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FOI/2023/0228	Any emails, notes, memos, briefings and/or records between the Taoiseach and Washington Post editorial board on March 16, 2023.	Part granted	02/10/2023
FOI/2023/0235	On behalf of our client, CHC Ireland DAC, pursuant to section 12 of the FOI Act, we hereby request copies of all records which are held by, or on behalf of, the Department of the Taoiseach (the "Department") (including, but not limited to, the offices of Mr Leo Varadkar (as Taoiseach), Mr Micheál Martin (as former Taoiseach), Ms Hildegarde Naughton (as Minister of State with responsibility for Public Health, Wellbeing and the National Drugs Strategy & Government Chief Whip) and Mr Peter Burke (as Minister of State with responsibility for EU Affairs)) in relation to communications between: 1. the Department and Senator Gerard P Craughwell; 2. the Department and all other members of the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Transport and Communications (the "Committee" - currently: Joe Carey, Cathal Crowe, Alan Dillon, Martin Kenny, Michael Lowry, Steven Matthews, James O'Connor, Darren O'Rourke, Duncan Smith, Lynn Boylan, Regina Doherty, Timmy Dooley & Gerry Horkan); 3. the Department and all members of the Public Accounts Committee ("PAC" - currently: Brian Stanley, Catherine Murphy, John Brady, Colm Burke, Cormac Devlin, Alan Dillon, Alan Kelly, Paul McAuliffe, Imelda Munster, Verona Murphy, James O'Connor & Marc (5 Cathasaigh); 4. the Department and the Department of Defence; 5. the Department and the Department for Transport; 6. the Department and the Irish Coast Guard (Senator Craughwell, the Committee, PAC, the Department of Defence, the Department for Transport and the Irish Coast Guard, together referred to hereinafter as the "Third Parties"), which refer to the question of who would provide the service pursuant to the new Irish Coast Guard Search and Rescue Aviation Contract (the "IRCG SAR Contract"). This request also includes any records which are held by or on behalf of the Department in relation to the provision of the new IRCG SAR Contract, including, but not limited to: 1. all records of communications between the Department and the Third Parties, including any staff thereof, relating to the question of who would provide the service pursuant to the IRCG SAR Contract, including but not limited to letters, emails, reports, agreements, memoranda, minutes of meetings, databases, diary entries, text messages, WhatsApp messages and voice notes, multimedia messages, notes (including handwritten notes of any type) and records of phone calls; and 2. all records of internal communications between Department personnel where correspondence with the Third Parties pertaining to the question of who would provide the service pursuant to the IRCG SAR Contract was considered and/or discussed, including but not limited to letters, emails, reports, agreements, memoranda, minutes of meetings, databases, diary entries, text messages, WhatsApp messages and voice notes, multimedia messages, notes (including handwritten notes of any type) and records of phone calls.	Part granted	08/11/2023

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FOI/2023/0242	I request access to the following records which are non-personal and which I believe are held by the Department of An Taoiseach, dated between June 1, 2023 and the date of this request: • A record of correspondence and associated documents between O'Callaghan Properties, Cork Chamber and the offices of Taoiseach Leo Varadkar regarding the development and supply of apartments in Cork city and county. This should include, but is not limited to, letters, emails, text messages, WhatsApp messages, memos, notes, reports, draft reports and other submissions. • A record of the minutes of meetings involving O'Callaghan Properties, Cork Chamber and Taoiseach Leo Varadkar regarding the development and supply of apartments in Cork city and county. This should include records of any meeting notes, associated reports, presentations and correspondence shared/referenced at meetings with O'Callaghan Properties. The following may be of assistance with this request: https://www.lobbying.ie/return/98866/ocallaghan-properties	Part granted	02/10/2023
FOI/2023/0245	Correspondence (sent and received including attachments) between Novo Nordisk and Taoiseach Leo Varadkar, or his advisers, including Clare Mungovan, as well as minutes of meetings between same, and briefings prepared for those meetings, between 1st January and 5th September 2023.	Part granted	11/10/2023
FOI/2023/0249	All records relating to Taoiseach Micheál Martin's meeting with two executives from Orpea Healthcare/TLC Healthcare on 16 April 2021.	Part granted	10/10/2023
FOI/2023/0250	I am seeking the release of all records relating to communication between the Taoiseach, Leo Varadkar TD, his special advisor, Philip O'Callaghan, any other staff members at the Department of the Taoiseach and Edelman Ireland on behalf of Airbnb, as listed here and here. This should include, but is not limited to, records of any meeting minutes, meeting notes, briefing material, associated reports, presentations and correspondence shared and/or referenced. I also request any letters, emails, text messages, WhatsApp messages, memos, notes, reports, draft reports and any other relevant records that were created, sent or received before, during or after these events.	Part granted	05/10/2023
