

FOI DOF/2023-0478

Request

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 I wish to request the following information.

How many Northern Ireland Civil Service employees have Opted-Out of the Northern Ireland Civil Service Pension Scheme and under Rule 3.11 had their preserved Principal Civil Service Pension Scheme (Northern Ireland) (PCSPS[NI]) Classic benefits brought into payment from the scheme pension age (Age 60) - their 60th birthday, and then subsequently Opted back in to the Northern Ireland Civil Service Pension Scheme from the following month.

I request this information be provided for the years 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23 and from 1 April 2023 until 30 November 2023, broken down by each NICS employing department.

DoF Response

I can confirm the department holds the information requested. See table below containing the number of Northern Ireland Civil Service (NICS) employees that have opted out of the NICS Pension Scheme and under Rule 3.11, had their preserved Principal Civil Service Pension Scheme (Northern Ireland) (PCSPS[NI]) Classic benefits brought into payment from the scheme pension age (Age 60) - their 60th birthday, and then subsequently opted back into the NICS Pension Scheme the following month. This is broken down by year and Department, as requested.

	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	Total
DOF	2	2	3			7
DFC	1			1		2
TEO		1				1
DAERA		1				1
DOJ				1		1
DFI					1	1
Total	3	4	3	2	1	13