

Full List of FOI Requests Received by the Department for Communities in 2026

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2nd January	DFC/2026-0001	Media	Under FOI, for each year from 2015-2025 inclusive, please disclose the following: • The number of reports received from members of the public of alleged benefit fraud in Northern Ireland. • Any available breakdown of how these reports were made, including details of the number of reports made via: ○ The Northern Ireland Benefit Fraud Hotline. ○ This online reporting tool: https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/services/report-benefit-fraud-online • The number of people convicted of benefit fraud.
5th January	DFC/2026-0002	Business	Under FOI, please provide the following for 1st January to 31st December 2025: • All personal injury claims divided into labelled excel tabs: ○ Registered Claims by liability type ○ Settled Claims by liability type ○ Claims by liability type and compensator ○ Claims by liability type and customer age categories ○ Claims by liability type and postcode area

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			• Number of claims that are unrepresented i.e., no legal representative by liability type and by compensator. • Minors (under the age of 18), ○ How many cases were registered and by liability type and compensator ○ How many cases were settled and by liability type and compensator ○ Cases that have been registered involving minors, how many were legally unrepresented or had no legal representative recorded and identify the compensator in these unrepresented cases and liability type. ○ Cases that have been settled involving minors, how many were legally unrepresented or had no legal representative recorded and identify the compensator in these unrepresented cases and liability type
5th January	DFC/2026-0003	Media	Under FOI, please provide a breakdown of conferences, visits and trips to locations outside the UK and Ireland involving the minister during the last 12 months including: • Date • Location (city and country) • Number of travellers (state in each case the number of senior civil servants and whether it included the minister)

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			• Reason for conference/visit/trip • The name and star rating of the hotel which was used by travellers • a full breakdown of costs for the conference/visit/trip, to include the costs o travel, hotel/accommodation and subsistence
6th January	DFC/2026-0004	Member of the Public	Under FOI, please provide the following from 1st July to present: • Copies of all internal Departmental correspondence and all correspondence between the Department for Communities and the Committee for Communities, the DSO, the All Party Working Group “Reducing Harm Relating To Gambling”, and any other Departments, Ministers, MLAs, MPs in relation to the Consultation on Article 180A of the Betting, Gaming, Lotteries and Amusements (Northern Ireland) Order 1985: Initial Gambling Code of Practice. • Copies of all correspondence between the Department for Communities and any representatives of any outside bodies, including but not restricted to NISRA, Ulster Gambling Marketing Research Observatory, Gambling with Lives, GamCare, NIACTA, NITGA, and any bookmakers, arcade operators or bingo hall operators with reference to the Consultation on Article 180A of the Betting, Gaming, Lotteries and Amusements (Northern Ireland) Order 1985: Initial Gambling Code of Practice.

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6th January	DFC/2026-0005	Member of the Public	Under FOI, please provide copies of the IFA, IFA Foundation, and various league submissions for the Grassroots Facilities Programme as well as any records, that were made, of any meetings the Minister had with individual clubs.
7th January	DFC/2026-0006	Business	Under FOI, please provide the following in relation to 70–72 Knocknagoney Avenue, Belfast, from 1st February 2024: • Copies of all internal communications referring to: ○ Recce NI ○ 70–72 Knocknagoney Avenue and/or the Knocknagoney block ○ redevelopment of the Knocknagoney block ○ the Northern Ireland Public Services Ombudsman ○ possession proceedings or a writ of possession relating to the premises • Copies of all correspondence between DfC officials and NIHE staff which: ○ - refers to or discusses the NIPSO investigation, including its reopening in or around March 2025; ○ - refers to possession proceedings or enforcement action affecting the premises; and/or ○ - relates to redevelopment intentions, approvals, timing, or conditions affecting the Knocknagoney block.

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			- Any internal records, guidance, or documents which describe: - the role played by the Department in considering, reviewing, or responding to complaints; - how that role was classified internally (for example, oversight, assurance, review, investigation, or governance engagement); and - any limits placed on the Department's remit or actions in respect of NIHE's handling of the matter.
8th January	DFC/2026-0007	Media	Under FOI, please provide the following from 1st September 2025 to date: - All communications between the Department of Communities and the GAA, Ulster GAA and the President of the GAA Jarlath Burns regarding Casement Park. - All communications between Minister Gordon Lyons and the GAA, Ulster GAA and the President of the GAA Jarlath Burns regarding Casement Park. - Minutes from all meetings between the Minister Gordon Lyons and the President of the GAA Jarlath Burns and members from Ulster GAA. - All communications between Minister Gordon Lyons and the Secretary of State Hilary Benn regarding Casement Park.
8th January	DFC/2026-0008	Media	Under FOI, please provide details of all visits/meetings/events attended by minister Gordon Lyons involving the following groups/organisations since taking up post:

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			• The loyal orders (broken down by organisation) Orange Order Royal Black Preceptory Apprentice Boys of Derry • British armed forces (broken down by organisation) The Army The Royal Navy The Royal Air Force • Ulster Scots organisations Ulster Scots Agency • Irish language organisations Foras na Gaeilge Conradh na Gaeilge • Loyalist Communities Council Please provide a summary of the media/communications issued by the department associated with each visit including pictures, press releases, social media posts etc
13th January	DFC/2026-0009	Member of the Public	Under FOI, please provide the following information about the compensation recovery scheme statistics for 2025:

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			• The name of all law firms representing the injured person and the number of claims that each registered with your department. • The number of litigant in person (no solicitor) claims. • The name of the law firms representing the injured persons with the ten most claims registered with your department and the number of registered claims segmented by the following case types: ○ Motor ○ Public Liability / Occupier's Liability ○ Employer Liability ○ Clinical Negligence ○ Other
13th January	DFC/2026-0010	Member of the Public	Under EIR, please provide a copy of the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIA) and the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in relation to Dorsey Lands.
14th January	DFC/2026-0011	Media	Under FOI, please provide a copy of the minutes of any meetings the Communities minister has had with Hospitality Ulster, where he discussed the University of Stirling's recommendations following the Report of the Independent Review of the Liquor Licensing system in Northern Ireland, including dates and locations of the meetings; and attendees positions within his Department.

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15th January	DFC/2026-0012	Member of the Public	Under EIR, please provide any and all documentation, including emails, notes and any other applicable information held by CPLG - NWDO West Team - Urban Regeneration (Omagh), from 1 July 2025 - 15 January 2026 with specific reference to: • Grosvenor Barracks • Rossorry Church Road • CPD • NI Water • Pumping Station
15th January	DFC/2026-0013	Member of the Public	Under EIR, please provide any and all documentation, including emails, notes and any other applicable information held by CPLG - NWDO West Team - Urban Regeneration (Omagh), from 1 January 2025 - 30 June 2025, with specific reference to the following: • Grosvenor Barracks • Rossorry Church Road • CPD • NI Water • Pumping Station
7th January	DFC/2026-0014	Member of the Public	Under FOI, please provide the following: Complaints Procedures and Policies

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			All recorded information held relating to how complaints about Universal Credit are handled, including but not limited to: ○ Complaints handling policies and procedures ○ Internal guidance, manuals, or instructions for staff ○ Escalation procedures (including referrals to senior management, legal services, or external bodies) ○ Guidance on identifying complaints that may give rise to legal action Complaints Formats and Submission Methods Regarding complaints formats and submission methods, please specify: ○ What formats are recognised as complaints (e.g. written letters, emails, online forms, telephone calls, informal verbal complaints) ○ Whether complaints are logged differently depending on format ○ Whether “informal” complaints are recorded and, if so, how Complaints Recording, Storage, and Management Regarding complaints recording, storage, and management, please explain: ○ What systems or databases are used to log complaints (e.g. CMS, spreadsheets, case management systems);

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			○ What data fields are recorded (e.g. date, nature of complaint, outcome); ○ Whether complaints are categorised or coded; ○ How complaints are tracked, monitored, and closed; ○ Whether complaint records are retained, and for how long; ○ The Department's retention and disposal schedules applicable to complaint records; ○ Whether complaint data is shared internally (e.g. with policy teams or legal services). Statistical or Management Information Regarding statistical or management information please provide the following for the last two years: ○ Number of complaints received; ○ Broad complaint categories; ○ Outcomes or resolution types; ○ Complaints escalated internally or externally.

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			Legal Escalation and Interface with Legal Services Regarding legal escalation and interface with legal services, please provide ○ The procedures followed when a complaint raises potential legal risk; ○ When and how DfC Legal Services or the Departmental Solicitor's Office are engaged; ○ Whether complaints that lead to pre-action correspondence, judicial review, or other proceedings are flagged or logged differently.
8th January	DFC/2026-0015	Member of the Public	Under FOI, please provide information relating to the administrative procedures, bilateral arrangements, medical assessment protocols, decision-making guidance, and communication processes that apply where individuals resident in Northern Ireland are in receipt of contributory Irish social insurance benefits, including but not limited to: • Invalidity Pension (Ireland) • Illness Benefit (Ireland) • Any other long-term Irish contributory sickness-related payments that are or may be paid to a Northern Ireland resident. • Operational policies, standard operating procedures, guidance manuals, memoranda, circulars, internal correspondence, and training documents that describe how medical assessments and eligibility reviews are conducted for Irish contributory benefits for claimants living in Northern Ireland

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			• Details of any bilateral agreements, memoranda of understanding, service-level agreements, or contractual arrangements with external medical assessment providers, UK-based assessors, or Irish health agencies, relating to the conduct, reporting, or use of medical assessments for claimants resident in Northern Ireland • Internal guidance and protocols that specify whether medical assessments for Irish benefits undertaken outside the Republic of Ireland (e.g., in Northern Ireland) are carried out ○ using Irish assessment criteria and forms, ○ using UK/Northern Ireland criteria, ○ or using a hybrid or jointly-agreed process; ○ and how such assessments, reports, or evidence are evaluated by the Irish Department of Social Protection. • Documentation of any decision-making rubrics, guidance notes, or standard questions used by administrators in receiving, processing, or evaluating medical evidence from Northern Ireland for Irish benefit purposes. • Instructions or criteria used to determine the mode of assessment (in-person in Northern Ireland, remote by telephone/video, or documentary evidence only) for Irish contributory benefits claimants resident in Northern Ireland.

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			- Information-sharing protocols, data-exchange processes, or agreed procedures for transmission of medical evidence, disability information, or assessment outcomes between DWP (or cooperating UK authorities) and the Department of Social Protection in Ireland. - A list of official decisions, anonymised case summaries, or aggregated procedural data relating to cross-border assessments for such Irish contributory benefits over the last 5 years, if held.
19th January	DFC/2026-0016	Member of the Public	Under EIR, please provide a copy of the initial request together with any associated papers, maps, photographs that was submitted to your Department requesting that the following telephone kiosks should be listed: - Adjacent to 37 Moyrourkan Road, Markethill, BT60 1TU - Adjacent to 63 Clare Road, Tandragee, BT62 2EZ - Near 27 Main Street, Tynan, BT60 4Q
19th January	DFC/2026-0017	Member of the Public	Under FOI, please provide the following in relation to delivering Craft Kit community consultation and planning processes in Shankill and Downpatrick areas: - Which consultancy firm was used in the process? - How much were they paid in each area for this consultancy?

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			• Did any other government department or statutory agency contribute any financial resources? • Are there any plans to deliver the same project in the Larne area?
21st January	DFC/2026-0018	Business	Under FOI, please provide the following for the period 1 Jan 2025 – 31 Dec 2025: • Number of personal injury claims that are unrepresented i.e., no legal representative by liability type and by compensator. • Personal injury cases involving Minors (under the age of 18), ○ How many cases were registered and by liability type and compensator ○ How many cases were settled and by liability type and compensator ○ Cases that have been registered involving minors, how many were legally unrepresented or had no legal representative recorded and identify the compensator in these unrepresented cases and liability type. ○ Cases that have been settled involving minors, how many were legally unrepresented or had no legal representative recorded and identify the compensator in these unrepresented cases and liability type.
21st January	DFC/2026-0019	Business	Under FOI, please provide the following for the period 1 Jan 2025 – 31 Dec 2025: • All personal injury claims divided into labelled excel tabs: ○ Registered Claims by liability type and legal representative ○ Settled Claims by liability type and legal representative

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			○ Claims by liability type and compensator ○ Claims by liability type and customer age categories ○ Claims by liability type and postcode area (outside Greater Belfast postcodes banded by county)
23rd January	DFC/2026-0020	Media	Under FOI please provide, please confirm whether the Department for Communities holds information on individuals who are in receipt of the following benefits and who are resident outside the United Kingdom (i.e. living abroad): • Personal Independence Payment (PIP) • Disability Living Allowance (DLA) • Attendance Allowance • Carer's Allowance For each of the above benefits, please provide: 1. The total number of claimants recorded as resident outside the UK; and 2. The latest date or period for which this information is held. Where held I am additionally requesting: • A breakdown per year over the last five years of how much allowance has been collectively issued to each of the above allowances for those living abroad • A breakdown by country or region of residence.