FOI/2023/0251	All correspondence sent or received by the Taoiseach's office relating to Ryan Tubridy and RTE between August 10th 2023 and September 14th 2023.	Part granted	12/10/2023
FOI/2023/0252	Messages the Taoiseach has received from the public regarding timelines for Irish Unity, or a United Ireland referendum, in the past year.	Part granted	13/10/2023
FOI/2023/0253	I am seeking the release of all records relating to the meeting held between the Taoiseach, Leo Varadkar TD, and the Irish Farmers' Association, as listed here. This should include, but is not limited to, records of any meeting minutes, meeting notes, a list of attendees, briefing material, associated reports, presentations and correspondence shared and/or referenced at the meeting. I also request any letters, emails, text messages, WhatsApp messages, memos, notes, reports, draft reports and any other relevant records that were created, sent or received before, during or after the meeting at Assistant Principal level or above and excluding any administrative and/or logistical records.	Part granted	02/11/2023

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FOI/2023/0254	I am seeking the release of all records relating to the meeting held between the Taoiseach, Leo Varadkar TD, and RTÉ, as listed here and any other meetings that have taken place since. This should include, but is not limited to, records of any meeting minutes, meeting notes, a list of attendees, briefing material, associated reports, presentations and correspondence shared and/or referenced at the meeting. I also request any letters, emails, text messages, WhatsApp messages, memos, notes, reports, draft reports and any other relevant records that were created, sent or received before, during or after the meeting.	Part granted	17/10/2023
FOI/2023/0257	I am seeking the release of all records relating to the meeting held between the Chief of Staff, Deirdre Gillane and Meta, as listed here. This should include, but is not limited to, records of any meeting minutes, meeting notes, a list of attendees, briefing material, associated reports, presentations and correspondence shared and/or referenced at the meeting. I also request any letters, emails, text messages, WhatsApp messages, memos, notes, reports, draft reports and any other relevant records that were created, sent or received before, during or after the meeting.	Part granted	20/10/2023
FOI/2023/0258	Any briefing notes or minutes from a meeting held between the Taoiseach and Kenny Jacobs on May 22.	Part granted	24/10/2023
FOI/2023/0259	Any briefing notes or minutes from a meeting held between the Taoiseach and Kevin Backhurst on May 11.	Part granted	24/10/2023
FOI/2023/0261	Any records created during lobbying by the FAI with the department regarding investment into facilities. I'm specifically requesting the correspondence referred to in this entry on the Lobbying Register, and I'm looking for records including correspondence between Jonathan Hill and the Taoiseach on the matter.	Part granted	23/10/2023
FOI/2023/0262	Records sent to the Taoiseach by Aer Lingus concerning the North Runway. I'm specifically requesting the email referred to in this entry on the Lobbying Register.	Part granted	27/10/2023
FOI/2023/0263	Records sent to the Taoiseach by DAA concerning the North Runway. I'm specifically requesting the correspondence referred to in this entry on the Lobbying Register: daa plc (1 May, 2023 to 31 Aug, 2023 , Public policy or programme - Lobbying.ie | Lobbying.ie	Part granted	27/10/2023
FOI/2023/0264	The application is for any records relating to the meeting between Deirdre Gillane, chief of staff, and Meta Platforms Ireland Ltd as reported to the Lobbying Register - link here: https://www.lobbying.ie/return/102899/meta-platforms-ireland-ltd	Part granted	27/10/2023
FOI/2023/0265	• All records, correspondence, meeting minutes etc and the Department of Taoiseach regarding offshore drilling. • All records, correspondence, meeting minutes etc between Heneghan PR and Deputy Whip Cormac Devlin. • All records, correspondence, meeting minutes etc etc between Providence Resources and the Department of Taoiseach.	Part granted	13/11/2023
FOI/2023/0266	Letter sent by Etsy Ireland to the Department of the Taoiseach, sent between Sep 1st and Oct 1st 2023, as outlined on the lobbying register https://www.lobbying.ie/return/100798/etsy-ireland-uc	Part granted	31/10/2023
FOI/2023/0267	A copy of any complaints/representations received by the department with regard to comments made by the Taoiseach about social welfare recipients and the TV programme Benefits Street.	Part granted	10/11/2023

