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FOI/2022/0109	I am requesting the release of all correspondence - including emails, SMS or WhatsApp messages - sent between the Taoiseach and the Minister for Health between 12 February and 14 April regarding the resignation of CMO Dr Tony Holohan, his plans to take up a role at Trinity College, the terms related to this role (including salary payment), and his announcement on 9 April that he would not take up the role.	Granted	02/08/2022
FOI/2022/0126	A copy of all correspondences received or sent by the Taoiseach (or his officials/department) regarding CMO Tony Holohan's planned academic role in Trinity College, covering the period Jan 1st 2022 to present.	Part granted	02/08/2022
FOI/2022/0149	I understand that from time to time the department organises exhibitions, conferences etc., where the paid services of guest speakers, broadcasters or others may be required. May I ask for available copies of records created in relation to this from January 1st 2017 to May 27th 2022, to include, but not be limited to, the following: • Records of events where paid services of MCs, conference hosts, after-dinner speakers, conference or event moderators, broadcasters etc. were acquired • Records of the names of the people hired for each of these events • Individual pay for these persons per event	Part granted	19/07/2022

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FOI/2022/0150	Following on from the trip to the World Economic Forum in Davos this week, may I ask for available copies of records created in relation to this, to include, but not be limited to, the following: • Records showing how many people the Department of the Taoiseach organised to travel with the Taoiseach and Tánaiste delegations to Davos • Records showing the names, positions, titles of those who travelled and their official functions as part of this particular delegation • Records showing the costs of all travel for each member of the delegation • Records showing what class of travel was booked for all travellers • Records showing the accommodation details and total costs for all concerned • Also, any other records showing any other costs organised or incurred by the Department linked to the Davos trip, e.g., car hire, gifts, presentations, receptions, guest hospitality, photography etc.	Granted	22/07/2022

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FOI/2022/0151	Under the FOI Act 2014, I am seeking the following: a datadump of all Departmental spending in the following categories for the calendar year 2021: Home – Subsistence, Home – Hotel Costs, Home – Air Tickets, Home – Taxi, Home – Mileage, Home – Car Hire, Foreign – Subsistence, Foreign – Hotel Costs, Foreign – Air Tickets, Foreign – Taxi, Foreign – Mileage, Foreign – Car Hire, Foreign – Telephone & Fax Calls, Foreign – Other Receipted Expenses, Foreign Travel – Carbon Emissions, Catering for Official Functions, Equipment Hire Official Entertainment, Dining in Restaurant, Flowers Official Entertainment, Other Official Entertainment, Catering for State Entertainment Functions, Equipment Hire State Entertainment, Flowers State Entertainment, Other State Entertainment, Catering State Functions, Other State Functions, Gifts for Protocol Stock, Protocol Stationery, Training Courses for Staff, Conferences and Seminars, Speaking Fees, Masters Programme, Online Training Resources, Photography, Public Relations, Ministerial Allowance, Couriers, Flowers, Refreshments, Ex-Gratia Payment, Suit Hire, Suit Allowance, Pest Control, Consultancy, Consultancy Expenses.	Part granted	28/07/2022
FOI/2022/0152	Copies of all records relating to pest control at Government Buildings, including inspection and service reports, invoices and correspondence with service providers, covering the period between 1 November 2021 to the present date	Granted	05/07/2022
FOI/2022/0155	All email correspondence between Aptiv Global Operations and the department between Feb 1st 2022 and Mar 1st 2022.	Part granted	05/07/2022
FOI/2022/0156	I wish to make a request for records held by the Department of the Taoiseach under the Freedom of Information Act.	Granted	05/07/2022

