

FOI DOF/2024-0277

Request

I would like to request a copy of all papers relating to Minister's correspondence case COR-1277-2024. I should like to receive a copy of the advice provided to the Minister in the submission and any supporting papers relating to the response.

DoF Response

I can confirm the department holds the information requested.

This information is attached at Annex B and Annex C.

As advised in your cover letter, some of the requested information includes your own personal data, it is therefore exempt from disclosure to the world at large under section 40(1) of FOIA and has therefore been redacted in Annex B.

Some of the information you have requested is also being withheld because it is exempt under section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act. Section 40(2) exempts personal information from disclosure if that information relates to someone other than the applicant, and if disclosure of that information would, amongst other things, contravene one of the data protection principles of the Data Protection Act. Having considered all the information contained within the Legitimate Interest Test – lawful, fairness and transparency test (attached as a separate document – Annex D), the department has established that, on balance, there is no lawful basis for the disclosure of third-party personal data falling within the scope of the request of which the requester is not the data subject.

Paragraph 5 in addition to sections of paragraphs 6 & 7 in Annex B are being withheld because the information is exempt under section 42 of the Freedom of Information Act. Section 42 is subject to a public interest test, which can be found attached at Annex E.