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FOI/2021/0043	- Minutes of all meetings of the High Level Task Force on Covid-19 Vaccination - Correspondence including emails and email attachments between the Chair of the High-Level Task Force on Covid-19 Vaccination and the Taoiseach, the Minister for Health, and/or their representatives. - Copies of all proposed schedules for vaccine roll-out circulated to the Task Force, including all revised schedules. - All reports relating to fulfilling the human resources required for vaccination roll-out circulated to the Task Force. The time-line of my request is November 1 2020 to date.	Part granted	01/07/2021
FOI/2021/0110	The release of minutes or meeting notes taken at all meetings of the Cabinet Sub-Committee on Infrastructure during 2015. I am also requesting the release of any memos prepared for the sub-committee in 2015.	Part granted	12/07/2021
FOI/2021/0168	Records/documents held by the Department in relation to the following: Communications between the office of An Taoiseach & the Department of Public Expenditure & Reform, regarding the rollout of the Covid vaccination programme. To cover specifically, communications between the office of Minister Michael McGrath or his officials with the office of An Taoiseach & his officials on the issue, from the period November 23rd 2020 to 31st January 2021. To include text messages, emails and other digital records.	Part granted	13/07/2021
FOI/2021/0191	Records created on or after 1 January 2021 relating to communication between the government of Ireland and the Loyalist Communities Council, including correspondence from and to the LCC, meeting minutes which addressed the LCC, emails which addressed the LCC, position papers on the LCC. (a) The so-called Loyalist Communities Council and its chairman David Campbell wrote to An Taoiseach at the start of March 2021 outlining concerns about the Northern Ireland Protocol, and withdrawing support for the 1998 Good Friday Agreement. I am seeking documented correspondence and internal Departmental consideration of the LCC. (b) As part of your search for relevant records, I request that you undertake a search for deleted records on your backup systems and that you confirm such a search was undertaken when providing your substantive response to this Freedom of Information request.	Part granted	02/07/2021
FOI/2021/0201	Access to any minutes/memos/briefings/correspondence (both internal and external) relating to the virtual meeting(s) outlined in the following lobbying return: https://www.lobbying.ie/return/73586/google-ireland-limited	Part granted	01/07/2021
FOI/2021/0202	Access to any minutes/memos/briefings/correspondence relating to the virtual meeting between An Taoiseach and Amazon as outlined in the following lobbying return: https://www.lobbying.ie/return/70861/amazon-uk-services-ltd	Part granted	01/07/2021
FOI/2021/0204	Access to any minutes/notes/correspondence relating to meetings / letters / emails between An Taoiseach and Pfizer during 2021.	Part granted	02/07/2021
FOI/2021/0205	Access to all correspondence and minutes/notes of all meetings between An Taoiseach and Janssen Sciences Ireland/Johnson and Johnson during 2020 and 2021.	Part granted	02/07/2021

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FOI/2021/0207	1. All data, including but not limited to minutes, messages (texts / WhatsApp / paper), phone notes, reports, memos, unsolicited correspondence / representations relating to the following meeting / meetings: https://www.lobbying.ie/return/71718/q4pr 2. All data, including but not limited to minutes, messages (texts / WhatsApp / paper), phone notes, reports, memos, unsolicited correspondence / representations from January 2021 - present, relating to: - Glanbia - Royal A-ware & Glanbia proposed manufacturing facility in Belview, Kilkenny	Part granted	13/07/2021
FOI/2021/0208	Access to the following records/details: - All incoming and outgoing correspondence between the Taoiseach's office and Bartra Capital Property Management Ltd (trading as Bartra Capital Property) between January 1 and the present day related to Judicial Reviews of planning decisions. Bartra lobbied the Taoiseach on it this year in a letter. - All internal correspondence (sent between January 1 and present date) between Department of Taoiseach staff (principal officer level and above) that is related to issues around planning procedure or legislation raised by Bartra. - All commissioned briefing notes or memos related to the issues raised by Bartra in its letter.	Part granted	01/07/2021
FOI/2021/0210	Any (including any appendices or documents related to or attached to): - Memorandum for Government - Aides Memories - Government decisions pertaining to the system of direct provision for asylum seekers between 01/01/2014 and 31/12/2016.	Part granted	02/07/2021
FOI/2021/0211	Access to a copy of the letter about judicial reviews of planning decisions from Bartra Capital Property to An Taoiseach referred to in the following lobbying return: https://www.lobbying.ie/return/73704/bartra-capital-property-management-limited-trading-as-bartra-capital-property Please also include any response from An Taoiseach and any internal correspondence regarding Bartra's letter.	Part granted	01/07/2021
FOI/2021/0212	According to the Lobby register, Bartra Capital wrote a letter to the Taoiseach relating to judicial reviews. Can I please get a copy of this letter and any replies or further correspondence? Bartra Capital Property Management Limited trading as Bartra Capital Property	Part granted	01/07/2021
FOI/2021/0213	Any correspondence received and returned to Barta according to this lobbying records: https://www.lobbying.ie/return/73704/bartra-capital-property-management-limited-trading-as-bartra-capital-property	Part granted	01/07/2021
FOI/2021/0214	Correspondence received and sent in relation to this lobbying return: https://www.lobbying.ie/return/72538/hanover-media-strategy-limited	Part granted	01/07/2021
FOI/2021/0216	All documentation circulated to the Dáil by An Taoiseach on Thursday, 20 Mar 2003 Concerning An Taoiseach's Motion on Foreign Conflicts	Part granted	05/07/2021

