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FOI/2020/0063	Records showing the number of employee/official mobile devices - to include smartphones, laptops and tablets - reported lost by or stolen by employees/officials in 2017, 2018 and 2019. Breakdown of same by device and year Whether devices were encrypted or not.	Granted	13/05/2020
FOI/2020/0071	The letter referenced in this lobbying register return: https://www.lobbying.ie/return/56437/medipro-life	Part granted	15/04/2020
FOI/2020/0072	Details of all correspondence relating to a meeting that took place with Google Ireland as part of a return (details supplied); agenda and meeting minutes; any subsequent correspondence that took place and information on same. Details: https://www.lobbying.ie/return/52698/google-ireland-limited. During the period 1 May, 2019 to 31 Aug, 2019, Leo Varadkar Taoiseach (Department of the Taoiseach) & John Carroll Head of Unit (Department of the Taoiseach) had a meeting with Google Ireland, the aim of which was to share Google's views on online safety and the regulation of online content sharing platforms.	Part granted	01/04/2020
FOI/2020/0075	Correspondence from members of the public and representative bodies to An Taoiseach, Leo Varadkar concerning the Taoiseach's announcement of the closure of schools and other public facilities on March 12th last.	Part granted	24/04/2020
FOI/2020/0078	The numbers of emails that the Dept/Taoiseach's office has received from members of the public in response to Mr Varadkar's address to the nation on March 17th. The number of emails received on March 17th (after the address). The numbers of emails received on March 18th in response to the address. The number of emails received on March 19th in response to the address. Copies of emails received (if the numbers are too voluminous, copies of the first 100 emails).	Part granted	27/04/2020
FOI/2020/0080	All records and correspondence relating to the 'Strategic Communications Unit'. Records and correspondence relating to the purchasing or use or suggested use of fake online accounts to control public opinion. Previously granted FOI - FOI/2019/0349	Part granted	21/05/2020
FOI/2020/0082	Copies of all records held referring or relating to a letter sent by Sec Gen Martin Fraser to the Oireachtas with regard to a sitting of the Dáil. For avoidance of doubt, it is the letter referred to in this article: https://www.thejournal.ie/dail-sitting-martin-fraser-5064146-Apr2020/	Part granted	07/05/2020
FOI/2020/0083	Copies of any correspondence between your department and the companies Twitter or Facebook in the period between 16 March 2020 and date of receipt of this request.	Part granted	21/04/2020
FOI/2020/0084	The numbers of emails that the Dept/Taoiseach's office has received from members of the public in response to Mr Varadkar's decision to re-register as a doctor and work in the Covid 19 effort. The number of emails supportive of Mr Varadkar's decision and numbers critical of Mr Varadkar's decision. Copies of emails received (if the numbers are too voluminous, copies of the first 100 emails).	Part granted	22/05/2020

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FOI/2020/0090	Copies of the Taoiseach's diary of all appointments and meetings for each of the below dates from 2018 - 2020. 2018: 13 January; 6 February; 24 March; 1 May; 29 May; 19 June; 4 September; 2 October; 16 November; 4 December. 2019: 12 January; 29 January; 7 February; 19 February; 5 March; 19 March; 22 March; 16 April; 14 May; 16 July; 14 September; 22 October; 14 November; 23 November. 2020: 18 February; 27 February; 4 March; 24 March.	Part granted	22/05/2020
FOI/2020/0092	All records relating to the production of the Taoiseach's address to announce the 'roadmap' duty of lockdown on the evening of Friday May 1st. I am requesting records including, but not limited to: · All records relating to the costs of the broadcast on May 1st 2020 · All records relating to the tender for this contract · All records relating to correspondence between the Department of the Taoiseach, or other department if it was another, to arrange this broadcast, including any records concerning arrangements for media access to the event I would further like to request records relating to: · All costs paid by the Department for broadcasts since March 1st 2020 · All details of costs of broadcasts at the Department of the Taoiseach for years 2018, 2019 and 2020.	Granted	03/06/2020
FOI/2020/0093	All senior management level correspondence (including any meeting minutes, emails, briefing notes and memos) in the Department of An Taoiseach regarding preparations for the press briefing where a Roadmap for Reopening Society & Business was published on May 1 2020, as well as any written correspondence on event format, including Q&A with journalists.	Granted	03/06/2020
FOI/2020/0095	All minutes and correspondence and other records related to the contact referred to in this lobbying filing: https://www.lobbying.ie/return/57174/wide-awake-communications	Part granted	04/06/2020
FOI/2020/0096	The numbers of emails that the Dept/Taoiseach's office has received from members of the public in response to Mr Varadkar's address to the nation on May 1st concerning the Covid 19 pandemic. The number of emails received on May 1st (after the address) The numbers of emails received on May 2nd in response to the address The number of emails received on May 3rd in response to the address. Copies of emails received (if the numbers are too voluminous, copies of the first 100 emails).	Part granted	22/06/2020
FOI/2020/0097	Copies of all communications or correspondence between the Dept and the Taoiseach with RTÉ regarding the Taoiseach's appearance on the Late Late Show on 2 May 2020. Copies of any representations received by the Dept with regard to the Taoiseach's appearance (if this part of request is likely to be voluminous, I am happy to take a representative sample and the total number) This request to cover the period 25 April 2020 to date of receipt of the request. Searches of any mobile phones, relevant private email addresses and/or messaging services should be considered when processing this request.	Part granted	03/06/2020

