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FOI/2023/0137	Records of all communications from TikTok and/or its representatives, and any subsequent replies from the Department. I wish to cover the time period: 14/04/23 - Present Day.	Part granted	04/07/2023
FOI/2023/0143	• Any minutes relating to a meeting between the Department of An Taoiseach and Yahoo EMEA Limited which occurred between 1 Jan 2023 and 30 April 2023 • Correspondences exchanged in relation to the above meeting • Any other documents exchanged between the parties in relation to the meeting, or any documents prepared by the Department in relation to the meeting.	Granted	12/07/2023
FOI/2023/0152	All correspondence sent to the Taoiseach Leo Varadkar from members of the public in relation to his attendance at the King's coronation. All correspondence sent to the Taoiseach Leo Varadkar from members of the public in relation to his partner Matt Barret's social media posts at the King's coronation. I wish for my request to cover the period from 1/5/2023 - 22/5/2023.	Part granted	12/07/2023
FOI/2023/0160	Please provide all correspondence received by the Taoiseach and the Department of the Taoiseach from the public, businesses, and elected representatives on GAAGO between 1/4/23 and 31/5/23. In cases where the Taoiseach/Department provided a response, please provide the reply.	Part granted	12/07/2023
FOI/2023/0167	Please provide all communications received by the Department of the Taoiseach and/or the Taoiseach from external sources in relation to the Hate Speech bill currently making its way through the Oireachtas entitled Criminal Justice (Incitement to Violence or Hatred and Hate Offences) Bill 2022 in the past year June 2022 - June 2023. Where the department or the Taoiseach provided a response, please provide that record.	Part granted	01/08/2023
FOI/2023/0168	All correspondence to the Taoiseach's Office relating to complaints from members of the public about the ongoing refugee crisis in Ireland. Complaints relating to public mood, housing, concerns.	Part granted	31/07/2023
FOI/2023/0169	Copies of any records held referring or relating to the decision to charter an aircraft for the use of the Taoiseach on his recent visit to Moldova.	Part granted	17/07/2023
FOI/2023/0171	Any correspondence sent to the minister/Taoiseach since Saturday morning (17 June) about remarks made by Michael D. Higgins.	Part granted	17/07/2023
FOI/2023/0173	Emails, attachments, and minutes of phone calls between the representatives of Q4PR on behalf of Coillte or Coillte staff and Deirdre Gillane Chief of Staff (Department of the Taoiseach) and Brian Murphy Chief of Staff (Department of the Taoiseach) regarding Coillte afforestation initiative with Gresham House. The time frame would be September 2022 to June 2023.	Part granted	19/07/2023
FOI/2023/0175	Copies of all correspondence to/from Taoiseach Leo Varadkar and the following individuals: Former Taoiseach John Bruton; Former Taoiseach Bertie Ahern; Former Taoiseach Brian Cowen; Former Taoiseach Enda Kenny; Former President Mary Robinson; Former President Mary McAleese. The time period can be limited to 17/12/2022 and 23/6/2023.	Part granted	20/07/2023

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FOI/2023/0176	• Copies of all correspondence between Taoiseach Leo Varadkar and representatives of Meta. • Copies of the minutes of all meetings between Mr Varadkar and representatives of Meta. The time period can be limited to 1/1/2023 to 23/6/2023.	Part granted	24/07/2023

FOI/2023/0177	• Copies of all correspondence between Taoiseach Leo Varadkar and the following individuals:
	  ○ RTÉ Director General Dee Forbes;
	  ○ Ryan Tubridy;
	  ○ Incoming RTÉ Director General Kevin Bakhurst;
	  ○ RTÉ chairwoman Siún Ní Raghallaigh;
	• Copies of the minutes of all meetings between Mr Varadkar and the above-named individuals.
	The time period can be limited to 1/1/2023 to 23/6/2023.
		Granted	21/07/2023

