

**REASONS FOR APPLYING SECTION 22 EXEMPTION**

Ref No	DoF/2024-0084				
Information		Exemption Applied	Reasons for Disclosure		Reasons for Non-Disclosure
<p>NIPS Recruitment</p> <p>How many applications for these posts were submitted.</p>		<p>Section 22</p> <p>Intended for future publication</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To show compliance with the FOI Act by disclosing information held by the Department as a Public Authority;</li> <li>• There is a general public interest in the accountability, openness and transparency of government, and to promote public understanding</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are plans to publish this data as part of the 'Recruitment to the NICS Annual Report 2023'</li> <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, not given to some people before others</li> <li>• Publishing the information at this stage would require staff to spend time on accelerating publication rather than other activities in the public interest.</li> </ul>
<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><b>Signed: T. Hewitt (DECISION MAKER)     Date 05/03/2024</b></p>					