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FOI/2020/0098	Copies of all correspondence received by the Department of the Taoiseach from nursing homes and residential care facilities, their management and/or staff relating to nursing homes and Covid-19 between March 1st and May 6th, 2020. Copies of all correspondence received by the Department of the Taoiseach from members of the public and relatives of nursing home and residential care facilities residents in relation to nursing homes and Covid-19 between March 1st and May 6th, 2020. Copies of all correspondence sent to An Taoiseach Leo Varadkar from members of the public about the Covid-19 pandemic in general since March 1st. I appreciate that this could generate a substantial amount of correspondence so a sample of correspondence (up to 100 emails/letters) would suffice as a representative amount of the kind of correspondence he has been receiving on this matter. Also, I would not be looking for the identities of the correspondents so you could redact names and address, or any other information that might identify the writers of letters or emails to the Taoiseach in case that speeds up the release of this information.	Part granted	12/06/2020
FOI/2020/0101	A copy of correspondence including memos and notes of telephone calls and records of approaches and meetings between the Chinese Embassy and the Chinese Government and its officials with An Taoiseach, Leo Varadkar and or officials of his Department in the dates between March 1st and May 1st 2020, inclusive.	Part granted	05/06/2020
FOI/2020/0103	a. Any correspondence, emails, attachments between officials in the Department of the Taoiseach, and Grayling Properties (either with Peter Horgan its CEO, or other representatives). b. Any internal correspondence between officials that relates to Grayling Properties and its correspondence. c. Minutes of any meetings, and copies of any reports, discussed at meetings with Grayling Properties. I would like any records from 1 Jan to 31 December 2019.	Part granted	10/06/2020
FOI/2020/0104	Copies of any correspondence (emails, letters, memos or reports) to and from the Taoiseach/senior Department of Taoiseach officials and the following nursing homes – as well as any correspondence received or sent by the Taoiseach/Department concerning the following nursing homes - dating back to March 1st 2020 - the subject matter of this correspondence is Covid-19: - Tara Winthrop in Swords, Co Dublin - Dealgan House in Dundalk, Co Louth - St Mary's Hospital in the Phoenix Park in Dublin - Millbury Nursing Home in Navan, Co Meath - Kilbrew Nursing Home in Ashbourne, Co Meath - Clonakilty Community Hospital in Co Cork	Part granted	12/06/2020
FOI/2020/0107	Copies of correspondence between Christian churches, Church leaders, bishops etc., and the Taoiseach and officials of the Department of the Taoiseach in relation to Covid-19 and related matters from March 9 until May 18; Notes etc., on zoom meetings, telephone calls etc., between the Taoiseach or department officials and members of the Catholic Church hierarchy, Catholic Church officials or the leaders of other Christian traditions from March 9 until May 18 in relation to Covid-19 and related matters.	Part granted	16/06/2020

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FOI/2020/0108	The total cost to the Dept of the Taoiseach to date this year on advertising in relation to Covid 19. In tabular format, can you provide records showing the amount spent on advertising in each month - January, February, March, April and May to date. Can you provide a breakdown how much has been spent on advertising in different media - TV, radio, print and social media. Records showing how much has been paid to media companies in 2020 concerning the Coronavirus – e.g. • Coronavirus advertising Irish Times €140,000 • Irish Independent €150,000 • RTE. €200,000 • Youtube €140,000 • Clare Champion. €10,000 The spend by the Dept of the Taoiseach on advertising for the first four months of 2019.	Part granted	18/06/2020
FOI/2020/0109	Any correspondence to or from the Chief Whip's office referencing Medtronic since 1 January this year.	Granted	15/06/2020
FOI/2020/0110	Any correspondence from the Irish Hairdressers Federation sent to or from the Taoiseach or the Taoiseach's secretary since 1 Jan. My request is partly based on email correspondence referred to in this entry on the lobbying register, but is not limited to it. https://www.lobbying.ie/return/56619/irish-hairdressers-federation	Part granted	18/06/2020
FOI/2020/0111	Records of all correspondence between the department and PHD Media between March 1 and April 31 on the subject of Covid-19 information ads.	Part granted	18/06/2020
FOI/2020/0114	Copies of all correspondence from the Taoiseach's Office to the Office of Public Works regarding Steward's Lodge since February 2020. I would like details of how many times he stayed in the lodge during the pandemic and how much he paid on each occasion.	Part granted	25/06/2020
FOI/2020/0116	Copies of any correspondence/representations received by the department relating to the Taoiseach's "picnic" in the Phoenix Park on the weekend of 23/24 May. If there is a large amount of correspondence, I am happy to receive a small representative sample of the documentation, and a figure for how many pieces of correspondence were received.	Part granted	30/06/2020
FOI/2020/0118	Copies of any records held referring or relating to the suspension of the parliamentary question system during the Covid-19 crisis and the Dept of the Taoiseach's role in creating an alternative system for dealing with queries. For avoidance of doubt, this is the process that would have begun on foot of the letter from Peter Finnegan, which was released as part of FOI/2020/0082.	Part granted	30/06/2020