

REASONS FOR APPLYING SECTION 22 EXEMPTION

Ref No	DoF/2022-0233				
Information		Exemption Applied	Reasons for Disclosure		Reasons for Non-Disclosure
<p>IRC275969 SO competition</p> <p>Under FOI can you please confirm the following information in regards to the competition: IRC275969:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many applied for the competition 2. How many passed the test 3. How many went through to the sift 4. How many passed the sift 5. How many went forward for an interview 		<p>Section 22</p> <p>Intended for future publication</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To show compliance with the FOI Act by disclosing information held by the Department as a Public Authority; • There is a general public interest in the accountability, openness and transparency of government, and to promote public understanding. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are plans to publish the data for this competition on the Open Data portal upon completion of each stage of the selection process. • As the information requested is of interest to the wider public, it is important that it can be accessed by all interested parties at the same time. It should be equally available to all, not given to some people before others. • Publishing the information at this stage would require staff to spend time on accelerating publication rather than other activities in the public interest.
<p>In balancing where the public interest lies, the Department contends that public interest considerations against disclosure are predominant, and the public interest is better served by non-disclosure of the data for these assessment stages at this time</p> <p>Signed: Karen Wallace Date: 28/6/22</p>					