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	The records are: Letter sent in April to the Tanaiste Leo Varadkar by the Irish Cancer Society in relation to the 'right to be forgotten' for cancer survivors accessing financial services https://www.lobbying.ie/return/83692/irish-cancer-society		
FOI/2022/0159	Correspondence between the Department and other Departments/State Agencies in relation to action 19/9 of Housing for All: "All Government Departments will examine their existing portfolio of properties and subject to any obligations under the PSC, the LDA Act 2021 or the State Property Act 1954, will place them on the market if they are not required and may be suitable for conversion to residential accommodation"	Part granted	14/07/2022
FOI/2022/0170	· The minutes of all meetings of the Labour and Employer Economic Forum (LEEF) held between April 1, 2022 and June 28, 2022 • All briefing notes prepared for Taoiseach Micheál Martin in relation to those meetings • All correspondence or other documentation issued to attendees in relation to those meetings, either in advance, during the meetings or afterwards	Part granted	27/07/2022
FOI/2022/0171	All correspondence held by the Department regarding the report of the Future of Media Commission from the period 01 October 2021 to the present day.	Part granted	22/09/2022

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FOI/2022/0172	Submissions received by the following interest groups, in relation to the impact of Covid-19 on Retail • Retail Ireland • IBEC • Retail Excellence Ireland • Dublin Town/ We Are Dublin Town/ Dublin BID (Business Improvement District)/ Dublin City BID (Business Improvement District) Timeframe 01/03/2020 to present date	Part granted	27/07/2022
FOI/2022/0173	- Copies of any correspondence between the department and the Department of Defence with regard to the provision of air transport for the Taoiseach's trip to Beirut. - Copies of any records held in the email account or on the mobile phones of Dermot Woods or John Callinan with regard to the arrangement of transport for this trip.	Part granted	09/08/2022
FOI/2022/0174	In relation to travel undertaken by the Taoiseach as part of the 2022 St Patrick's Day Programme to Rebuild Connections, I would like to receive: • The names of people who accompanied the Taoiseach on his trip and their job titles or relationship to the Taoiseach.	Part granted	28/07/2022

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	• The schedule of flights undertaken by the above people as part of the trip, including flights to and from Ireland, connecting flights and the names of airports where departures and arrivals took place. Also, please include whether the flights were economy class, business class, first class or other and the name of the airline used for each flight. • The Taoiseach's itinerary for the trip. • A breakdown of expenses accrued and paid by Government for the trip, including flights, accommodation, subsistence, gifts, PCR testing, taxis/public transport, etc.		
FOI/2022/0177	Ms Emma Reilly, CV attached, worked with the UN. She exposed the practice of giving confidential personal information to the Chinese government that put people in harm's way. She was fired for exposing this terrible practice. I am seeking records on assistance that Ireland provided to her with her former employer the UN.	Part granted	28/07/2022
FOI/2022/0186	• Correspondence and phone records, including phone calls, texts, WhatsApp, social media, and any other applications utilised by An Taoiseach for such business, exchanged between an Taoiseach and the Minister for Health regarding health services in Sligo between the 29th of June and the 13th of July, 2022 inclusive. • Records relating to a meeting or meetings involving the Taoiseach and the Minister for Health relating to health services in Sligo between the 29th of June and the 13th of July, 2022, inclusive.	Granted	29/08/2022
FOI/2022/0187	• Records, including correspondence, minutes, and all related documents, relating to a meeting or meetings between An Taoiseach and Teachta Marc MacSharry and the Offices thereof, in the week in advance of the motion re: confidence in the Government, relating to health services in Sligo or support for the Government.	Part granted	16/08/2022

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	• Correspondence and phone records, including phone calls, texts, WhatsApp, social media, and any other applications utilised by An Taoiseach for such business, exchanged between an Taoiseach and Teachta Marc MacSharry in the week in advance of the motion re: confidence in the Government, relating to meetings, health services in Sligo, or support for the Government.		
FOI/2022/0194	• All communications between the Taoiseach's office and Mr Chris Tovey of FTI Consulting • All communications between the Taoiseach's office and Mr Jack White of FTI Consulting • List of meetings to include dates, attendees and minutes between the Taoiseach and Mr Chris Tovey of FTI Consulting • List of meetings to include dates, attendees and minutes between the Taoiseach and Mr Jack White of FTI Consulting. Any other records relating to lobbying conducted on behalf of GW Pharmaceuticals	Part granted	29/08/2022
FOI/2022/0196	A spreadsheet/database/record of all education, training, motivational, team-building courses or programmes offered to staff within the Department from January 1, 2021 to date. This should include the following details: • A list of courses offered to staff. • How many participated in each course? • The cost and duration of each course. • The name of the individual/company/institute that provided the education or training course.	Part granted	29/08/2022

