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CASE NUMBER	DATE RECEIVED	REQUESTOR TYPE	REQUEST	DECISION
FOI/Req/23/039	06/03/2023	Oireachtas	I wish to request the following documents under the Freedom of Information Acts. All correspondence, documents and records since September 1st 2023 to date in relation to the rebranding of Irish Aid. This should include, but not be limited, to: - Any internal correspondence relating to the matter - Related documents such, such as emails, memos - Any reports or audits produced - Any minutes, records or notes pertaining to any meeting at which this issue was discussed. - Any communications with other government departments or state agencies - Any documents or correspondence related to stakeholder consultation - All other documentation pertinent to this issue.	Granted
FOI/Req/23/049	28/03/2023	Media	Under the FOI Act 2014, I am seeking the following: - a copy of the business case, cost benefit analysis, sanction or approval documents associated with the lease of 2234 Massachusetts Avenue in Washington DC by the department. - a copy of any inspection, condition, or health and safety reports associated with the department's property at 2244 S Street in Washington DC.	Refused
FOI/Req/23/050	29/03/2023	Media	All travel and accommodation costs associated with St Patrick's Day foreign engagements this year, 2023. To include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Costs for both senior and junior ministers (including Taoiseach). • Costs for their advisors & staff. • Details and cost of any gift given by senior/junior ministers/Taoiseach during their trips. • Details of any gifts received by senior/junior ministers/Taoiseach during their trips. 	Refused

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FOI/Req/23/051	31/03/2023	Media	I am making this request under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 for the following information: Records which detail the number of Irish people who have died abroad while undergoing medical or cosmetic procedures between 2017 and 2022. Can you give a breakdown of the number of deaths per year? Any correspondence including texts, emails or calls relating to the Department of Foreign Affairs updating its advice for people travelling abroad for medical and cosmetic procedures.	Granted
FOI/Req/23/056	11/04/2023	Media	All email correspondence, sent or received, from the email address minister@dfa.ie containing the term "Paul Hyde" during the period from 14 June 2017 to 17 December 2022	Refused
FOI/Req/23/057	11/04/2023	Other	Copies of any internal audits carried out of Irish Aid funded NGOs/partner organisations, between 1st January 2022 and 7th April 2023	Part Granted
FOI/Req/23/058	11/04/2023	Other	Correspondence sent and received between the Department and Irish Aid funded organisations/partners, in relation to cases of suspected fraud or suspected safeguarding issues, between 1st April 2022 and 6th April 2023.	Refused
FOI/Req/23/059	11/04/2023	Media	A list of e-submissions submitted to the minister through the e-submissions channel. I wish for my request to cover the period from 1/2/2023 – 11/4/23.	Part Granted
FOI/Req/23/061	13/04/2023	Media	Copies of all correspondence to/from Sinn Féin and Sinn Féin TD Louise O'Reilly in relation to a trip undertaken by Ms O'Reilly to San Francisco and Vancouver in April 2023. The correspondence could include but not be limited to items to/from the consul general offices in San Francisco and Vancouver. The correspondence can be limited to items received/sent between 1/1/2023 and 12/4/2023. The records should include copies of any documents attached or enclosed with the correspondence. Please include a list of all individuals/companies who attended meetings with Ms O'Reilly in the consul general offices in San Francisco and Vancouver.	Part Granted