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			Confirmation of how “resident outside the UK” is defined or recorded within the Department’s data (for example, based on correspondence address, payment address, or residency status). If the Department holds only partial information (for example, data for some benefits but not others, or for some years but not others), please provide all information that is held.
24th January	DFC/2026-0021	Member of the Public	Under FOI please provide, please provide the following for the period 21 February 2025 to 18 November 2025: 1) Ministerial advice and decision-making material a) Briefing papers, submissions, memoranda, or policy options provided to the Minister that reference, evaluate, summarise, or critique the University of Stirling report or its recommendations. b) Any comparative assessments, risk assessments, or internal analyses outlining the implications of adopting, partially adopting, or rejecting the report’s recommendations. c) Any documents setting out reasons, rationales, or justifications for diverging from the recommendations of the report. 2) Internal departmental communications a) Internal correspondence (including emails, messages, and attachments) between officials or special advisers where the Stirling report or its recommendations were discussed.

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			b) Records of internal meetings, including agendas, minutes, notes, or action points, where the report or its implications were considered. 3) External stakeholder engagement (without requesting commercially sensitive detail) a) Records of meetings, correspondence, or communications between the Department and external stakeholders, representative organisations, trade bodies, lobbyists, or industry groups where licensing reform or the Stirling report was discussed. b) For each such engagement, a record of: • date, • attendees or organisations represented, • subject matter discussed. c) Any documents submitted by external stakeholders that were circulated internally or referenced in ministerial advice, insofar as they relate to licensing reform or the Stirling report. 4) Influence and weighting of stakeholder input Please provide any recorded information that: a) assesses the relative weight, credibility, or influence of stakeholder representations in relation to licensing reform; or b) evaluates potential political, reputational, economic, or stakeholder risks associated with adopting or rejecting the recommendations of the Stirling report.

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			5) Audit trail of decision-making a) any document or record that tracks the progression of policy options from initial consideration of the Stirling report to the final ministerial position; and b) any version histories or changes to policy recommendations that reference external stakeholder input. 6) Stakeholder impact and protection considerations (additional request) Additionally, please provide any records identifying stakeholders, sectors, or groups considered likely to be adversely affected by the implementation of the University of Stirling report recommendations, and any mitigation strategies, concessions, or policy adjustments discussed or proposed in response.
23rd January	DFC/2026-0022	Member of the Public	Under FOI please provide, please provide the following for each of the last five calendar years (2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025): 1.The annual number of visitors to Department for Communities sites broken down by age group and nationality. 2. The total revenue and income generated by Department for Communities based on these two categories.
27th January	DFC/2026-0023	Media	Under FOI, please provide details of meetings and/or communications between the minister and/or officials with Cricket Ireland regarding the potential hosting of matches at the 2030 T20 World Cup since February 2025.
28th January	DFC/2026-0024	Member of the Public	Under FOI, please provide the following recorded information:

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			1. The number of requests for written statements of reasons received by The Appeals Service NI for each of the past three calendar years. 2. The time taken to issue written statements of reasons for each request in the same period (e.g., date requested and date issued), if held. 3. Any internal policies, guidance, instructions, or service standards relating to: • the preparation of written statements of reasons • expected or target timescales for issuing them • responsibilities of legal panel members in producing written reasons 4. Any internal correspondence, memos, emails, or documents discussing delays, backlogs, or capacity issues relating to the production of written statements of reasons, for the period covering the last three years. 5. Any information held that explains why written reasons may take several weeks or longer to be issued.
27th January	DFC/2026-0025	Media	Under FOI, please provide a copy of all correspondence sent to and received from Commonwealth Games Northern Ireland or its representatives in relation to the flag issue for the period from November 2020 to present.
29th January	DFC/2026-0026	Solicitors	Under FOI, can you please send me the list of claims registered by Solicitors in NI in 2025.
23rd January	DFC/2026-0027	Member of the Public	Under FOI, relating to equality and Section 75 responsibilities in decision-making and advice within the Department for Communities please provide the following:

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			1. Ministerial training and assurance Please confirm whether the Department holds any records (including but not limited to training logs, briefings, inductions, certifications, or assurance statements) evidencing that the Minister for Communities has received training, guidance, or formal instruction in Section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998; • equality screening and EQIA requirements • equality duties in public appointments and ministerial decision-making. If no such records are held, please confirm this explicitly. 2. Senior civil servants – competence to advise For senior civil servants at Grade 6 and above who advise Ministers or make decisions engaging equality or Section 75 duties, please provide: • details of any training undertaken specifically relating to Section 75 screening, EQIA, or equality compliance in decision-making (beyond generic “Equality and Diversity Essentials” awareness training); • The dates of such training and the provider If no records are held, please confirm this explicitly.

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			3. Audit and assurance arrangements Please provide copies of, or details of: - any departmental policy, assurance process, or governance mechanism used to ensure that Ministers and senior officials exercising or advising on equality-related functions are competent to do so; - any internal assessment, audit, or review (within the last five years) of equality or Section 75 competence at senior or ministerial level. 4. Training availability vs uptake Given the availability of specialist equality and Section 75 training through centrally provided learning platforms (e.g. NICSHR/NICaI), please confirm whether the Department has: - ever mandated such training for senior officials or Ministers; or - formally assessed whether completion of only generic equality awareness training is sufficient for compliance with statutory Section 75 duties.

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29th January	DFC/2026-0028	Solicitor	Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I request the following formation: • The number of personal injury cases settled by each law firm in Northern Ireland in 2025. • The number of Road Traffic Accident (RTA) cases settled by each law firm in Northern Ireland in 2025.
29th January	DFC/2026-0029	Campaigning Group	We would like to request some information from the Department for Communities about the training and guidance provided to decision makers and work coaches in relation to the Administrative Earnings Threshold for managed migrants. 1. Please provide a copy of all internal (and externally available) guidance provided to Decision Makers and Work Coaches relating to the Administrative Earnings Threshold. Please provide the date of publication for each document. 2. Please provide a copy of all written training materials used to explain the Administrative Earnings Threshold and interaction with managed migration to Work Coaches. Please provide the date of publication for each document. 3. Please provide information on the specific communications work coaches and decision makers are required to communicate to claimants who are impacted by the Administrative Earnings Threshold when they move to Universal Credit through the managed migration process.

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			4. Please provide a copy of all written communications that the Department have issued specifically to individual clients, or more generally, about the implications of the Administrative Earnings Threshold for migrating claimants. 5. Does the Department currently warn claimants that migrate to Universal Credit with earning in excess of the AET that they will lose their transitional protection if their earnings drop below the AET for 3 consecutive assessment periods. Please provide evidence 6. What specific actions are work coaches trained to take to specifically assist claimants whose income drops below the AET? 7. What systems exist to flag with DfC/work coaches that a managed migrant exceeded the AET in their first assessment period? If such systems exist, what guidance is in place about how Work Coaches should communicate this to claimants? 8. What systems exist to flag with DfC/work coaches that a managed migrant's earnings have dropped below the AET in subsequent assessment periods? If such systems exist, what guidance is in place about how Work Coaches should communicate this to claimants? if necessary to support the response.
30th January	DFC/2026-0030	Media	Please may you provide me with: - minutes of the meeting between the Communities Minister and the Finance Minister on the 29th January 2026.
30th January	DFC/2026-0031	Member of the Public	In relation to CMS please provide. Internal emails or communications about my case

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			• Internal communications regarding my complaints • Records of any promises made to NIPSO on 13 January 2026 regarding my case • Any complaints procedure guidance or instructions followed in handling my case • Records of information received from the receiving parent • Records of communications with the receiving parent regarding my case • Records of any disputes or queries raised by either party • Copies of any internal policies, procedures, or guidance documents that were applied to my case • Records of any deviations from standard procedures in handling my case • Training materials or guidance provided to staff handling my case • Any quality assurance reviews conducted on my case • Any audit records relating to my case • Any supervisory oversight records • Records of any concerns raised internally about my case handling
2nd February	DFC/2026-0032	Business	Could you please provide the following information under the Freedom of Information Act:

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			The number of personal injury claims registered between 1st January 2025 - 31st December 2025, broken down by liability type (e.g. motor, clinical negligence, employer)
4th February	DFC/2026-0033	Member of the Public	I was interested in starting a research project on FOI in Northern Ireland and wanted to access a full list of the FOI requests sent to the Department since the Act came into force (or as far back as records go). I know you have a disclosure log, but It would be really helpful to have a spreadsheet with dates of the FOI, request detail and outcome, if possible-but failing that the last few years would help.
5th February	DFC/2026-0034	Member of the Public	I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 relating to the administration and processing of Disability Living Allowance (DLA) in Northern Ireland. Please provide the following information covering the period 1 January 2025 to the most recent available date in 2026 1. Claims volumes and outcomes Total number of new DLA claims received Number of claims awarded

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			Number of claims refused/rejected Number of claims withdrawn or closed without a decision (if recorded) 2. Mandatory Reconsiderations (MRs) Number of Mandatory Reconsiderations requested Number resulting in a revised award/change in favour of the claimant Number resulting in no change (decision upheld) Average time taken to process a Mandatory Reconsideration 3. Appeals Number of appeals lodged with the Appeals Service/Tribunal Number upheld in favour of the claimant Number where the original decision was upheld Number withdrawn or lapsed Average time taken to resolve appeals (if available)

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			4. Staffing levels Please provide the current Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) staffing numbers dedicated to DLA processing in Northern Ireland, broken down by role where possible: Benefit processors/administrative staff Decision Makers Case managers/team leaders (if applicable) Any other operational processing staff directly supporting DLA claims. Please include a copy of the most recent Organisation chart for the DLA team. 5. Processing performance Average clearance/processing time for new claims Average clearance time for renewals/supersessions (if applicable) Average clearance time of Change of Circumstances forms Average time of Mandatory reconsiderations. Any internal targets or service standards currently in place

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			6. Work study / efficiency reviews Date of the most recent time-and-motion study, work measurement exercise, or operational efficiency review relating to DLA processing Any summary findings or reports from that review (or confirmation if none exist)
4th February	DFC/2026-0035	Member of the Public	In relation to PIP How many cases in the last 3 years have required 2 assessments and taken nearly 12 months to reach a decision?
6th February	DFC/2026-0036	Campaigning Group	Under FOI, please provide the following with regards to Universal Credit Mandatory Reconsideration requests: • Which staff roles have access to the claimant journal and would be able to respond to a Mandatory reconsideration request • Outline the process in place for dealing with MR Requests • Provide a copy of all internal (and externally available) guidance provided to UC staff with relates to Mandatory Reconsideration, including the process of handling requests for same. Please provide the date of publication for each document • Provide a copy of all written training materials used to explain the Mandatory Reconsideration, including the process of handling requests for same. Please provide the date of publication for each document and clarify which job roles receive each piece of specific training

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			• Provide a copy of any Spotlight communications previously issued to staff relating to Mandatory reconsideration and clarify which staff roles would have received this communication • Advise of any Quality Control measures and monitoring that are currently in place for Journal communications
9th February	DFC/2026-0037	Member of the Public	Under FOI, please provide the following in relation the Northern Ireland Football Fund: • Since the announcement of the award to some 20 clubs in September 2025, what progress has been made on the due diligence aspect noted to happen within coming weeks? Has this now been completed? • I also note comments regarding issues with due diligence were typically raised as reported in the media? Have the Clubs been advised of issues and if so, when? • What is the current status on funding release? and how many clubs have received funding so far? If so, which clubs? • I note that a further £400,000 has now been found from a resource budget to support these clubs with those clubs in tier 2 having been granted £30,000 to develop a new Business Case from scratch. Is that the only use for this initial release of funds? • Is TNIFF permitted to be used by clubs to pay outstanding invoices for professional fees incurred by the club thus far? If so, is there a limit permitted?