FOI/2023/0178	Can I refer you to the agenda for the Government meeting on 18th March 2002. Item 8 referred to the closure of the 1994 to 1999 Community Spending Programme and its "closure" Under FOI can I procure the documents associated with THAT agenda item (the 1994/1999 closure programme report) and a copy of the discussion and minutes relating to the end Government decision which is referenced "Gov Decision S 29721" dated 18th June 2002.	Part granted	24/07/2023
FOI/2023/0181	I wish to request access any record which is a formal delegation of a function or functions by the head of your body under section 20 of the Freedom of Information Act 2014 and which is currently in force. I am not seeking past / revoked / lapsed instruments of delegation.	Granted	26/07/2023
FOI/2023/0183	1. Any records which show or analyse the carbon footprints of persons for whom your department / office / body pays, directly or indirectly, travel expenses; and 2. Any records which outline measures taken in your department / office / body to reduce carbon footprints associated with travel since the government's Climate Action Plan was published in 2022.	Part granted	26/07/2023
FOI/2023/0184	Copies of all completed audits – internal and external - held by/conducted on behalf of the Department of the Taoiseach since January 1, 2022, to date.	Part granted	12/07/2023
FOI/2023/0186	Correspondence sent to the Taoiseach's office by ministerial private secretaries requesting the use of the government jet from May 2020 to present. Responses sent back by the Department of the Taoiseach to these requests outlining permission or refusing permission.	Part granted	03/08/2023
FOI/2023/0187	I am seeking a Freedom of Information request in relation to the Oath of Office under Article 34.6.1 and the Subscribed Declaration relating to the following: Judge James O' Donoghoe of the Circuit Court. For the avoidance of any misunderstanding, I am seeking under the Freedom of Information Act 2014, and all relevant legislation made and provided, all and any documentation relating to the appointment of this man as a Judge of the Circuit Court including a copy of his oath, subscribed declaration and all and any documentation confirming his appointment as same to same.	Part granted	03/08/2023

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FOI/2023/0188	Copies of any correspondence, complaints, representations or other such records received by the department with regard to controversies over pay and other governance matters at RTÉ.	Part granted	08/08/2023
FOI/2023/0189	In relation to €44.5m awarded to Ulster University via the Shared Ireland Fund announced on 20th June: 1. A copy of the final document submitted by Ulster University to the Department outlining the need for this funding, what it will be spent on and how it will be released. 2. Minutes of all meetings between Principal Officer grade and above with Ulster University staff in relation to the finance from the Shared Ireland Fund specifically for Magee in the last twelve months 3. Any emails or correspondence between the Department and the Department of the Economy NI in relation to the funding – specifically any support the latter will provide in facilitating the funding, its opinion on the funding and any implications it may have outlined on its role as a result of the funding in the last twelve months.	Part granted	01/09/2023
FOI/2023/0190	1. All complaints received by members of the public, politicians, or any other complaints regarding the RTE controversy from March 2023 to present. 2. All emails, notes, calls, texts, memos regarding communication from the Taoiseach's office to any member of RTE regarding the RTE controversy from March 2023 to present. 3. All, emails, notes, calls, texts regarding communication from the Taoiseach's office to any other office of government e.g. The Tánaiste, Minister Catherine Martin, Department of Employment – all departments, opposition regarding the RTE controversy from March 2023 to present.	Part granted	08/08/2023
FOI/2023/0192	All records relating to the nomination of Michael Peart for appointment as a Judge of the High Court in 2002.	Part granted	08/09/2023
FOI/2023/0195	I am seeking the release of any correspondence to the Taoiseach's office from the public since 22 June about the TV licence fee.	Part granted	05/09/2023
FOI/2023/0196	All documents, files etc released under FOI request FOI/2018/0338.	Granted	14/08/2023
FOI/2023/0202	The application is for all records relating to the Taoiseach's recent meeting with Ukrainian prime minister Denys Shmyhal.	Part granted	05/09/2023
FOI/2023/0203	All correspondence between Minister Darragh O'Brien and Taoiseach Leo Varadkar dated between 01/01/2023 and 25/07/2023.	Granted	31/08/2023
FOI/2023/0204	• Agendas and minutes of each of the meetings of the Climate Action Delivery Board in 2022 and 2023 • Any communication sent to members of the Board to distribute agendas or minutes and any other documents attached to that communication.	Part granted	22/09/2023
FOI/2023/0205	I am seeking any records/documentation that is held by the Department's Policing Reform Implementation Programme Office of the following: The Commission on the Future of Policing in Ireland recommended the current maximum age limit of 35 should be scrapped. Please provide any records and documentation for implementation of this recommendation. Timeline 08/03/2021 to present date.	Part granted	06/09/2023