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FOI/2023/0268	I am seeking the release of all records of correspondence, both internal and external, relating to Etsy Ireland, as indicated here: Etsy Ireland UC (1 Sep, 2023 to 31 Dec, 2023 - Lobbying.ie. This should include, but is not limited to, any letters, emails, text messages, WhatsApp messages, memos, notes, reports, draft reports and any other relevant records that were created, sent or received by the Department related to this correspondence.	Part granted	31/10/2023
FOI/2023/0269	A copy of the annual reports submitted by the Disclosures Recipient under Sch 3(6) of the Protected Disclosures Act 2014 to the Taoiseach for the years 2021, 2022, and 2023	Granted	12/12/2023
FOI/2023/0271	All correspondence received by the Taoiseach in relation to crime and policing and/or the Gardaí and/or Garda Commissioner from the public or other politicians between July 19 2023 and August 9 2023	Part granted	01/12/2023
FOI/2023/0274	1. All costs and receipts/invoices associated with the Taoiseach's trip to New York and Miami in September 2023 in tabular form. 2. Hotel details and costs for both New York and Miami as well as the cost of flights and supporting documentation. 3. All costs, receipts/invoices and supporting documentation associated with the staff that travelled with the Taoiseach to New York and Miami.	Granted	16/11/2023
FOI/2023/0275	Any emails, notes, memos, briefings and/or records in between Etsy Ireland UC and the Taoiseach's office in September 2023.	Part granted	31/10/2023
FOI/2023/0276	I am requesting the following: https://www.lobbying.ie/return/100798/etsy-ireland-uc A copy of all correspondence between the Taoiseach and Etsy and also any notes created by Matthew Lynch on said call and any correspondence he created and received on foot of this call. Timeline is from June to present.	Part granted	31/10/2023
FOI/2023/0280	Copy of correspondence to the Taoiseach from companies in the pharmaceutical industry from 01 June 2023 to date.	Part granted	10/11/2023
FOI/2023/0281	Under the FOI Act 2014, I am seeking the following: copies of any records held referring or relating to the use of the Steward's House by the Taoiseach for three nights around Christmas 2022. Searches of any mobile phones, relevant private email addresses and/or messaging services should be considered when processing this request.	Part granted	15/11/2023
FOI/2023/0282	• All correspondence between the National Cybersecurity Centre and the Department between March 1, 2023, and October 15, 2023. • All advice given to staff at the department related to cybersecurity and personal devices in 2023.	Granted	30/11/2023
FOI/2023/0284	All correspondence sent to Taoiseach Leo Varadkar by members of the public (from the period 7 October 2023 to 17 October 2023) about comments the Taoiseach has made about the Hamas-led attack on Israel on October 7 and Israel's response to the attack. All correspondence between Taoiseach Leo Varadkar and Embassy of Israel in Dublin from period 7 October 2023 to 17 October 2023. All correspondence between Taoiseach Leo Varadkar and Mission of the State of Palestine in Ireland from period 7 October 2023 to 17 October 2023.	Part granted	21/11/2023

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FOI/2023/0285	1. Copies of all lobbying correspondence (sent and received including attachments) between Taoiseach Leo Varadkar and the following organisations and individuals, between 1st August and 19th October: 2. Minutes of meetings between the Taoiseach and the following organisations and individuals, and briefings prepared for the Taoiseach for the meetings, between 1st August and 19th October: List of organisations: Apple, Microsoft, Google, TikTok, Pfizer, MSD, Johnson &Johnson, Facebook.	Part granted	16/11/2023
FOI/2023/0286	1. The number of staff at the Department who earn more than €100,000 per year. 2. The number of staff at the Department who earn less than €28,000 per year. 3. What is the salary of the highest paid worker at the Department and what is the salary of the lowest paid worker at the Department.	Granted	21/11/2023
FOI/2023/0287	1. Copies of all lobbying correspondence between Taoiseach Leo Varadkar and the following organisations between 1st August and 20th October: • Intel; • Medtronic; • Twitter; • Ibec; • American Chamber of Commerce Ireland; • Deloitte; • EY; • KPMG; • PwC. 2. Minutes of meetings between the Taoiseach and the same organisations and briefings prepared for the Taoiseach for the meetings, between 1st August and 20th October:	Part granted	22/11/2023
FOI/2023/0288	All public correspondence to the Taoiseach's office between 9 October 2023 and 18 October 2023 regarding Budget 2024	Part granted	14/11/2023
FOI/2023/0290	• All email correspondence sent and received from taoiseach@taoiseach.gov.ie during the period 1 April 2022 to 4 October 2023 containing the terms "The Ditch" or "ontheditch.com" or "Ditch Media". • All email correspondence sent and received from press.office@taoiseach.gov.ie during the period 1 April 2022 to 4 October 2023 containing the terms "The Ditch" or "ontheditch.com" or "Ditch Media". • All email correspondence sent and received from john.callinan@taoiseach.gov.ie during the period 1 April 2022 to 4 October 2023 containing the terms "The Ditch" or "ontheditch.com" or "Ditch Media	Part granted	22/11/2023