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			Will the funding be released to clubs in stages depending on the progress of their intended project?
9th February	DFC/2026-0038	Media	Under FOI, please provide the following: - minutes of any meetings between the Minister and the Commissioner for the Ulster Scots and the Ulster British tradition since 1 January 2026. - minutes of any meetings between the Minister and the Irish Language Commissioner since 1 January 2026. - minutes of any meetings between the Minister and the Director of the Office of Identity and Cultural Expression since 1 January 2026.
9th February	DFC/2025-0039	Member of the Public	Under FOI, please provide the following: - Information on any filming activity your organisation has facilitated, hosted, supported, approved, or otherwise been directly involved in on your premises or in your area. This includes activity where a fee was charged as well as activity where no fee was charged, but where the organisation was aware of and involved in enabling the filming to take place. - I am not asking for estimates of all filming that may have occurred in your area. I am only requesting information relating to productions for which your organisation itself has records due to its direct involvement.

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			- For each of the last six years, please provide the following, broken down by year: - The number of film or television productions your organisation facilitated or was involved in. - The total number of filming days associated with those productions - If possible, please count filming days in the same way film offices commonly do (for example, treating one production on one day as one filming day).
12th February	DFC/2026-0040	Media	Under FOI, please provide all correspondence to and from the Department in relation to the Independent Review of the Liquor Licensing System in Northern Ireland, between February and November 2025.
12th February	DFC/2026-0041	Member of the Public	As the Department has recently advertised for a Change Manager at the Arts Council, please provide, under FOI, any documents that outline the change that is planned.
13th February	DFC/2026-0042	Media	Under FOI, please provide all communications between officials, up to and including the Minister, as well as any Special Advisers to the Minister, with Turning Point USA from 1 January 2025 to the latest date possible in 2026? That would be communications from anyone at the department to anyone with Turning Point USA including: - Erika Kirk - Charlie Kirk - David Engelhardt

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			• Doug DeGroot • Mike Miller • Tom Sodeika • Any individual who has explicitly stated to the Department that they represent Turning Point USA
12th February	DFC/2026-0043	Member of the Public	Under FOI, please provide the following recorded information held by your department regarding assurance processes for software-based data erasure of end-of-life IT equipment. This request relates solely to software based data destruction. Please exclude physical destruction methods such as shredding, crushing, degaussing or disintegration • Confirm whether departmental policy, contractual terms or internal procedures require an explicit outcome-based warranty or guarantee confirming that personal data has been rendered irretrievable through software-based erasure, whether carried out internally or by an external provider • Where software-based data destruction is performed internally, what recorded evidential assurance does the department rely upon to conclude that the final data state is irretrievable? • Where software-based data destruction is performed by a third-party provider, does the department hold recorded information demonstrating that any warranty or

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			assurance provided explicitly extends to the software erasure method used and its claimed effectiveness? If so, please confirm the recorded nature of that verification. Where no explicit outcome-based warranty is required or provided, what recorded form of evidential assurance does the department rely upon to conclude that software-based erasure has rendered personal data irretrievable?
16th February	DFC/2026-0044	Business	Under FOI, please provide the following information between 1st January 2025 to 31st December 2025: All personal injury claims divided into labelled excel tabs: - Registered Claims by liability type - Settled Claims by liability type
16th February	DFC/2026-0045	Member of the Public	Under FOI, I am requesting recorded information relating to a recent public statement made by Gordon Lyons, Minister for Department for Communities. The Minister stated publicly that there is a street in Northern Ireland where 26 out of 27 vehicles were purchased through the Motability scheme, funded via Personal Independence Payment (PIP). Please provide the following: Evidential Basis of the Claim Any data, analysis, internal briefings, submissions, reports, correspondence, or statistical summaries held by the Department that substantiate or reference this specific claim.

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			• The source of the information used to make the claim, including: ○ Whether the data originated from departmental records, another public authority, Motability, or a third party; ○ The date the data was compiled or observed; ○ The methodology used to determine that 26 of 27 vehicles were funded through the Motability scheme • The level of geographic identification used in the underlying data (for example, county, local government district, or other classification). I am not requesting any postcode, street name, address, or information capable of identifying individual households or claimants. A broad geographic descriptor (e.g. county or district) would be sufficient • If the Department considers the example to have been anecdotal or illustrative rather than based on recorded data, please confirm explicitly whether: ○ The Department holds any recorded information substantiating the claim; and ○ The example was derived from official data, informal observation, or third-party reporting. Structural and Policy Context (if geographic data exists)

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			If the Department holds data identifying a specific geographic area corresponding to the Minister's example, please provide any recorded information held relating to that area concerning: • Levels of deprivation, including whether the area appears in any deprivation indices or anti-poverty assessments held by the Department • Disability prevalence in that area relative to Northern Ireland averages, if such comparative data is held. • Inclusion of that area within any: ○ Anti-poverty strategies ○ Housing policy initiatives ○ Community regeneration programmes ○ Social support infrastructure planning ○ Employment or economic inactivity interventions • Any internal analysis, briefing material, or cross-departmental correspondence (including with health or infrastructure authorities) that considers structural factors associated with disability concentration in that area.
17th February	DFC/2026-0046	Member of the Public	Under FOI, please provide the following:

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			• In each of past 5 years how many claims of fraud were reported to the DfC (please specify whether these reports came from within the DfC or from outside the DfC, such as a report from a member of the public)? • Of the reports from outside the DfC, for example from members of the public, how many reports were made anonymously? • Of all the reports made, regardless of who raised the report, how many were investigated by the DfC (such as an interview or home visit etc)? • Of all the reports made, regardless of who raised the report, how many were determined (with or without investigation) to be untrue or how many did the DfC determine no further action was required? • Of the reports that were investigated, how many of the reports where not pursued by the DfC as they were deemed, following an investigation, to be false allegations, malicious reports or not proved as they were manifestly untrue? • Of the reports not pursued from Q5, how many did the DfC report to the police to investigate for criminal behaviour such as deception, harassment or attempting to pervert the course of justice? • In each of the past 5 years how much does the DfC claim was lost to fraud? • In each of the past 5 years how much does the DfC claim was lost to error?

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16th February	DFC/2026-0047	Member of the Public	Under FOI, please provide: • A copy of the Data Protection Impact Assessment (or Privacy Impact Assessment) undertaken or renewed for the in-house developed Digital Preservation system and the eCatalogue system. • Any related accreditation and/or Open Archival Information System (OAIS) documentation such as IT Health Checks, RMADs etc.
16th February	DFC/2026-0048	Member of the Public	Under FOI, please provide the following: • A copy of the current organisational chart/structure for Department for Communities, from the permanent secretary right down to the grade 7s. • With names and job titles (not just grades, please provide what section/business area they are actually over) of each person as they are senior staff. • Please show each business area / department and its reporting lines.
19th February	DFC/2026-0049	Campaigning Group	Under FOI, please provide: • Any correspondence or evidence of the consideration given to the use of the English only logo for the 2026 Líofo advertising campaign. • Any correspondence or evidence of the consideration given to the multilingual logo, which include Irish, for the 2026 Líofo 2026 advertising campaign, in line with guidance on Page 4 of the DfC Corporate Identity for the Department for

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			Communities, as follows: "Version 3 and 4 are available to use where the subject matter relates to matters of Irish or Ulster-Scots language, identity or culture and it would be more appropriate to use the trilingual logo." The number of times and a record of all occasions where the multilingual logo has been used by DfC since the Corporate Identity Guidelines were published, from 1 September 2025 until 19 February 2026.
20th February	DFC/2026-0050	Member of the Public	Under FOI, please provide: Ministerial briefings and submissions - All briefing papers, submissions, and memoranda provided to the Minister between 1 August 2025 and 18 November 2025 which reference, evaluate, summarise, or critique the University of Stirling report or its recommendations. This includes any documents setting out options, risks, or recommended approaches in relation to the report. External stakeholder engagement – meeting records only - A list of meetings between the Department and external stakeholders between 1 August 2025 and 18 November 2025 where licensing reform or the University of Stirling report was discussed. For each meeting, please provide

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			○ Date ○ Organisations represented ○ Attendees ○ Subject matter discussed
19th February	DFC/2026-0051	Member of the Public	Regarding Universal Credit procedures, please provide the following under FOI: • The specific policy, regulation, or internal guidance issued by the Department for Communities (DfC) that requires bank statements to be submitted only in person. • The grounds on which online upload via the Universal Credit system is considered inappropriate for this type of evidence. • Confirmation if this is a regional DfC policy applicable across Northern Ireland or a decision made at local office level. • Clear written instructions on the correct and officially approved method of providing the requested capital evidence.
4th February	DFC/2026-0052	Member of the Public	Under FOI, please provide the following in relation to Universal Credit complaints procedures: • The procedure or guidance governing how complaint escalation requests are to be handled • Any policies, guidance or instructions used when establishing relevant complaint dates

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			• The Departments published or internal timescale standards for issuing Stage 2 complaint responses • Confirm who drafted the relevant Stage 2 response, who approved it prior to issue and any internal briefings, reviews or decision records addressing issues of escalation handling, reasonable adjustments or complaint record accuracy.
24th February	DFC/2026-0053	Media	Under FOI, please provide: • All communications sent internally and externally about the London Irish Rifles from July 2025 to the latest date possible in 2026. • confirmation if the Minister/Department agreed any monies/funding contribution towards a London Irish Rifles museum or to the London Irish Rifles from July 2025 to the latest date possible in 2026.
4th February	DFC/2026-0054	Member of the Public	Under FOI, please provide: Senior remuneration • The annual salary (or salary band), benefits-in-kind, and employer pension contributions for: – The Permanent Secretary – All Deputy Secretaries and Assistant Secretaries – Members of the Departmental Senior Management Team

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			Oversight and intervention - The number of occasions in the last five financial years on which the Department has exercised, or considered exercising, its supervisory or intervention powers in relation to the Northern Ireland Housing Executive (including but not limited to Article 125 of the Housing (NI) Order 1976). Complaints and escalation - The number of cases in the last five financial years where: - Internal NIHE complaints processes were exhausted - Matters were escalated to the Department - No substantive remedy was provided Budgets - The total annual housing budget overseen by the Department for each of the last five financial years, including allocations to NIHE. If any of the above information is already published, please provide a link. Otherwise, please disclose the information in full.

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24th February	DFC/2026-0055	Member of the Public	Under FOI, please provide the following for the most recent complete financial year: 1. Total Spend on Language Services Please provide total spend, broken down into: • Spoken language interpreting • Non-spoken interpreting (e.g., BSL) • Document translation • Transcription • Any other language-related services 2. Service Activity Volumes Interpreting – Spoken Language • Total number of face-to-face assignments • Total hours completed • Total number of telephone interpreting calls • Total minutes of telephone interpreting

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			• Total number of spoken video interpreting calls • Total minutes of spoken video interpreting Interpreting – Non-spoken (e.g., BSL) • Total number of face-to-face assignments • Total hours completed • Total number of non-spoken video interpreting calls • Total minutes of non-spoken video interpreting Translation & Transcription • Total number of document translations • Total words translated • Total number of audio transcriptions • Total audio duration (minutes or hours) 3. Contracted Providers • Name(s) of all contracted providers • Which services each provider delivers

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			• Whether you use: ○ a separate BSL/non-spoken supplier ○ a separate transcription supplier • Framework or procurement route used (e.g., CCS framework, regional framework, local contract) 4. In-House Resources • Do you employ any in-house interpreters and/or translators? • If yes, please list all relevant roles. 5. Contract Information • Contract end date (without extensions) • Contract end date (with all extension options included) 6. Contact Details Please provide the name, telephone number and email address for: • The contract manager responsible for language services • The budget holder for language services

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			• The person responsible for procurement (If personal details cannot be released, please provide departmental or generic contact information.) 7. Language Demand • The top 20 most-requested languages across interpreting and translation. 8. Fill Rates Please provide service fill rate percentages for: • Face-to-face interpreting • Telephone interpreting • Video interpreting • Document translation • Audio transcription 9. Unfulfilled Requests • Which languages your provider(s) were unable to supply in the past 12 months. 10. Service Credits • Have service credits been applied in the past 12 months?

