents associated with the lease of premises at the Metlife Building in New York City by the department (and other Irish agencies).	Part Granted
FOI/Req/23/036	01/03/2023	Other	In briefing for the new Ministers it was mentioned that there is a proposal to extend the five year duration for the current election observation roster, due to expire 31/12/23, citing the non nomination of Irish election observers for a 18 month period due to covid concerns. I wish to access records concerning this proposal, consideration of it and any decision(s) made on it. I make this request under the FOI Act 2014.	Refused
FOI/Req/23/038	03/03/2023	Other	I am applying under the Freedom of information Act 2014 for the following non-personal non-identifying information: to ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and his HR/Pensions Units the number of Civil/Public Servants in his Department in the last 10 years who have been granted full-service retirement of 40 years for compassionate/discretionary reasons when they retired on ill health grounds (on the advice of a medical advisor). (1) Can he please indicate the number of recipients whom full service has been awarded to, even, if it was beyond their nearest potential service age for retirement of 60 or 65 (whichever is applicable to their status) i.e., despite 40yrs being beyond their official retirement age they were not paid just to the nearest pensionable age but instead were awarded full pension. (2) How many years were granted to these retirees in these particular cases.	Refused
FOI/Req/23/040	07/03/2023	Media	1. The total amount spent by the Dept of Foreign Affairs on capital/rental/refurbishment works on all of Ireland's Ukrainian embassy in 2021. 2. Invoices and other relevant procurement documents in relation to the above works 3. All e-mail correspondence between Minister Simon Coveney and the Irish Embassy in Ukraine from September 1st 2021 and March 1st 2022.	Refused

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FOI/Req/23/042	10/03/2023	Media	Copies of the central registers maintained by the Department of Foreign Affairs, as per its obligations as set out under Department of Public Expenditure and Reform Circular 01/2020: Procedures for Offsetting the Emissions Associating with Official Air Travel. Under the Circular, it is expected that registers contain details of individual flights, associated greenhouse gas emissions, and the monetary value calculated for each flight to be paid into the Climate Action Fund by the Department.	Granted
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