FOI/2023/0291	Records of all correspondence, meeting minutes between Outhouse CLG (Outhouse LGBTQ+ Centre) and the Department of Taoiseach between the current date and 2021. Records can include parallel communications via text and WhatsApp, briefing notes etc.	Part granted	01/12/2023

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FOI/2023/0293	• Copies of all correspondence between the department and the Department of Defence with regard to the ministerial air transport service in the period since 15 Oct 2023. • Copies of any records referring or relating to the breakdown/reliability of aircraft in MATS during the same period.	Part granted	27/11/2023
FOI/2023/0294	• Email correspondence in 2023 relating to the citizens assembly on education. • Any documents which refer or discuss the CA on education.	Part granted	30/11/2023
FOI/2023/0295	Any correspondence between Taoiseach Leo Varadkar and Minister Paschal Donohoe, dated between July 1st, 2023 and November 1st, 2023.	Granted	29/11/2023
FOI/2023/0296	Messages the Taoiseach has received from the public regarding Ireland's stance and public statements on the Israel-Hamas war since October 7th.	Part granted	29/11/2023
FOI/2023/0297	I am looking for all correspondence to and from the Taoiseach, including attachments, relating to Ireland jointly hosting Euro 2028 as well as the redevelopment of Casement Park from October 1st, 2023 until present.	Part granted	05/12/2023
FOI/2023/0298	I wish to know the total amount of expenses incurred by the Department of the Taoiseach on paying for travel, accommodation and food and drink from the 1st of January 2023 until the 4th of November 2023.	Granted	11/12/2023
FOI/2023/0300	Records of all correspondence, meetings etc between Bertie Ahern and the office of Taoiseach from 2019 to present. Records can include parallel communications via text and WhatsApp, briefing notes etc. I would prefer to receive this information electronically, preferably in its original formatting. I will accept paper copies if that is not possible. Searches of any relevant mobile phones, private email addresses and/or messaging services should be considered when processing this request.	Part granted	04/12/2023
FOI/2023/0301	All correspondence from John Bruton to the Office of Taoiseach for the last 5 years. Please include any responses from the department. Records can include parallel communications via text and WhatsApp, briefing notes etc. I would prefer to receive this information electronically, preferably in its original formatting. I will accept paper copies if that is not possible. Searches of any relevant mobile phones, private email addresses and/or messaging services should be considered when processing this request.	Part granted	04/12/2023
FOI/2023/0304	I am seeking the release of all records relating to the Taoiseach's visit to the Republic of Korea as part of the Team Ireland Trade Mission. This should include but is not limited to, records of any meeting minutes, meeting notes, a list of attendees, briefing material, associated reports, presentations and correspondence shared and/or referenced during the trip. I also request any letters, emails, text messages, WhatsApp messages, memos, notes, reports, draft reports and any other relevant records that were created, sent or received by the Department of the Taoiseach during the trip. Finally, please also include a copy of the itinerary for the trip, a list of all those who had travelled with the Taoiseach and records relating to their expenses, such as copies of actual receipts, invoices and claim forms. By this, I mean all costs and expenses related to the trip, from the Taoiseach and support staff from the Department. This includes travel, accommodation, food and any other expenses incurred related to the trip.	Granted	12/12/2023

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FOI/2023/0305	• Any record created since March 2022 which proposed or recommended the discontinuation of Covid19 safety measures such as masking or the use of social distancing. • Any record created since March 2022 which records a decision to discontinue Covid19 safety measures. • Any record created since March 2022 instructing staff to discontinue Covid19 safety measures. My request is intended to relate to records created in your own department / office / body, and also only relating to measures taken / proposed in your own department / office / body. I am not seeking records relating to national policy, nor am I seeking records relating to instructions given to bodies under the aegis of government departments (e.g. IDA in Department of Enterprise).	Granted	06/12/2023
FOI/2023/0307	Correspondence to An Taoiseach from members of the public regarding safety and law and order in Dublin between June 1 2023 and the date of this request	Part granted	08/12/2023