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FOI/2021/0218	Under the freedom of information Act I wish to request the following information. In relation to the public consultation held for the National Recovery and Resilience Plan (NRRP) I would like the following data: 1. Number of consultation responses received by the Department from the public? 2. Consultation report outlining how the consultation informed the outcomes of the report? This report should have been produced as is good public practice that results of the consultation should be made publicly available with account of the views expressed and the reasons for decisions finally taken by the Departments	Part granted	09/07/2021
FOI/2021/0219	Copies of all correspondence (to include letters, emails, texts, memos etc) received by Taoiseach Micheál Martin and his office from members of the public and elected representatives regarding his Irish Times interview on the deaths of his two children between June 8 and the date of this request.	Part granted	30/08/2021
FOI/2021/0223	May I request all records related to meetings between An Taoiseach and representatives of Amazon for the period January 2021 to the present date.	Part granted	13/07/2021
FOI/2021/0229	Details of all expenditure incurred by the Department of the Taoiseach (D/Taoiseach) on cloud computing services in 2020. Cloud computing services should be taken to mean any cloud-related service provided to D/Taoiseach, either directly by cloud computing firms (such as, but not limited to, the following: Microsoft Azure, Google Cloud Platform, Oracle, Amazon Web Services, and IBM) or by third party-consultancies. In either case, this would incorporate all varieties of cloud computing, including software-as-a-service, infrastructure-as-a-service and platform-as-a-service. Details are requested on the total payments made to each relevant individual private sector entity (cloud computing firm, third party consultancy, etc.) covered by this request, rather than a single accumulative figure.	Granted	12/07/2021
FOI/2021/0232	Please send me all communications, reports or presentations on the subject of an internal vaccine pass to access services in Ireland (such as bars and restaurants or events) between January 1, 2021 and today's date.	Part granted	03/08/2021
FOI/2021/0233	1. I would like to request a copy of all correspondence, letters, emails, briefing documents, minutes and notes from meetings and phone calls to and from the Tánaiste's office (including from when the Tánaiste was Taoiseach), with representatives from Facebook from January 1st, 2017 until June 1st, 2021 inclusive. 2. I would also like to request briefing documents prepared for the Tánaiste and Ministers about Facebook in Ireland during this same timeframe.	Part granted	29/07/2021
FOI/2021/0235	Any records held by the Department of the Taoiseach containing information regarding the engagement or proposed engagement of social media influencers by the Department of the Taoiseach or other Departments for the period 1 August 2020 to 1 October 2020.	Part granted	28/07/2021

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FOI/2021/0243	Copies of all communications via email, text or memo between the Chief Medical Officer Dr Tony Holohan and Taoiseach Leo Varadkar between 14 February 2020 and 01 April 2020. Documents, notes, briefings and any presentations prepared for a meeting in the Department of the Taoiseach on March 16 2020 regarding the decision to temporarily take over private hospitals Copies of the Taoiseach's diary for the period February to June 2020 Copies of the Secretary General's diary for the period February to June 2020	Part granted	16/09/2021
FOI/2021/0246	Correspondence including any texts, emails or memos between the Taoiseach and secretary general of the Department for the period 01 May 2020 to 30 June 2020 regarding the Covid-19 pandemic	Part granted	28/09/2021
FOI/2021/0248	Communications between the Minister of Foreign Affair's office and the Taoiseach's office regarding the Control of Economic Activity (Occupied Territories) Bill 2018.	Part granted	22/09/2021
FOI/2021/0251	a. A copy of any correspondence between Micheál Martin and/or officials in the Department of the Taoiseach and Hammerson PLC from 1 January 2021 to present b. A copy of the minutes of any meetings, and any presentations or reports discussed at those meetings, between Micheál Martin and Hammerson PLC from 1 April 2021 to present. c. A copy of the minutes of any meetings, and any presentations or reports discussed at those meetings, between officials in the Department of Taoiseach and Hammerson PLC from 1 April 2021 to present.	Granted	03/09/2021
FOI/2021/0255	All lobbying communications to the minister or officials on easing Covid restrictions around weddings between January 1, 2021 and today's date.	Part granted	28/09/2021
FOI/2021/0256	Minutes of the following meetings in Taoiseach Micheál Martin's diary: - 23/5/2021 - Pfizer - 3/6/2021 - Astra Zeneca - 4/6/2021 - Meeting on Children's Hospital - 9/6/2021 - DAA I am also seeking copies of all correspondence to/from Taoiseach Micheál Martin and to/from secretary general Martin Fraser related to these meetings.	Part granted	21/09/2021
FOI/2021/0257	A copy of all correspondences and/or documents received by the Taoiseach, or any of his advisors/officials, relating to the position of UN special envoy for freedom of expression, to cover the period April 1, 2021 to date. (Correspondences should include all communication sent by email including any attachments therein, text message, WhatsApp, letter or any other format. Documents should include, but are not limited to, submissions, briefings, research papers, advisory papers, policy documents, memos, notes, or explanatory documents)	Part granted	23/09/2021