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			• If yes, please specify the performance issues that triggered them. 11. Social Value • What social value activity has been delivered as part of the contract in the latest 12-month period? 12. Tender Documents • If the contract was awarded competitively, please provide a copy of the winning bidder's tender submission (with appropriate redactions where required). 13. Contracted Rates Please provide current pricing for: • Spoken face-to-face interpreting (hourly rate) • Non-spoken face-to-face interpreting (hourly rate) • Telephone interpreting (per-minute rate) • Spoken video interpreting (per-minute rate) • Non-spoken video interpreting (per-minute rate) • Document translation (per-word rate)

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			• Audio transcription (per-audio-minute rate) Please also confirm whether any minimum booking durations apply for any service type. 14. Pricing Changes • Have any contracted providers increased their rates in the past 12 months? • If yes, please provide details. 15. Route to Market • What is your typical procurement route for language services (e.g., framework, direct award, competitive tender)? 16. Interpreter-on-Wheels / VRI Devices • Do you have any interpreter-on-wheels devices or other video-remote interpreting (VRI/VSU) equipment as part of your contract? If yes, please provide: • How many? • Are they provided free of charge or charged? 17. Off-Contract Spend Has any language service work been commissioned outside your contracted provider(s)? If yes, please provide:

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			• Total value • Names of the off-contract suppliers 18. Complaints Please provide: • The number of complaints received in the latest 12-month period relating to language services • A breakdown by type (e.g., quality issues, delays, interpreter conduct, availability, unfulfilled requests, translation accuracy, etc.) • Whether any complaints were escalated, upheld, or resulted in corrective action
24th February	DFC/2026-0056	Member of the Public	Under FOI, please provide the following in relation to meeting minutes of Causeway Coast and Glens Councils – Land and Property Committee – meeting held on 7 January 2026: • A copy of the formal request submitted by Causeway Coast and Glens Council to Minister Lyons for Section 96 approval • A copy of any draft Lease/Lease Map documents submitted with the request for Ministerial approval.
20th February	DFC/2026-0057	Member of the Public	Under FOI, please provide the following for Belfast only, for each financial year from 2022/23 to 2024/25, and the first three quarters of 2025/26: • The total number of applications/requests for crisis support made of the Discretionary Scheme that the DfC received;

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			The total number of awards for crisis support made of the Discretionary Scheme that the DfC made
23rd February	DFC/2026-0058	Member of the Public	Under FOI, please provide the following to from 1st January 2025 to present: - Copies of the minutes of all meetings held between the Department for Communities and Belfast City Council relating to the proposed City Centre Public Amenity Byelaws - The date of each meeting and the names and job titles of those in attendance. - Where formal minutes were not produced, please provide any written record that documents the substance of the meeting, including notes, summaries, or action logs.
26th February	DFC/2026-0059	Media	Under FOI, please provide the minutes of the meeting between the Communities Minister and the Finance Minister on the 29th January 2026.
27th February	DFC/2026-0060	Media	Minister Gordon Lyons met the Apprentice Boys of Derry in July 2025 to discuss that visitors for the parade are reporting difficulty getting accommodation. The Minister agreed to ask TNI for bed nights and tourism statistics to cover the period of the parades in August and December, to compare against other events such as the Halloween festival, St Patrick's, and the Jazz Festival. Under FOI, please provide - Information detailing how that was actioned by the Department. - Correspondence with TNI

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			All correspondence that was received from TNI in relation to questions put to it by the department around this issue
27th February	DFC/2026-0061	Business	Under FOI, please provide the following for 1 Jan 2025 - 31 Dec 2025: - Number of personal injury claims and Road traffic accident claims that are unrepresented i.e., no legal representative by liability type (i.e., Road traffic accident, medical negligence, public liability, employers' liability, total market) and by compensator - Relating to minors (under the age of 18): - How many cases were registered and by liability type and compensator - How many cases were settled and by liability type and compensator - Cases that have been registered involving minors, how many were legally unrepresented or had no legal representative recorded and identify the compensator in these unrepresented cases and liability type. - Cases that have been settled involving minors, how many were legally unrepresented or had no legal representative recorded and identify the compensator in these unrepresented cases and liability type.

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2nd March	DFC/2026-0062	Media	Under FOI, please provide the number of times, in the past 5 years, the Department has used powers under the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act (RIPA), broken down by year and general purpose for which these powers were used.
1st March	DFC/2026-0063	Member of the Public	Under FOI, please provide the following: • The software/hardware/platform CMS uses to calculate payments and its algorithms. • Is it solely owned by CMS/DFC or other government bodies or is it a third-party vendor licensing or licensed software/hardware platform.
3rd March	DFC/2026-0064	Member of the Public	Under FOI, please provide the following relating to the usage and occupancy of the Cushendall Innovation Centre: • Total workstations available to use in the Cushendall Innovation Centre. • In January 2026, what percentage of these workstations were used? • In 2025 what percentage of these workstations were used? • In 2025, what was the total income to the Cushendall Innovation Centre from desks being booked and meeting spaces being used? • In 2024, what was the total income to the Cushendall Innovation Centre from desks being booked and meeting spaces being used? • In 2025 the total number of people who have booked a workstation or meeting room in the Cushendall Innovation Centre. • The total number of days in 2025 the Cushendall Innovation Centre was at full capacity (i.e. all workstations and meeting spaces booked).

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20th February	DFC/2026-0065	Member of the Public	Under FOI, please provide the current records relied upon by your Department to identify, classify and calculate ROI social welfare payments when assessing: • Universal Credit • Any ROI payment your Department treats as an overseas/foreign benefit or comparable social security payment, including Irish Child Benefit and any Irish supplementary/top-up (“differential supplement”) family payment paid due to competent-state/priority rules • Any record describing how ROI payments are calculated/converted and applied for UC and/or CA (frequency conversion/rounding, arrears/lump sums, exchange-rate rules/source, apportionment of multi-element payments) • Any record your Department relies upon that identifies and/or interprets the legal basis for the above treatment, including (where relevant): ○ UC domestic legislation/regulations (GB and/or NI as applicable); ○ CA domestic legislation/regulations (GB and/or NI as applicable); and ○ International, EU, Irish, cross-border social security instruments relied upon for UK/NI–Ireland cases (including the UK–Ireland Convention on Social Security and the EU–UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement social security coordination provisions/protocol), and any operational guidance explaining how staff should apply them

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6th March	DFC/2026-0066	Campaigning Group	Under EIR, please provide any correspondence, documents, emails, meeting minutes and/or other relevant forms of written information held by your Department for the previous 4 years (2022-2026) regarding the BUILD Shankill Project including: - Any terms of reference or policy frameworks governing the relationship or discussions between the Department for Communities and the BUILD Shankill project. - Correspondence or meetings between the Minister for Communities and/or officials of the Department and the BUILD Shankill project including meeting dates, meeting documentation, minutes/notes/actions, meeting venue and details of attendees. - Internal emails/correspondence/memos/minutes of any meetings of the Department for Communities at which the BUILD Shankill project was discussed. - Correspondence or meetings between the Minister for Communities and/or officials of the Department and elected Belfast City Councillors, Northern Ireland MLAs or MPs in relation to the BUILD Shankill project including meeting dates, meeting documentation, minutes/notes/actions, meeting venue and details of attendees. - Correspondence or meetings between the Minister for Communities and/or officials of the Department and officials of Belfast City Council in relation to the BUILD Shankill project including meeting dates, meeting documentation, minutes/notes/actions, meeting venue and details of attendees.

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6th March	DFC/2026-0067	Campaigning Group	Under EIR, please provide any correspondence, documents, emails, meeting minutes and/or other relevant forms of written information regarding the Shankill A Plan to Grow SPS, including: - Correspondence or meetings between the Minister and/or officials of the Department for Communities and officers and/or elected representatives of Belfast City Council and the BUILD Shankill project in relation to the Development Opportunity sites listed on Page 71 of Shankill A Plan to Grow SPS namely: "3. Former Mackies Site" and the dates of these. - Any other relevant correspondence or meetings between the Minister and/or officials of the Department for Communities and other government departments, including but not limited to The Executive Office, the Northern Ireland Housing Executive, the Department for Infrastructure, in relation to the Development Opportunity sites listed on Page 71 of Shankill A Plan to Grow SPS namely: "3. Former Mackies Site".
6th March	DFC/2026-0068	Campaigning Group	Under EIR, and with respect to the recent publication of Greater Shankill: A Place to Grow, please provide any correspondence, documents, emails, meeting minutes and/or other relevant forms of written information held by your Department which will inform me about this commissioning process, including: When it was initiated and by whom, the total cost of the commission, the total cost of the work supported to date by the Department.

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			- Any information about the process' hoped for outcomes and how these will be monitored. - If any, S75 Northern Ireland Act monitoring was done in relation to this project and when.
10th March	DFC/2026-0069	Member of the Public	Under FOI, please provide: - The names of all the covid funding schemes that were available at the time of the covid pandemic, this includes hospitality, holiday lets, kitchens, cafes etc - What funding was available in 2021 & 2022 for all hospitality, holiday lets, restaurants, B&B's etc
11th March	DFC/2026-0070	Member of the Public	Under FOI, please provide the number of tenants the Radius Housing Association turned out on the street since 2021, and why.
27th January	DFC/2026-0071	Member of the Public	Under FOI, please provide: - The Costings and associated reports prepared by the Department of Economy regarding the Surrender principle. - All correspondence between the Department of Communities and the Department of Economy regarding the costings of the surrender principle.

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			• All correspondence between the Department of Finance and major stakeholders such as Cathedral Quarter or Belfast One, in respect of the costings of the surrender principle. • All correspondence between the Department of Communities and Hospitality Ulster, in respect of the Stirling Review and/or proposed reform including: ○ all annexes, costings and modelling; ○ any correspondence where HU explain their £313.7m figure or underlying assumptions. • Any internal Departmental analysis/critique of the HU material (emails, advice notes, economists' views, etc.). • Any equality screening / EQIA or equality-related advice produced in relation to: ○ the Department's Section 23(5) plan; and ○ the Minister's Section 23(6) statement.
12th February	DFC/2026-0072	Member of the Public	Under FOI please provide the following in relation to the Charities Advisory Committee: • Whether departmental policy, contractual terms or internal procedures require an explicit outcome-based warranty or guarantee confirming that personal data has been rendered irretrievable through software-based erasure, whether carried out internally or by an external provider.

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13th March	DFC/2026-0073	Media	Under FOI, please provide all correspondence to and from the Department and external stakeholders and organisations in relation to the report of the Independent Review of the Liquor Licensing System in Northern Ireland between February and November 2025. As well as details on meetings between members of the department and external stakeholders and organisations in relation to the same.
16th March	DFC/2026-0074	Public Representative	Under FOI, please provide the following: • A copy of the legal advice Shared Environmental Services have received in relation to the transboundary land spreading of manure in the Republic of Ireland. • All correspondence between SES and the ROI government on this matter.

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18th March	DFC/2026-0075	Member of the Public	Under FOI, please provide the following: • details of how photos are chosen for the news releases on the website and for issue to journalists/other media ie what is the process for taking photos, choosing photos, approving photos / the staff involved in the organisation and taking of the photos / Minister's involvement/other stakeholders' involvement or involvement from political parties. • details as to how the article below complies with the NICS code of ethics, with particular reference to the section on Political Impartiality. https://www.communities-ni.gov.uk/news/lyons-announces-continuation-integrated-advice-partnership-fund • Advise why the photo which accompanied this article was chosen, who requested the photo and who approved it, what involvement there was from political parties.
5th March	DFC/2026-0076	Media	Under FOI, please provide:

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			• A list of all AI tools, systems or models currently in use within the department or its agencies. • A description of the purpose of each AI system, including the tasks it supports and the problem it is intended to address. • Details of any external providers or contractors involved in supplying, maintaining or operating these AI systems. • Any internal guidance, risk assessments or governance frameworks that relate to the deployment or oversight of AI within the department. • Information on any planned future use of AI, including systems under procurement, testing or evaluation.
19th March	DFC/2026-0077	Member of the Public	Under FOI, please confirm the cost of the NI/USA 250 Event organised by Gordon Lyons.
16th March	DFC/2026-0078	Member of the Public	Under FOI, please provide the number of Universal Credit claimants previously in receipt of Welfare Supplementary Payment (WSP) - to offset the "bedroom tax" - who then migrated to Universal Credit only to encounter problems with their legacy awards in respect of the WSP. In particular, I wish to ascertain the numbers who have been refused the WSP after migration to Universal Credit.