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FOI/2023/0309	I would like to request, under Freedom of Information legislation, all records released under FOI requests numbered FOI/2015/2299 / FOI/2015/2301 / FOI/2015/2305 / FOI/2015/2326 and FOI/2015/2339. I would also like to request, under Freedom of Information, all records released under FOI request numbered FOI/2017/0136. This request should include any and all of the documents previously released but for the avoidance of doubt, these requests encompass : Copies of all correspondence between the Office of the Taoiseach and Paddy Cosgrave and/or organisers of the Web Summit, between January 1 and September 22, 2015. Copies of correspondence between the Taoiseach Enda Kenny and/or his officials and Paddy Cosgrave and/or representatives of the Web Summit over the past 12 months. Also, could I have any records of meetings between the Department/Taoiseach and Mr Cosgrave/Web Summit representatives. Any notes or memos regarding the Web Summit during that period would also be welcome. All documents, written correspondences, emails, letters, memos, phone messages etc. relating to the decision of the organisers of the Web Summit to move the event to Lisbon. Included in this request I would like access to any letters or emails from Paddy Cosgrave (Web Summit CEO) or any of his staff and the minutes of any meetings that were held with Mr Cosgrave or his staff. I wish to cover the time period from 01/11/14 to present day. All documents, written correspondences, emails, letters, memos, phone messages etc. relating to the decision of the organisers of the Web Summit to move the event to Lisbon. Included in this request I would like access to any letters or emails from Paddy Cosgrave (Web Summit CEO) or any of his staff and the minutes of any meetings that were held with Mr Cosgrave or his staff. I wish to cover the time period from 01/11/14 to present day. Copies of all emails sent to and from the accounts of Nick Reddy and John Callinan, which reference the event Web Summit or its founder Paddy Cosgrave. Copies of any briefing reports, memos, letters, emails etc prepared within the Department regarding the future of Web Summit event in Dublin. All records referring to "Web Summit" or "MoneyConf". All correspondence between department staff, including the Taoiseach; Secretary General, Martin Fraser and Second Secretary General John Callinan and Mr Paddy Cosgrave, co-founder of Web Summit. The request should cover the period from January 1, 2017 to June 6, 2017.	Part granted	13/12/2023
FOI/2023/0311	All correspondence received (or first 100 correspondence) by the Department of the Taoiseach from members of the public, other politicians, or advocacy groups between October 24th to October 31st 2023 in relation to the accommodation/welfare payments for refugees from Ukraine and asylum seekers from other countries.	Part granted	08/11/2023

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FOI/2023/0315	1. All correspondence between An Taoiseach and officials within the Department of An Taoiseach at the level of Principal Officer and above regarding or making reference to referring the Russian Federation to the International Criminal Court, between 24th February 2022 and 7th March 2022; 2. All correspondence between An Taoiseach and the Minister for Justice regarding or making reference to referring the Russian Federation to the International Criminal Court, between 24th February 2022 and 7th March 2022; 3. All correspondence between the Minister for Justice and An Taoiseach regarding or making reference to referring the Russian Federation to the International Criminal Court, between 24th February 2022 and 7th March 2022; 4. All correspondence between officials within the Department of An Taoiseach at the level of Principal Officer and above regarding or making reference to referring the Russian Federation to the International Criminal Court, between 24th February 2022 and 7th March 2022; 5. All correspondence between officials within the Department of An Taoiseach at the level of Principal Officer and above and officials within the Department of Justice at the level of Principal Officer and above regarding or making reference to referring the Russian Federation to the International Criminal Court, between 24th February 2022 and 7th March 2022; 6. All correspondence between officials within the Department of An Taoiseach at the level of Principal Officer and above and officials within the Department of Foreign Affairs at the level of Principal Officer and above regarding or making reference to referring the Russian Federation to the International Criminal Court, between 24th February 2022 and 7th March 2022; 7. Any minutes of meetings at which An Taoiseach was in attendance, regarding or making reference to referring the Russian Federation to the International Criminal Court, between 24th February 2022 and 7th March 2022.	Part granted	14/12/2023
FOI/2023/0319	All correspondence between Taoiseach Leo Varadkar and Ursula von der Leyen, dated between September 1st, 2023 and November 20, 2023	Granted	12/12/2023
FOI/2023/0324	Any briefing notes or minutes from a meeting held between the Taoiseach and Intel on Friday September 29, 2023.	Part granted	22/12/2023