

FOI DOF/2024-0320

Request

1. How many current AO vacancies are there in Ballykelly in relation to IRC298527 for the department of communities.
2. Same question above for Ballymena.
3. Same question above for Lisahally

DoF Response

I can confirm the department holds some of the information requested.

Details of the total vacancies in each department is not held centrally by Department of Finance. Each Civil Service department is responsible for managing its resources – both financial and staff. Each department determines its individual workforce needs and is responsible for ensuring that any additional staffing resources are affordable. When a department identifies a vacancy that needs filled, the request is referred to NICSHR to initiate the process to fill the post. NICSHR liaises with all departments on an ongoing basis to seek to prioritise recruitment activity within allocated financial and staff resources.

As at the end of June 2024, (the most recent figures available at time of the request), the NICSHR caseload for AO vacancies in the locations requested in the Department for Communities which may be filled from Competition IRC298527 was 230. The breakdown of the vacancies by location is shown in the table below.

AO Competition - IRC298527	
Ballykelly	73
Ballymena	62
Lisahally	95
Total	230