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16th March	DFC/2026-0079	Member of the Public	With regards to EO1 competition IRC265807, please provide what supporting evidence was considered in reaching the decision that the position could not be undertaken as a job share. I would also appreciate clarification as to why two individuals would not be permitted to cover the role between 9-5, particularly when similar arrangements appear to operate in other Jobs and Benefits Offices.
19th March	DFC/2026-0080	Media	Under FOI, can the Department provide the meeting minutes for all meetings attended by the Communities minister between 1 January 2026 and 17 March 2026 in which activities linked to America250 celebrations were discussed?
20th March	DFC/2026-0081	Media	Under FOI, please provide a breakdown of the cost of the Minister's visit to the US in March 2026, including: • Number of travellers (state in each case the number of civil servants/advisers/press officers) • A breakdown of all costs - hotels, flights, food/drinks, anything else for the trip • The name and star rating of the hotel which was used by travellers. • Please state the class of plane journey (e.g. business/economy) used by the 1) minister 2) each civil servant/adviser.
22nd March	DFC/2026-0082	Member of the Public	Under FOI, please provide the full list of records contained in the Public Record Office's (PRONI) eCatalogue, including, for each record: • PRONI Reference • Level

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23rd March	DFC/2026-0083	Media	Under FOI, please provide: • A full schedule/itinerary for the minister's recent visit to north America. • Details of all meetings/engagements attended by the Minister, including location. • Confirm how many officials travelled with the minister. • The total cost of accommodation for each official, broken down by location and name of hotel. • The cost of transatlantic flights, including details of travel class, for each official. • The cost of all internal flights and other transport arrangements for each official.
23rd March	DFC/2026-0084	Media	Under FOI, please confirm the cost of a special reception jointly hosted by the America250 Commission at the Hart Senate building in Washington.

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23rd March	DFC/2026-0085	Media	Under FOI, please provide: • A summary of all promotional material/commemorative items produced as part of a recent trip to the USA by the minister and staff. • In each case confirm the quantity of material produced and a breakdown of production and transport costs. • If promotional material, including commemorative items such as coins, was sourced in the US, please provide details. • This should also include quantities involved along with the cost of production and transport.
23rd March	DFC/2026-0086	Media	Under FOI, please provide the invitation list for a special reception recently hosted jointly by the America250 Commission and the department at the Hart Senate building in Washington. Please confirm the date of the event.
22nd March	DFC/2026-0087	Member of the Public	Under FOI, please provide the following information relating to the Department for Communities' involvement in the Northern Ireland delegation visit to the United States in March 2026. • The total cost incurred by the Department for Communities in relation to the Minister's participation in this visit. • A detailed breakdown of these costs, including: ○ Flights

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			○ Accommodation ○ Subsistence ○ Transport ○ Event or engagement-related costs ○ Costs relating to any accompanying officials • The number and roles of individuals (including the Minister and any officials) whose costs were met in full or in part by the Department • Details of any external funding, sponsorship, or in-kind support associated with the Minister's participation, including: ○ The source of such support ○ The nature of the support provided ○ Any estimated value, where held • Clarification as to whether any costs associated with the Minister's participation were met by third parties, including but not limited to host organisations, businesses, or event sponsors.

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			• A list of official meetings and engagements undertaken by the Minister and accompanying officials during the visit, including: ○ The names of organisations, companies, or bodies met ○ The date of each meeting or engagement ○ The general purpose of each meeting • Any correspondence or internal records held by the Department relating to funding arrangements or the organisation of the visit.
24th March	DFC/2026-0088	Business	Under FOI, please provide the following information as a Freedom of Information request for the period 1 Jan 2025 – 31 Dec 2025: • A breakdown of Employers Liability Claims by type
23rd March	DFC/2026-0089	Public Representative	Under FOI, please provide what percentage of UC claimants with Housing Costs currently report a shortfall between their Housing Costs entitlement for rent and the rent charged by their landlord as of 10th March 2026 for the following areas; Dunmurry, Ladybrook, Twinbrook, Lagmore, Poleglass and Stewartstown.
26th March	DFC/2026-0090	Member of the Public	Regarding the recent allocation of £5,000 to The Amalgamation of Northern Ireland Supporters Clubs (AONISC), please provide me with the following information under FOI: • Under what funding programme was the award made? • The guidance notes and details of the application process

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			• A copy of the application form that AONISC submitted • Details of what the £5k can be spent on • Confirm the process for monitoring the spend • Confirm if appropriate screening was carried out in advance of this award being made
31st March	DFC/2026-0091	Business	Under FOI, please provide the following personal injury statistics for Jan-Dec 2025 for minors (under age of 18): • Number of cases settled, by liability type and compensator • Of the cases that have been registered involving minors, how many were legally unrepresented or had no legal representation and identify the liability type and compensator
26th March	DFC/2026-0092	Media	Under FOI, I wish to request details of the use of the messaging service WhatsApp by senior staff within your department. I am particularly interested in the use of the 'disappearing messages' feature. Please disclose the below information for the Permanent Secretary and Deputy Secretaries • Does their department-owned mobile phone (i.e. their work phone) have WhatsApp downloaded onto it? • If so, have they enabled the 'disappearing messages' feature for any of their chats?

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25th March	DFC/2026-0093	Member of the Public	Under FOI, please provide the following: General Information • How many sites are part of this organisation? • Are utilities (gas,electricity, water) procured collectively on behalf of all schools, or by individual academies? • Who is responsible for procurement decisions relating to utilities? (Please state job title) How does the organisation ensure compliance with DfE / ESFA and public procurement regulations when procuring energy? • Does the organisation use a DfE-approved framework for energy procurement? If yes, which one? • Does the organisation have any sustainability or Net Zero objectives that influence procurement decisions? If yes, please summarise. Energy Procurement & Pricing • How are your electricity and gas contracts procured? (e.g. direct with supplier, via broker/TPI, via framework) Which framework, DPS, or third-party broker/TPI is or was used? Please state the name. • When was your current electricity contract signed or agreed? • When was your current gas contract signed or agreed?

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			• What is the current contract end date for your electricity supply? • What is the current contract end date for your gas supply? • Who is your current electricity supplier? • Who is your current gas supplier? • If your electricity contract is fixed price, what is the current unit rate (p/kWh)? • If your contract is flexible, half-hourly traded, or index-linked, please just confirm the contract type and we will not ask for a specific rate. • If your gas contract is fixed price, what is the current unit rate (p/kWh)? • If your contract is flexible, half-hourly traded, or index-linked, please just confirm the contract type and we will not ask for a specific rate. • What is the current standing charge (p/day) for electricity and gas? • Was a broker or Third Party Intermediary (TPI) involved in arranging your current contracts? If yes, please state their name. • What commission, broker fee, or TPI payment was paid in connection with your current gas and/or electricity contracts? Please state the amount per meter, per contract, or as a p/kWh uplift. If the organisation does not hold this information, please confirm whether it has been requested from the broker or supplier.

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			• How many suppliers submitted quotations for your most recent electricity and gas procurement? Metering, MOP DA & DC Arrangements • (MOP = Meter Operator DA = Data Aggregator DC = Data Collector- these are contracted services that determine how your energy data is captured and settled) Are any of your electricity meters Half-Hourly (HH) settled (Profile Class 00)? • If yes, how many HH meters does the organisation have, and across which sites? • Who is the current Meter Operator (MOP) for your electricity meters? • When was the current MOP contract signed, and what is its end date? • Who is the current Data Collector (DC) and Data Aggregator (DA) for your electricity meters? • What charges are applied for MOP, DA, and DC services? Are these shown as a separate line item on bills, or embedded within the unit rate? • Were MOP, DA, and DC contracts competitively tendered, or were they assigned by the supplier or framework? Energy Monitoring & Management • Does the organisation currently have any form of energy monitoring in place? (e.g. AMR, smart meter portal, half-hourly data access, real-time dashboards) If yes, which

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			sites have monitoring, and what type is in place at each? Please distinguish between: real-time live data half-hourly/ Day+1 data monthly smart read only manual reads only Which platform, portal or software is used to view or analyse energy consumption data? • Is gas consumption monitored separately to electricity? If yes, how? • Does the organisation receive automated alerts for unusual or excessive energy consumption (e.g. overnight or weekend usage)? • Does the organisation receive any bill validation or bill checking service, from a broker, consultant, or software platform? • Has the organisation undertaken any energy audits, Display Energy Certificate (DEC) assessments, or ESOS compliance reporting in the last three years? • Has the organisation ever used energy data to identify and evidence savings? If yes, please give a brief summary Water Procurement & Monitoring • How are your water and wastewater contracts procured? • Which framework, DPS, or third-party was used? Please state the name. • When was your current water contract signed or agreed? • What is the current contract end date for your water supply?

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			• Who is your current water supplier? • What unit rate (p/m3) are you currently paying for water and wastewater, if known? • How many suppliers submitted quotations for your most recent water procurement? • Was a broker or TPI used in procuring your water contract? If yes, please state their name and any fee or commission paid. • Are there any additional services included such as leak detection, water efficiency, or bill validation? If yes, please describe. • Does the organisation have any water monitoring or sub-metering in place to detect leaks or track consumption at site level?
1st April	DFC/2026-0094	Media	Under FOI, please provide the following: • The number of press and communications staff. • A breakdown of these staff by job title (e.g. number of press officers, heads of press office, directors of communications, social media staff, etc). • The overall spend on salaries for these staff in the year 2025/26.
2nd April	DFC/2026-0095	Member of the Public	Under FOI, please provide the following information in relation to the recent public realm scheme in Warrenpoint. 1. Specification and Technical Input ○ Please confirm whether Dfl:

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			▪ Defined, reviewed, approved, endorsed, or otherwise influenced the technical specification of the paving materials used in the Scheme. ○ If Dfl did not hold responsibility for specification, please confirm: ▪ Which authority did, and ▪ Whether Dfl was consulted or asked to provide technical input. 2. Approval and Sign-off ○ Please confirm whether Dfl: ▪ Approved, signed off, or accepted the paving specification or final design prior to installation. ○ If approval or acceptance occurred, please provide copies of any approval records or correspondence held. 3. Standards and Guidance ○ Please provide details of any technical standards, guidance, or criteria applied or required by Dfl in relation to paving used in public realm or highway-adjacent environments (e.g. slip resistance or pedestrian safety). 4. Risk Assessments and Safety Considerations ○ Copies of any risk assessments, safety audits, or assessments carried out in relation to: ▪ Slip resistance.

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			▪ Pedestrian safety. ▪ Weather-related performance of the paving materials. ○ 5. Post-Completion Responsibilities ○ Please confirm whether Dfl holds any responsibility for: ▪ Monitoring the safety performance of the paving following completion. ▪ Receiving, reviewing, or forwarding complaints or incident information. ○ Where responsibility lies with another authority, please identify that authority. 6. Incident Awareness ○ Please confirm whether Dfl holds records of: ▪ Complaints, reports, or correspondence relating to slips, trips, or falls associated with the paving used in the Scheme. ○ Details complaints, incident reports, or reviews received or undertaken by Dfl relating to falls or injuries connected to the paving used in Warrenpoint. Please provide copies of these (personal data may be redacted as appropriate). ○ Any reviews or assessments initiated as a result and details of the findings of these and subsequent recommendations. 7. Personal Injury Claims

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			○ Please confirm whether DfI holds records of personal injury claims or writs due to the health and safety of the paving used in the scheme. ○ Provide details of the number personal injury legal writs DOF has received regarding incidents due to the health and safety of the paving used in the scheme as well as other schemes where this paving has been used in NI. ○ Details of the number of legal cases relating to such writs that have been settled out of court, including details of those that have proceeded to court and information would be publicly available.
2nd April	DFC/2026-0096	Member of the Public	Under FOI, please provide the following in relation to the named Legally Qualified Member for the period April 2023 – April 2026: 1. Caseload & Outcomes: ○ The total number of hearings presided over by this LQM. ○ A breakdown of outcomes: Number of appeals Refused/Dismissed vs. Upheld/Allowed. 2. Appellate Oversight: ○ The number of 'Leave to Appeal' applications made to this LQM; number granted vs. refused. ○ The number of his decisions subsequently 'Set Aside' or 'Remitted' by the Social Security Commissioner.