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FOI/2023/0206	A copy of any internal audits completed in the period 1 Jan 2022 to date.	Part granted	04/09/2023
FOI/2023/0209	Any emails, notes, memos, briefings and/or records between the Taoiseach and Nick Clegg on January 19th, 2023.	Part granted	20/09/2023
FOI/2023/0210	Any emails, notes, memos, briefings and/or records between the Taoiseach and head of Intel Pat Gelsinger on January 19, 2023.	Part granted	05/09/2023
FOI/2023/0211	Any emails, notes, memos, briefings and/or records between the Taoiseach and Amazon Web Services CEO Adam Selipsky on January 19, 2023.	Part granted	20/09/2023
FOI/2023/0212	Any emails, notes, memos, briefings and/or records on a video call held between the Taoiseach and the CEOs of Eli Lilly and Gilead on March 13, 2023.	Part granted	04/09/2023
FOI/2023/0215	Details of all events attended by the Taoiseach's Aide-de-Camp during 2022 and to date in 2023	Granted	06/09/2023
FOI/2023/0216	• Access to all correspondence since 2019 in relation to the appointment of an Aide de Camp to the Tánaiste • Access to any records relating to events attended by the Tánaiste's Aide de Camp since 2020.	Part granted	29/09/2023
FOI/2023/0217	Any records concerning the death of Sinead O'Connor, and the funeral arrangements	Part granted	06/09/2023
FOI/2023/0219	• Access to any secretarial expenses paid to former Taoisigh by the Department during 2020, 2021 and to date in 2023. • Access to any transport provided to former Taoisigh by the Department during 2020, 2021 and to date in 2023. • Access to any correspondence with former Taoisigh since 2020.	Part granted	06/09/2023
FOI/2023/0221	Any emails, notes, memos, briefings and/or records between the Taoiseach and officials from Portiuncla hospital ahead of a visit on February 24, 2023.	Granted	18/09/2023
FOI/2023/0222	Any emails, notes, memos, briefings and/or records between the Taoiseach and Minister Butler concerning a meeting on CAMHS held on January 26, 2023.	Part granted	18/09/2023
FOI/2023/0224	• The minutes of the meetings held between Q4PR, Leo Varadkar & Brian Murphy relating to "Discussion on delivery of housing" https://www.lobbying.ie/return/92418/q4pr • The minutes of the meeting and emails exchanged between the Irish Institutional Property, Deirdre Gillane, and Micheál Martin relating to the "Update on institutional investor funding support of Housing for All (HfA) and discussion on IIP policy priorities" https://www.lobbying.ie/return/91349/irish-institutional-property	Part granted	15/09/2023

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FOI/2023/0226	• All communications back and forth between employees of the DAA, Board members of the DAA or anyone acting on behalf of the DAA, directly with the Taoiseach or staff of the Taoiseach's office or advisors. • Please include text messages and all records of phone calls to or from the Taoiseach. • Please include notes and minutes of calls. • Please include text messages and all records of phone calls to or from the Taoiseach's advisors. • Please include notes and minutes of calls. • Please include all records of any meetings (online or in person) between employees of the DAA, Board members of the DAA or anyone acting on behalf of the DAA, directly with the Taoiseach or staff of the Taoiseach's office or advisors. • Please include emails, notes, minutes, reports, presentations or any form of material shared. • Please include the Taoiseach's diary of any such meeting or phone calls. The start date of the request is August 25th 2022.	Part granted	15/09/2023
FOI/2023/0227	In relation to an article published online in the Irish Independent on August 8th, concerning the decision of Fingal County Council to issue an enforcement notice to the DAA regarding upholding the planning laws, as regards Dublin Airport: • Please provide all information and records of how the Taoiseach came to the conclusion that he anticipated there would be no disruption to people's flights and that this would play out in the courts? • Please provide all emails, meeting records, notes, presentations, phone calls, updates from his Department or advisors on any advice or information the Taoiseach got or knew about a potential court case in relation to the enforcement. • Please provide all emails, meeting records, notes, presentations, phone calls from the Taoiseach or his office or his advisors on the topic of the enforcement by Fingal County Council and any questions, help or mediation that the Taoiseach tried to ask of or provide to the Department of Transport, the DAA, Department of Justice, An Bord Pleanala, Department of the Environment, Fingal County Council, or fellow Ministers.	Part granted	15/09/2023
FOI/2023/0233	Could you please provide me with all records in relation to any meetings or phone calls between the Taoiseach and either the CEO of the DAA, senior management of the DAA or Board members of the DAA since April 1st, 2023. Please include all emails, presentations, meeting notes, minutes. Please also include all records in relation to any follow up or actions arising from these meetings or phone calls that the Taoiseach, his advisors or his Department carried out on the topics discussed.	Part granted	22/09/2023

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FOI/2023/0236	• Minutes from any meeting between the Taoiseach and representatives of the DAA, including the chief executive of the DAA, in 2023. • Any correspondence between the Department of An Taoiseach and the DAA in 2023. The timeframe for the correspondence is 1 January 2023 to date.	Part granted	22/09/2023