## **PUBLIC INTEREST TEST**

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Information	Exemption Applied	Reasons for Disclosure	Reasons for Non-Disclosure
<ul><li>IRC277837 DP competition (2022)</li><li>2) How many candidates were invited to a Deputy Principal interview in the first tranche.</li></ul>	Section 22 Intended for future publication	<ul> <li>To show compliance with the FOI Act by disclosing information held by the department as a Public Authority;</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>There are plans to publish the data for this competition on the Open Data portal upon completion of each stage of the selection process.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>3) How many candidates were successful at Deputy Principal interview in the first tranche.</li> <li>5) How many candidates were invited for Deputy Principal interview in the most recent tranche.</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>There is a general public interest in the accountability, openness and transparency of government and to promote public understanding.</li> <li>There is interest in the allocation and appointment of staff from recruitment competitions.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>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 and not provided to some before others.</li> <li>Publishing the information at this stage would require staff to spend time on accelerating publication rather than on other activities in the public interest.</li> </ul>

**PUBLIC INTEREST DECISION:** 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.

Signed: John Cuthbert (DECISION MAKER) Date: 11/09/2023