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			○ The percentage of his appealed decisions that resulted in a Set Aside. 3. Conduct Complaints Breakdown: ○ Total number of formal conduct complaints received regarding this LQM. ○ Source Breakdown: Number submitted by Professional Representatives/Organisations vs. Appellants/Appointees. ○ Outcome Breakdown: Number 'Upheld', 'Partially Upheld', 'Not Upheld', or 'Informally Resolved'. 4. Remedial Action & Departmental Concessions: ○ An anonymised summary of 'Remedial Action' (e.g., training, mentoring, or warnings) issued following complaints. ○ The number of cases where the Appeals Service/DfC 'conceded' an appeal to the Commissioner in cases where this LQM provided the original Statement of Reasons.
2nd April	DFC/2026-0097	Member of the Public	Under FOI, please answer the following in relation to the oversight of public funds by the DfC through the Causeway Coast and Glens Labour Market Partnership: 1. Financial Assistance and Payments • The total value of financial assistance awarded to Lynas Foodservice under the LMP scheme.

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			• A complete breakdown of all payments made, including: ◦ Dates ◦ Amounts ◦ Payment schedules Conditions attached • Details of any payments approved but not yet issued. • The exact total grant or financial support agreed. 2. Procurement, Tendering, and Selection Process • Full details of how Lynas Foodservice was selected to receive this funding. • Copies of all tender documentation, application materials, and submissions made by Lynas Foodservice. • Details of where and when the funding opportunity was publicly advertised or published. • Evaluation criteria, scoring mechanisms, and assessment records used in awarding the funding.

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			- Information on any other applicants, expressions of interest, or competing providers (subject to lawful disclosure limits). 3. Approval Timeline and Governance - Key dates including: - Submission of application - Assessment and internal review stages - Formal approval of funding - The date of the first payment, including a detailed breakdown of that payment. - Internal governance procedures followed in approving the funding. 4. Programme and Scheme Details - The official name of the programme or funding stream under which support was provided. - Full details of the Lynas Foodservice HGV (Category C) Delivery Driver Academy, including: - Structure and delivery model

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			○ Duration and training stages ○ Contractual obligations tied to funding • The stated purpose and policy objectives of the financial support (e.g. workforce development, skills shortages). 5. Outcomes, Participation, and Performance • The total number of candidates enrolled in the programme. • A breakdown of candidates by stage (e.g. enrolled, in training, completed). • The number of candidates who have successfully completed the programme. • Success rates, completion rates, and any key performance indicators or outcome reports. 6. Correspondence and Supporting Documentation • Copies of all relevant recorded information relating to this matter, including but not limited to: ○ Emails (internal and external) ○ Contracts and funding agreements

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			○ Internal briefing notes and memoranda ○ Approval documents and decision records • Any communications between the Department, Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council, and Lynas Foodservice regarding this programme. 7. Fair Access, Competition, and Policy Justification • A detailed explanation as to why other employers requiring HGV/LGV drivers have been excluded from participation in this scheme. • Clarification as to why Lynas Foodservice has not only received funding but has also been actively advertised and promoted by Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council. • The policy basis and decision-making framework underpinning this approach. • Details of any equality, competition, or procurement assessments undertaken. 8. Treatment of Individual Applicants • An explanation as to why applicants seeking financial assistance for HGV/LGV licence acquisition through the Causeway Coast and Glens LMP, but not wishing to undertake training via Lynas Foodservice, have been refused support.

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			• Clarification on the rationale for offering some applicants a reduced grant of £500.00. • Copies of all relevant policy documents, eligibility criteria, and guidance governing these decisions.
30th March	DFC/2026-0098	Member of the Public	Under FOI, please provide a copy of all universal credit operational guidance and memos currently in use and which are not available in the Advice for Decision Making section of the Department's website concerning: • People included in a Universal Credit claim • Living together as a married couple • Couple separation
2nd April	DFC/2026-0099	Member of the Public	Under FOI, please answer the following in relation to Universal Credit: • When a claim is designated a phone only claim with no communication to be conducted via a journal can a claimant fleeing domestic abuse, telephone universal credit and provide a new telephone number to receive calls from Universal credit and this new number be accepted by Universal Credit over the call? • Do Universal credit have to be specifically told that a claimant may have complex needs? or can they pick up on indicators (for example the claimant having a support worker speaking for them and requesting a telephone claim only)?

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3rd April	DFC/2026-0100	Member of the Public	Under EIR, please answer the following in relation to the refurbishment of the Grand Opera House: Specifically, I am seeking to understand whether the Historic Environment Division (HED) carried out due diligence in relation to internal alterations to the Grade A listed front-of-house areas, particularly the removal of the front-of-house cloakroom. The planning and listed building consent applications associated with this refurbishment are as follows: - LA04/2018/1936/F (Planning Permission) - LA04/2018/1743/LBC (Listed Building Consent) - LA04/2019/2983/DC (Condition Discharge) The LB1 form and the associated planning report appear to contain no reference to the removal of the front-of-house cloakroom, which was a fixed feature of the listed interior. I am therefore requesting the following information: 1. Did HED assess any proposed alterations to the front-of-house circulation or cloakroom facilities as part of its consultation on LA04/2018/1743/LBC? 2. Was HED provided with any drawings, plans, or descriptions showing the removal or alteration of the front-of-house cloakroom? 3. Did HED grant or recommend Listed Building Consent for the removal of the front-of-house cloakroom?

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			4. Please provide any internal notes, assessments, or correspondence relating to the front-of-house cloakroom or circulation alterations. 5. Did HED confirm that the planning bundle for the £12.2m refurbishment correctly sought Listed Building Consent for all works affecting the character of the Grade A listed interior?
7th April	DFC/2026-0101	Member of the Public	Under FOI, I request recorded information held by the Department relating to a public statement made by Gordon Lyons, Minister for the Department for Communities, concerning the Motability scheme. The Minister stated publicly that there is a street in Northern Ireland where 26 out of 27 vehicles were obtained through the Motability scheme via Personal Independence Payment (PIP). I note from the Department's previous response and internal review that it does not hold recorded information substantiating this claim. This request is therefore limited to recorded information held by the Department relating to the preparation, source, and subsequent handling of that statement. I request the following recorded information: - Any briefing notes, speaking notes, lines to take, or submissions held by the Department and provided to the Minister, which contain any reference to: - Motability;

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			○ concentrations of Motability vehicles; or ○ a claim that 26 out of 27 vehicles on a street were obtained through the scheme. 2. Any internal correspondence held by the Department, including emails or messages held in official systems, between departmental officials and/or the Minister's office, that contain any reference to: ○ the above claim; ○ Motability vehicle concentrations; or ○ preparation for any media appearance or public statement in which this claim was made. 3. Any correspondence held by the Department between the Department and external parties, including Motability, Motability Operations, other government departments, or advisory bodies, that contains any reference to: ○ the claim; or ○ data or examples relating to geographic concentrations of Motability vehicles.

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			4. Any recorded information held by the Department that identifies or indicates the source of the example used by the Minister, where such information is recorded in departmental systems. 5. Any internal or external correspondence held by the Department, including emails, messages held in official systems, briefing material, submissions, or communications handled by press or communications teams, created after the Minister's statement was made, that contain any reference to: ○ the claim that 26 out of 27 vehicles on a street were obtained through the Motability scheme; ○ any verification, clarification, or correction of the claim; or ○ any handling of media, stakeholder, or public responses to the statement.
4th April	DFC/2026-0102	Member of the Public	Under FOI, I would like to request the following information for each calendar year from 2020 to 2026 inclusive: 1. The number of cyber security breaches that have being identified that were found to be a result of a malicious threat actor (i.e. not accidental data breach) 2. The breakdown in high-level causes of these breaches as identified by cyber security incident response teams (CSIRTs), for example (but not limited to) unpatched

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			software/hardware, lack of multi-factor authentication (MFA), leaked user credentials, lack of in-transit encryption, etc 3. The number of breaches that occurred that were attributed to a previously known vulnerability to the organisations hardware, software, policies, or processes, for example where system was known to be at risk due to being unpatched or out of support, or security controls were recommended but not enforced, and was defined within the resulting incident response report. 4. The estimated combined costs incurred as a result of cyber security breaches defined in request number one in each year.
2nd April	DFC/2026-0103	Member of the Public	Under FOI, please provide all available data on fatalities from fires by cause of death in Northern Ireland from the year 2008 to 2025 using fire service incident recording system data.
2nd April	DFC/2026-0104	Member of the Public	Under FOI, please provide the following in relation to travel to work funding removal for less than 16 hours: ○ The Department leads and Minister responsible for the change in funding. ○ How many people the change has affected in NI
7th April	DFC/2026-0105	Media	Under FOI, can the department provide details of the total spend to date on advertising it has accrued related to events celebrating the 250th anniversary of the US declaration of independence.

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6th April	DFC/2026-0106	Business	Under FOI, concerning the Tenancy Deposit Scheme please provide: • How many landlords or agents are currently registered under your Tenancy Deposit Scheme Northern Ireland and My Deposits Northern Ireland? • The register of landlords or agents with associated full tenancy address they have registered the deposits for.
3rd April	DFC/2026-0107	Member of the Public	Under FOI, please provide copies of any correspondence received by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland from the Grand Opera House Trust (NIC101332) between 1 January 2018 and 31 December 2021 relating to: ○ The removal, alteration, or reinstatement of cloakroom facilities at the Grand Opera House, Belfast ○ Any front-of-house changes affecting public benefit o Any governance or operational issues connected to these matters ○ Any internal CCNI notes, logs, or records referring to such correspondence within the same date range
4th April	DFC/2026-0108	Member of the Public	Under FOI, please provide the number of international protections applicants who have to go to appeal compared to residents of NI.
7th April	DFC/2026-0109	Business	Under FOI, concerning Derelict and Vacant Sites in Belfast City Centre please provide the following information: 1.Does the Department for Communities hold, commission, or have access to any data, surveys or assessments on the number of derelict, vacant or dilapidated sites within Belfast city centre? If so, please provide the most recent available figures and the methodology used to compile them.

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			2. How many derelict or vacant sites in Belfast city centre are owned, controlled or held by the Department for Communities or any of its arm's-length bodies (including but not limited to the Northern Ireland Housing Executive and Land & Property Services)? 3. Has DfC carried out, commissioned or funded any city centre vacancy or dereliction survey in Belfast in the last five years (2020– 2025)? If so, please provide copies of, or links to, the findings. 4. What funding has DfC provided to Belfast City Council specifically for the purpose of addressing dereliction or vacancy in Belfast city centre in each of the last five years (2020– 2025)? 5. Has DfC granted or refused any compulsory purchase powers to Belfast City Council in relation to derelict sites in Belfast city centre? If so, please provide details of each application, including the address of the site, the date of the application, and the outcome. 6. What engagement has DfC had with Belfast City Council regarding the derelict properties formerly or currently associated with Castlebrooke Investments/Tribeca Belfast in the city centre?
24th March	DFC/2026-0110	Member of the Public	Under FOI, please provide the names of staff who have accessed the customer's account.