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FOI/Req/23/062	14/04/2023	Media	A copy of the survey and any reports on survey results about the way in which other countries operate their election observation programmes as outlined in this PQ; A copy of the minutes of the meeting at which the attached presentation was delivered; A copy of the original survey, individual survey replies, and any reports with analysis and/or recommendations as outlined in the attached presentation. (slides 6-23)	Part Granted
FOI/Req/23/063	17/04/2023	Media	Minutes of committee meetings at which Ireland's election observation programme and/or Ireland's election observer roster are discussed; Any memos, briefings, reports or audits prepared by, or requested by, the committee in relation to Ireland's election observation programme or Ireland's election observer roster.	Granted
FOI/Req/23/065	21/04/2023	Media	I wish to make the following request under the freedom of information act 2014 for the following to cover the period 1 Jan 2020 - November 2021: - Minutes of meetings about the decision to suspend sending election observers on EU or OSCE missions due to Covid-19 concerns; - Any memos sent to or requested by senior department management (Ass Sec Gen and above) or Ministerial level about the decision to suspend sending election observers on EU or OSCE missions due to Covid-19 concerns; - Any report, briefing or memo outlining the rationale behind the decision to suspend sending election observers on EU or OSCE missions due to Covid-19 concerns; - Correspondence with either the EU or OSCE that specifically discusses the Irish position/decision to suspend sending election observers on missions due to Covid-19 concerns - Internal departmental emails about the drafting of the departmental/Ministerial reply to this Parliamentary Question: https://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2020-11-10a.971&s=election+observer#g972.q	Part Granted
FOI/Req/23/066	24/04/2023	Media	According to the Commission, the EU and Member States exchange best practices on their selection processes for election observers during biannual focal points meetings. In this light, I would like to request the following records for the period 1 Jan 2019-present: • Any presentations, reports and/or briefing documents prepared by the Department for focal points meetings; • Any emails, reports and/or documents prepared by the Department's focal point providing an overview or debriefing after the biannual focal points meeting.	Refused

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FOI/Req/23/067	25/04/2023	Media	Under the Freedom of Information Act 2014, I am seeking the following information: A list of gifts/high value items kept by the Department. Please include a description of the items and their estimated value. This should include a list of items handed over to the Department by ministers, Oireachtas office holders, TDs and Senators - by name. The FOI is to cover the period February 2020- present.	Refused
FOI/Req/23/070	26/04/2023	Media	All records related to Gorta Group or Self Help Africa, held by Irish Aid between 10th March and 26th April. This would include but not be limited to correspondence with the charities, internal correspondence about the charities, any minutes of meeting and internal reports carried out, or briefings for the Minister.” I would like to exclude records related to the following, BT Young Scientist Global Education Congress in Dublin Castle Ireland Kenya Agri-Food Strategy Irish Forum for International Agricultural Development Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Organisation United Purpose “Plant the Planet” War on Want NI World Wise Global Schools.	Part Granted
FOI/Req/23/071	27/04/2023	Media	Under the Freedom of Information Act 2014, I am seeking the following information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The amount allocated to Ireland's foreign aid budget in 2022 • The amount that was diverted to domestic programmes in 2022 • A breakdown of what the foreign aid (or diverted to domestic aid) funding was used for in 2022, including a short description of where it went and the amount. 	Granted
FOI/Req/23/076	03/05/2023	Other	A breakdown of the financial cost to the Department of Foreign Affairs of the visit to Ireland by US President Joe Biden in April 2023.	Refused
FOI/Req/23/078	03/05/2023	Media	Under the FOI Act 2014, I am seeking copies of the invoices/receipts associated with the following transactions. I am also seeking the total amount spent by DFA in the categories Items of Artistic Values, Vehicles (Gross Value of New Vehicles) for 2022.	Granted
FOI/Req/23/079	03/05/2023	Other	I'd like to request some information under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 please. Can I have correspondence between the Perm Rep and DECC in relation to the emergency intervention to address high energy prices (that was proposed on 14 Sept and published on Oct 6). I'd like to limit my request in time from Sep 1st to Oct 6th 2022?	Refused

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FOI/Req/23/081	03/05/2023	Media	I request access to records, which are: Non-Personal 1. Copies of all correspondence (sent and received) between Minister for Foreign Affairs, the Secretary General, special advisor Deirdre Gilliane, or other department officials, and representatives from TikTok, between 1st January and 3rd May 2023. 2. Copies of all correspondence (sent and received) between Minister for Foreign Affairs, the Secretary General, special advisor Deirdre Gilliane, or other department officials, and representatives from Huawei between 1st January and 3rd May 2023. 3. Copies of any minutes of meetings between the DFA and either TikTok or Huawei, as well internal briefings notes prepared ahead of those meetings or calls, or any general briefings on either company, between 1st January and 3rd May 2023.	Part Granted
FOI/Req/23/082	04/05/2023	Media	Under the FOI Act, I wish to apply for the following records. 1. Any correspondence from the Irish Ambassador to Uganda (from March 1 2023 to date) in relation to an anti-LGBT bill.	Part Granted