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FOI/2022/0198	• All correspondence relating to Sabina Higgins' letter to the Irish Times sent to the Department of the Taoiseach, including emails, calls, text messages, and records of any meetings. Timeline: 27 July - 3 August. • All correspondence relating to Sabina Higgins' letter to the Irish Times sent from the Taoiseach and/or his officials. Timeline: 27 July - 3 August.	Part granted	31/08/2022
FOI/2022/0200	Copies of all correspondence to/from Taoiseach Micheál Martin and the following individuals: • Former Taoiseach John Bruton • Former Taoiseach Bertie Ahern • Former Taoiseach Brian Cowen • Former Taoiseach Enda Kenny The time period can be limited to 27/6/2020 to 5/8/2022. The records should include copies of any documents attached or enclosed with the correspondence.	Part granted	16/09/2022
FOI/2022/0201	Any emails, notes, memos, briefings and or/records sent or received by the Taoiseach in relation to New Fortress Energy's Shannon LNG Plant proposal.	Part granted	01/09/2022

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FOI/2022/0202	a) A copy of written correspondence (letters and email) sent by members of the public for the attention of Taoiseach Michéal Martin from 1st March 2022 to the most recent available date, which contain suggestion/s of ways in which the Government can address inflation and/or the cost of living. b) A copy of written correspondence sent from the Department of the Taoiseach in response to any of the above correspondence from 1st March 2022 to the most recent available date.	Part granted	09/09/2022
FOI/2022/0203	Invoices for accommodation costs for the Taoiseach, Chief Whip, Minister of State for European Affairs and any staff accompanying them on their trips abroad for St Patrick's Day this year.	Granted	01/09/2022
FOI/2022/0206	- All correspondence between ministers in the department and The Irish Institutional property group, the Construction Industry Federation, Property Industry Ireland or those representing those groups from January 1 2022 until now. - All correspondence between special advisers and staff in the department and these groups or those representing those groups from January 1 2022 until now.	Part granted	08/09/2022
FOI/2022/0207	1. The minutes of a meeting held between David Duffy of Ibec and John Shaw between January 2022 and April 2022 and any correspondence relating to the meeting, excluding correspondence relating to setting up the meeting. (link here)	Part granted	12/09/2022

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	2. A letter sent by Sally Anne Sherry of Bartra Capital to Micheál Martin between January and April 2021, and any subsequent or surrounding correspondence, as shown on lobbying.ie (link here) 3. The minutes of a virtual meeting held between Pat Farrell of Irish Institutional Property and Eamonn Fahey between January and April 2022. Any correspondence relating to the meeting, excluding correspondence relating to setting up the meeting. (link here) 4. The minutes of a meeting between Pat Farrell and Martin Fraser held between September and December 2021. Any correspondence relating to the meeting, excluding correspondence relating to setting up the meeting (link here)		
FOI/2022/0213	All internal and external correspondence (including Whatsapp messages) held by Assistant Principal level or above in the Department of An Taoiseach that makes reference to the letter sent by Sabina Higgins to The Irish Times (published 27 July) in relation to the war in Ukraine from 20 July to 2 August inclusive.	Part granted	20/09/2022
FOI/2022/0214	Any correspondence between the Taoiseach/Taoiseach's Department and Bono, dated between April 5 and August 20, 2022.	Granted	19/09/2022
FOI/2022/0215	- Any correspondence, briefing material, agenda & minutes of any meeting in regards this Lobbying return https://www.lobbying.ie/return/76951/fti-consulting - Any correspondence, briefing material, agenda, and minutes of any meeting between Dept/Taoiseach or any of its officials and FTI Consulting since 2019	Part granted	20/09/2022

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FOI/2022/0216	- A spreadsheet/database/record detailing all expenditure associated with the provision of services to former taoisigh in the period 1 Sept 2021 to date. - Copies of any correspondence between the department and former taoisigh with regard to the provision of services or a state car during that period.	Granted	26/09/2022