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15th April	DFC/2026-0111	Member of the Public	Under FOI, in relation to the Department for Communities (Northern Ireland) document titled Consultation on the Executive's Anti-Poverty Strategy (2025-2035) Summary of Public Consultation, published in April 2026. Please provide the following information: ○ Total cost incurred in producing the consultation summary document including but no limited to: ○ Any fees paid to external contractors, consultants or research agencies involved in analysing consultation responses or drafting the document ○ Design, layout, and print or digital production costs ○ Any costs associated with accessibility versions of the document ○ Total staff time spent by Departmental civil servants on producing the document, expressed in hours or fulltime equivalent (FTE), and broken down where possible by grade or band ○ The dates on which work commenced on producing the consultation summary and when the document was completed Copies of any procurement records, contracts or purchase orders relating to any external support commissioned in connection with the document's production

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15th April	DFC/2026-0112	Media	Under FOI, please confirm if the Department currently has any contracts with the software company Palantir. If so, please provide: ○ What kind of work these contracts are for ○ The value of the contracts ○ The start and end date of said contracts
15th April	DFC/2026-0113	Media	Under FOI, could the Department tell me if it currently has any contracts with the software company Palantir and, if so: what kind of work these contracts are for; the value of the contracts; and the start and end date of said contracts.
14th April	DFC/2026-0114	Media	Under FOI, please provide copies of any correspondence with the Home Office regarding the Right to Rent scheme in the past 12 months.
15th April	DFC/2026-0115	Member of the Public	Under FOI, and with regard to Dorsey Lands Folio 9407, please advise if the named individual is involved as a professional architect in public office in any other businesses. Please provide their declarations on conflict of interest.
17th April	DFC/2026-0116	Member of the Public	Under FOI, please provide the number of compulsory purchase orders that have been issued for domestic properties, in the last five years, broken down by local council area.
15th April	DFC/2026-0117	Member of the Public	Under FOI, please provide all information held by the Department regarding the UCR Deputy Principal temporary promotion, any extensions, and the decision not to issue an expression of interest while Deputy Principal boards are ongoing.

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19th April	DFC/2026-0118	Member of the Public	Under FOI, please outline how many applications for Houses of Multiple Occupation that have been applied for, and approved, over the last five years, broken down by local council area.
21st April	DFC/2026-0119	Campaigning Group	Under FOI, please provide the following in relation to Discretionary Waivers and overpaid benefits for the periods 2025-26: • How many discretionary waivers were requested and how many waivers of recovery were granted? • Please provide the numbers of Universal Credit overpayments which arose as a result of Departmental error, by volume and value. • Please provide the numbers of Universal Credit overpayments which arose for reasons other than Departmental error, by volume and value. • The number of Universal Credit official error overpayments which were granted a discretionary waiver, by volume and value. • Finally, please provide the numbers of legacy benefit overpayments which arose as a result of Departmental error in 2025/26. • Please provide the numbers of legacy benefit overpayments which arose for reasons other than Departmental error in 2025/26.
21st April	DFC/2026-0120	Campaigning Group	Under FOI, please provide the following data, broken down for each individual social security benefit for the 2025/26 year:

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			• The outcome of the social security appeal (including adjourned appeals) and the representation status. • The outcome of the social security appeal (including adjourned appeals) and hearing type – oral or paper; and • The outcome of the social security appeal (including adjourned appeals) and hearing type – in person or remote hearing. • The numbers of new appeal registrations on a month-by-month basis for each of the benefits across the 25/26 year; and • As of the 1 April 2026 how many outstanding appeals there were for each benefit awaiting a hearing.
21st April	DFC/2026-0121	Member of the Public	Under FOI, please provide the following information relating to the Department for Communities' involvement in the Northern Ireland delegation visit to the United States in March 2026:

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			• The total cost incurred by the Department for Communities in relation to the Minister's participation in this visit. • A detailed breakdown of these costs, including: ○ Flights ○ Accommodation ○ Subsistence ○ Transport ○ Event or engagement-related costs ○ Costs relating to any accompanying officials • The number and roles of individuals (including the Minister and any officials) whose costs were met in full or in part by the Department. • Details of any external funding, sponsorship, or in-kind support associated with the Minister's participation, including: ○ The source of such support

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			○ The nature of the support provided ○ Any estimated value, where held • Clarification as to whether any costs associated with the Minister's participation were met by third parties, including but not limited to host organisations, businesses, or event sponsors. • A list of official meetings and engagements undertaken by the Minister and accompanying officials during the visit, including: ○ The names of organisations, companies, or bodies met ○ The date of each meeting or engagement ○ The general purpose of each meeting
21st April	DFC/2026-0122	Member of the Public	Under FOI, please provide the following information for the last three financial years: • The number of posts (headcount, and FTE where recorded) employed with job titles that include any of the following terms - Climate; Net Zero; Sustainability; Carbon; Emissions; Environmental Sustainability; Climate Change; Climate Action; Climate Policy; Climate Programme; Climate Project; Climate Data; Climate Reporting;

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			Climate Adaptation; Climate Resilience; Energy and Climate; Sustainable Procurement; Green Finance; Green. • The total employment cost for the posts identified in Question 1, including salary and employer on-costs (e.g. pension and National Insurance). • The total amount paid during the same financial year to external consultants, companies, or contractors where the expenditure is recorded under any cost centre, project code, budget line, or purchase description that includes one or more of the following terms - Climate; Net Zero; Sustainability; Carbon; Emissions; Environmental Sustainability; Climate Change; Climate Action; Climate Policy; Climate Programme; Climate Project; Climate Data; Climate Reporting; Climate Adaptation; Climate Resilience; Energy and Climate; Sustainable Procurement; Green Finance; Green.
23rd April	DFC/2026-0123	Member of the Public	Under FOI, regarding the Northern Ireland Community Infrastructure Fund, announced in April 2026. Please provide: 1) A complete list of all applications received, including organisation name, constituency, amount requested, and outcome (successful or unsuccessful) 2)The eligibility criteria and scoring framework used to assess applications

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			3)Whether the Minister had personal input into individual funding decisions, or whether decisions were made solely by officials 4)The equality screening or Equality Impact Assessment carried out for this scheme prior to launch 5) Any community background analysis of applicants or recipients conducted by the Department or Co-operation Ireland.
22nd April	DFC/2026-0124	Member of the Public	Under FOI, I am seeking the following: - Does the Department hold data on the number of long term voids (over 6 months vacant) for each housing association? - If records exist, can you list them at the latest date by each association? - What direction / instruction has the minister provided to housing bodies to reduce long term voids? Is there a policy available on long term social housing voids? - What is the target timeframe for long term voids and standard change of tenancy voids for social housing providers to get them let again?
8th April	DFC/2026-0125	Member of the Public	Under FOI, please provide the following: Full System Audit Trail / User Access Logs: A complete report of every time (claimant's name) electronic record has been accessed, viewed, or modified from date of the formal complaint to the present date. This must include

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			the Staff User IDs, the date/time of access, and the specific fields that were viewed or changed. 2. Transaction History for 2018 Records: Specific logs showing when the status of the 2018 claim was last updated and by whom. The "before and after" values of any status changes made recently. 3. <u>Full System Audit Trail / User Access Logs:</u> 1. A complete report of every time claimant's electronic record has been accessed, viewed, or modified from 2018 to the present date. This must include the Staff User IDs, the date/time of access, and the specific fields that were viewed or changed.
16th May	DFC/2026-0126	Member of the Public	Under FOI, please provide correspondence, phone calls and attendance at meetings with the CE of Council and LGSC relating to the requester in the lead up and following their unlawful suspension.
27th April	DFC/2026-0127	Member of the Public	Under FOI I am asking for the NI Football Fund guidance. I was advised that there was no application process and that the AONISC was commissioned to undertake research. Under FOI please provide me with: 1. The various documents relating to the need for this specific research and a copy of the letter of offer issued to AONISC

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			2. Please provide the rationale for the requirement for the need for this "research" 3. Please confirm if any other organisations were contacted regarding carrying out this "research" 4. Please provide me with the terms of reference for the commissioning of the "research" this should be different to the letter of offer Please confirm that your answer indicates that appropriate screening was carried out in advance of this award being made
5th April	DFC/2026-0128	Member of the Public	Following on from my mandatory reconsideration notice issued March 2026, regarding my claims for industrial injuries disablement benefit, I wish to request the following information: • Who heard or who made the decision on my mandatory reconsideration outcome. • all correspondence reference myself to and from the department and all correspondence that was issued to the person who made the decision on my original decision and also my mandatory reconsideration.
28th April	DFC/2026-0129	Member of the Public	Under FOI, could the Department provide the contents of PRONI's Misplaced Documents List as of Tuesday 28th April 2026, including all values for all attributes for each record as they would appear on the PRONI eCatalogue.

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01st May	DFC/2026-0130	Business	Under FOI, please provide a summary of personal injury claims recorded by the Compensation Recovery Unit Northern Ireland for the period 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025, broken down annually and by the following categories: • Employer • Public • Motor • Clinical Negligence • Other Please provide: • The total number of claims per category per year for 2025
05th May	DFC/2026-0131	Media	Under FOI, regarding the place names project please provide emails, evidence, saying the Department of Finance is not prepared to fund the project. Also, a letter of offer of funding from the DfC for the last threeyear cycle.
05th May	DFC/2026-0132	Media	Under FOI, regarding the closure of the Placenames Project and the subsequent comments made by Minister Lyons on Radio Ulster this morning. The Minister referenced emails between DfC and DoF from March/April 2026. Will the Department publish this correspondence to clarify why it was requesting DoF to fund a project that allegedly moved to DfC years ago?

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05th May	DFC/2026 0133	Media	Under FOI, regarding the place names project, the emails mentioned by the Minister on Good Morning Ulster, will DfC be able to provide a copy?
05th May	DFC/2026 0134	Media	Under FOI, I would like your department to provide the minutes of the following ministerial meeting which took place from October 2025 to the end of December 2025. If there were briefings given to the Minister prior to or after the meeting, I would also like to see those. 1. Boyd Sleater and Holly Lester 2. Minister Ian Murray MP 3. Jonathan Buckley 4. Dianne Dodds 5. NI Federation of Housing Associations 6. Gavin Robinson and Mervyn Gibson 7. Edwin Poots 8. Paul Frew

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			9. Braid Utd and Raceview FC 10. Ulster Scots Agency 11. Pam Cameron MLA and the Bridge Association 12. David Johnstone, NI Veterans Commissioner 13. Carla Lockhart MP
7th May	DFC/2026-0135	Campaigning Group	Under EIR, please provide the following from February 2024 to present: - Correspondence or meetings between the Minister for Communities and/or officials of the Department and Greater Shankill Local Action Group or any member(s) of the Greater Shankill Local Action Group as described above acting on the group's behalf including meeting dates, meeting documentation, minutes/notes/actions, meeting venue and details of attendees. - Internal emails/correspondence/memos/minutes of any meetings of the Department for Communities at which the Greater Shankill Local Action Group or the activities of the Greater Shankill Local Action Group were discussed. - Correspondence or meetings between the Minister for Communities and/or officials of the Department and elected Belfast City Councillors, Northern Ireland MLAs or MPs in

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			relation to the Greater Shankill Local Action Group including meeting dates, meeting documentation, minutes/notes/actions, meeting venue and details of attendees. Correspondence or meetings between the Minister for Communities and/or officials of the Department and officials of Belfast City Council in relation to the Greater Shankill Local Action Group including meeting dates, meeting documentation, minutes/notes/actions, meeting venue and details of attendees.
7th May	DFC/2026-0136	Media	Under FOI, and regarding licensing laws in Northern Ireland, please provide a copy of the following emails sent to the Department from Hospitality Ulster: - Email 20 March 2025 – Request for Meeting with Minister Gordon Lyons - Email 3 July 2025 – Urgent Request for Meeting Regarding Liquor Licensing and Surrender Principle (confirmation of date) - Email 9 July 2025 - Urgent Request for Meeting Regarding Liquor Licensing and Surrender Principle (confirmation of date) - Email 21 July 2025 (11.31) – Independent Review of the Liquor Licensing system in Northern Ireland including the Surrender Principle. University of Sterling (August 2024)

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			- Email 21 July 2025 (11.26) - Independent Review of the Liquor Licensing system in Northern Ireland including the Surrender Principle. University of Sterling (August 2024) - Email – Responsible Retailing Code
8th May	DFC/2026-0137	Public Representative	Under FOI, please provide the following in relation to Personal Independence Payments in Northern Ireland: - How many people in Northern Ireland applied for PIP from 1st January 2025 and 20th February 2026? - Of those applications, how many applied due to a physical illness? - Of those applications, how many applied due to mental illness? - Between 1st January 2025 and Friday 20th February 2026, how many individuals have had their benefit removed? - Between 1st January 2025 and Friday 20th February, how many individuals have had their benefit reduced? - Of those individuals who have had their PIP benefit removed or reduced, how many individuals suffer a physical illness? - Of those individuals who have had their PIP benefit removed or reduced, how many individuals suffer a mental illness?