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FOI/2021/0260	(a) All notes, minutes, emails and correspondence between the Taoiseach and Hammerson PLC from the 1 January 2021 and the 3 August 2021. (b) All notes, minutes, emails and correspondence between Department of the Taoiseach and Hammerson PLC from the 1 January 2021 and the 3 August 2021. (c) All notes, minutes, emails and correspondence between the Taoiseach and persons representing Hammerson PLC from the 1 January 2021 and the 3 August 2021. (d) All notes, minutes, emails and correspondence between the Department of the Taoiseach officials and Hammerson PLC from the 1 January 2021 and the 3 August 2021.	Part granted	14/09/2021
FOI/2021/0261	Copies of any records held referring or relating to the salary level for the incoming Secretary-General of the Dept of Health. Copies of any records held referring or relating to the waiving of a portion of the salary by the new Sec-Gen of the Dept of Health. Both parts of this request to cover the period 1 Jan 2021 to date of receipt of the request.	Part granted	08/09/2021
FOI/2021/0262	Copies of any records held referring or relating to the appointment of Katherine Zappone as a special envoy to the UN on freedom of expression. Copies of any letters/representations received by the department relating to the above. Searches of any mobile phones, relevant private email addresses and/or messaging services should be considered when processing this request. I would prefer to receive this information electronically, ideally in its original electronic format.	Part granted	23/09/2021
FOI/2021/0264	A spreadsheet/database/record detailing all expenditure associated with the provision of services to former Taoisigh in 2021. Copies of any correspondence between the department and former Taoisigh with regard to the provision of services or a state car in 2021.	Granted	03/09/2021
FOI/2021/0267	All email and other electronic correspondence (including WhatsApp, SMS messages) sent from the Taoiseach's press advisors and private secretary between 9 and 10 August on the subject of the IPCC Climate Change report and a statement given by the Taoiseach about the report on 10 August (please note that this should include full conversations and email threads, and not just mentions of the report). All email and other electronic correspondence (including WhatsApp, SMS messages) to and from staff at the Government press office regarding a statement given by the Taoiseach about the IPCC report on 10 August (as above, this should include full conversations and email threads, and not just mentions of the report).	Part granted	17/09/2021

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FOI/2021/0269	A copy of all correspondence between the Taoiseach/Department of an Taoiseach and four organisations listed below on the issue of Covid restrictions during the period March 2020 to present Organisations: Aer Lingus; Ryanair; Dublin Airport Authority; Irish Pilots Association. A copy of any briefing notes, internal memos, meeting minutes, or internal departmental communications relating to the above. When conducting your search and retrieval please consider official information held on non-official systems, emails accounts and devices. For example, WhatsApp groups etc.	Part granted	23/09/2021
FOI/2021/0271	All information including correspondence (including text and WhatsApp messages) and documentation, memos held by the Department regarding an event hosted by former Minister Katherine Zappone held in the Merrion Hotel on July 21st 2021.	Granted	11/09/2021
FOI/2021/0284	Any correspondence between Noel Rock, Director of Pixel Consulting and the Department of the Taoiseach on behalf of Tier Scooters known as Tier since 2021	Part granted	16/09/2021
FOI/2021/0285	Speaking notes for the Taoiseach for a meeting in March 2021 with Amazon regarding data centres. These records have been previously released under FOI: https://www.businesspost.ie/energy/taoiseach-promised-to-streamline-planning-for-data-centres-dd523e52	Granted	20/09/2021
FOI/2021/0287	I would like to request all communications, records, letters, emails, text messages and WhatsApp messages between the IBRC Commission of Investigation and the Department of the Taoiseach between January 1, 2021 and the present day. This includes figures for the total expenditure incurred by the Commission from the start of this year until the end of August by the main subheads as well as rent, office service charges and legal fees. This request does not include correspondence between the Department and the Commission concerning routine administration expenses incurred by the Commission.	Part granted	29/09/2021