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			- Between 1st January 2025 and Friday 20th February 2026, how many individuals have entered the appeal process to have their PIP benefit reinstated? - Of those individuals who have entered the appeal process to have their PIP benefit reinstated, how many individuals suffered a physical disability? - Of those individuals who have entered the appeal process to have their PIP benefit reinstated, how many individuals suffer a mental disability? - Of the individuals who have had their PIP benefit reinstated, how many suffer a physical disability? - Of the individuals who had their PIP benefit reinstated, how many suffer a mental disability?
3rd May	DFC/2026-0138	Member of the Public	Under FOI, please provide the following concerning the use of non-disclosure agreements and settlement agreements containing confidentiality clauses with current or former members of staff: In each calendar year from 2016 to the date of this request, how many settlement agreements or non-disclosure agreements meeting the above definition were concluded between the authority and current or former members of staff?

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			• Please provide this information broken down by year. Where the number in a given year falls below five AND you consider that a precise figure risks identifying individuals, please amalgamate adjacent years so that each reported cell contains at least five agreements. • In each of the same calendar years, what was the total value of financial payments made to employees as part of the agreements described above? • Please provide this information broken down by year. • Does the authority have any policy, guidance, or internal procedure governing the circumstances in which non-disclosure clauses may be included in settlement agreements or other agreements with departing staff? If so, please provide a copy or summary of that policy. • What is the total headcount of the authority's workforce as of the most recent available date? Please state the date to which this figure relates
8th May	DFC/2026-0139	Campaigning Group	Under FOI, please provide: • The total cost incurred by the Department for Communities on legal and consultancy fees (including DSO costs) to intervene in the judicial review taken by Ann McClure Vs Belfast City Council. • An accompanying breakdown of the above.

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			Any correspondence or documentation held by the Department for Communities relating to this case and its impact on or relevance to the Irish language.
12th May	DFC/2026-0140	Member of the Public	Under FOI, please provide the following information in relation to the Captia assessors involved in the PIP application for the named individual: Identity and professional status - - Job title and role within Capita - Professional qualification (e.g., RN, Paramedic, Physiotherapist, Occupational Therapist) - Professional registration number (NMC, HCPC, GMC, etc.) - Regulatory body with which they are registered - Confirmation of their employment status (current or former) - Confirmation they were employed at the time of Marc's assessment, and whether they are still employed in this role. - Titles and outlines of specific training modules completed by these assessors regarding Marc's specific disability - depression, insomnia, anxiety.

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			• Specific version of the PIP assessment guide used to assess Marc's claim Audit, conduct and competence information - • Any internal audit findings relating to their assessment of this claim • Any internal quality assurance concerns raised about their conduct or competence • Any upheld complaints relating to either assessor • Any mandatory retraining, supervision, or disciplinary action applied • Their assessment overturn rate, or the specific legal exemption relied upon if withheld. • The percentage of assessments from that specific assessment centre that were overturned at the MR or tribunal stage over the last 24 months • A copy of your quality/audit criteria used to monitor the accuracy of reports • The definition of an unacceptable report as defined by the DWPs quality assurance team Procedural standards - • Note taking policy - how are assessors required to record evidence during consultations? Must these records be verbatim?

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			• Evidence weighting policy - what is the internal guidance provided to decision makers/assessors on how to weigh their own informal observations against actual evidence provided.
12th May	DFC/2026-0141	Member of the Public	Under FOI, please provide the following in relation to the Levelling Up Fund award associated with the Queen's Parade / Marine Gardens regeneration project in Bangor involving Bangor Marine Ltd: • Copies of any funding agreements, grant agreements, memoranda of understanding, letters of offer, or contractual documents between: ○ the Department for Communities, ○ Bangor Marine Ltd, ○ Ards and North Down Borough Council, ○ and/or any other relevant public body, ○ relating to the Levelling Up Fund award for the Marine Gardens/public realm project • Copies of any approved concept designs, masterplans, layout drawings, or public realm proposals submitted in support of the Levelling Up Fund application. • Details of any conditions attached to the funding relating to

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			○ public access, ○ playpark provision, ○ parking provision, ○ public realm specifications, ○ community benefit requirements, ○ maintenance obligations, ○ design compliance. ● Copies of any correspondence, briefing papers, meeting notes, or internal assessments discussing: ○ proposed changes to the originally approved Marine Gardens/public realm design ○ additional or amended car parking proposals ○ or whether such changes could affect compliance with Levelling Up Fund conditions ● Copies of any economic appraisals, business cases, value-for-money assessments, or impact assessments relating to the use of Levelling Up Fund monies for this project.

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			Details of any clawback provisions, review mechanisms, or enforcement provisions should the final delivered scheme materially differ from the proposals on which funding approval was granted.
13th May	DFC/2025-0142	Member of the Public	Under FOI, please provide the following information regarding Benefit Fraud investigation processes: - Inter-Agency Cross-Checking - Whether information supplied to, or via, the Legal Services Agency Northern Ireland (LSANI) is routinely cross-checked or considered as part of the Department's assessment process where relevant to benefit entitlement. - Application of Capital Rules - Whether cases involving significant changes in financial resources are assessed in line with the Department's guidance on: - deprivation of capital, and - deliberate reduction of assets in order to obtain or retain benefit entitlement.

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			• Use of UC Guidance (Notional Capital) - Whether Universal Credit guidance (including ADM provisions) relating to notional capital is applied where there is evidence that assets may have been disposed of.
14th May	DFC/2026-0143	Business	Under FOI, please provide the following information regarding Postcode Lottery: • Copies of all correspondence between the Department for Communities and Allwyn, including that which is provided by any consultant acting on behalf of Allwyn, which reference "People's Postcode Lottery" "Postcode Lottery" and/or "Society Lotteries" • Details of all meetings involving representatives of the Department for Communities and Allwyn, including: ◦ dates of meetings; ◦ any agendas, minutes, notes, emails, or briefing materials held. • Copies of all correspondence received by the Department for Communities which references "People's Postcode Lottery" or "Postcode Lottery". • Copies of all internal correspondence within the Department for Communities which mentions "Allwyn", "People's Postcode Lottery" or "Postcode Lottery".

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11th May	DFC/2026-0144	Member of the Public	Under FOI, please provide the following information regarding the payment of welfare benefits in cases involving polygamous marriages within Northern Ireland: • The number of benefit claims currently recognised by DfC where a claimant has more than one spouse. • The types of benefits affected in these cases, including but not limited to Universal Credit, Housing Benefit, Child Benefit, Pension Credit, or other welfare payments. • The total estimated annual cost to the public purse of additional benefit payments made in relation to second, third, or subsequent spouses in each of the past 5 years? • The legal basis under which the Department recognises or adjusts benefit entitlement for individuals in polygamous marriages, despite polygamy being unlawful if conducted within the UK. • The number of claims involving polygamous marriages where the marriage was conducted overseas and subsequently recognised for benefit assessment purposes in the UK. • Whether the Department has undertaken any reviews, consultations, or policy discussions concerning the continuation, reduction, or removal of additional benefit entitlement linked to multiple spouses.

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15th May	DFC/2026-0145	Media	Under EIR, please provide any correspondence between departmental officials and GAA officials pertaining to the redevelopment of Casement Park in Belfast between 16th September 2025 and today (15th May 2026).
18th May	DFC/2026-0146	Campaigning Group	Under FOI, please provide the following in relation to DFC participation in the multiagency group (Home Office, Mears Group, NI Executive Office, NI Housing Executive etc) set up around the transition of asylum seekers into NI housing and wider society following the recognition of their status as refugees. • Information on the parameters of DFC participation in the multiagency group • Information on the DFC's roles and responsibilities in facilitating refugee integration more generally, including but not limited to access to Universal Credit and other programmes • An overview of ○ any refugee integration / related funding to the DFC for 2025 and to date in 2026 and ○ the allocation of that funding

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18th May	DFC/2026-0147	Member of the Public	Under FOI, please provide the following regarding the Queen's Parade, Bangor, regeneration project: • Do you have any record of meetings of the Project Board which took place in the Spring or Summer of 2025, and in September 2025, December 2025, and March 2026? Do you also have a record of any other meetings held under the auspices of the Department which involved officials and/or councilors from ANDBC and/or the developer relating to the project between, say, 1 May 2025 and 18 May 2026? I understand that some such meetings took place on 10 July 2025, 28 July 2025, 29 July 2025, 5 August 2025 ,8 August 2025, 27 August 2025; and perhaps on other dates. ○ What was the date of each such meeting? ○ Who was present at each such meeting (including Project Board meetings) as set out in (1) above? (I refer only to senior participants, not to junior staff who may have been in attendance). ○ What was the agenda for each meeting? ○ Can minutes of some or all of the meetings be made available?

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			○ Can papers and briefing notes for some or all of the meetings be made available? ○ If not, can any precis of the discussions or indication of the topics being discussed at each meeting be made available? ● Has the Department any record of contact with the Levelling Up Fund (and/or its parent department, or any other relevant body) in regard to any matters of concern which related to the financial capacity of the developer to complete Phase 1 of the project or to significant concerns over timescales, such as might affect the feasibility of meeting the timescales that LUF required? If so, when were those contacts made, and may I have a copy, and of any response that may have been made? ● Does the Department have any record of any question being raised by the developer or by LUF or by the Department or by any other body with standing in these matters (including but not confined to ANDBC) as to the developer's financial ability to fund his share of Phase 1 of the project through to completion, and of any response to such question ? If so, when were those questions raised, who raised them, and may I have a copy?
18th May	DFC/2026-0148	Media	Under FOI, please provide any briefings given to the minister since 1 September 2025 to the latest date possible in 2026 about the Women's World Cup? Over the same period, can you

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			please provide any communications between the IFA and the department relating to the Women's World Cup?
20th May	DFC/2026-0149	Media	Under FOI, please provide the minutes of ministerial meetings with the following people that took place between January and March 2026: • The Housing Council • NI screen Ulster Scots Broadcast Fund • Minister Martin McCloskey MP • Thomas Matthews from East Belfast FC • Sir Charlie Mayfield • Lee Reynolds • Pol Deeds • Gavin Robinson • The Royal Black Institution • Andrew Muir • NIHE • Irish FA, Ulster GAA and Ulster Rugby • DUP Councillors at Belfast City Council • Sir Stephen Timms MP

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			Build Homes NI
20th May	DFC/2026-0150	Campaigning Group	Under FOI, please provide the following relating to the Executive Disability Strategy for Northern Ireland since the restoration of the Northern Ireland Executive in February 2024: - Details of all meetings and correspondence, including but not limited to meeting notes, minutes, agendas, briefing papers, letters, emails and records of phone or online messages, between the Minister for Communities, Department for Communities officials, and representatives of the following organisations regarding the Executive Disability Strategy - Disability Action - Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB) - Centre for Independent Living Northern Ireland (CILNI)
21st May	DFC/2026-0151	Member of the Public	Under EIR, please provide the following relating to the Queen's Parade / Marine Gardens redevelopment in Bangor: - A copy of the Development Agreement referred to by the Department as agreed in May 2019 between the Department, Ards and North Down Borough Council and Bangor Marine. - Copies of any amendments or variations to that agreement since May 2019.

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			• Copies of any Levelling Up Fund funding agreement, grant conditions or milestone conditions relating to Marine Gardens or Queen's Parade. • Any document setting out the requirement for additional car parking or additional land to support the development.
26th May	DFC/2026-0152	Member of the Public	Under FOI, please provide the following data regarding Universal Credit appeals processed by The Appeals Service: • Mandatory Reconsideration Documentation Metrics ○ What is the total number of Universal Credit appeals that were formally lodged with The Appeals Service in each of the calendar years 2023, 2024, and 2025? ○ Of the total number of appeals identified, in how many instances did the case file received by the Tribunal contain the actual, original Mandatory Reconsideration (MR) request document submitted by the claimant (e.g., the physical CRMR1 form, scanned postal letter, or digital dispute text)? ○ Of the total number of appeals identified, in how many instances did the case file contain only the Department-generated Mandatory Reconsideration Notice (MRN)?

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			• Lapsed Appeals and Regulation 28 Statistics ○ What is the total number of Universal Credit appeals that were formally recorded as "Lapsed" by The Appeals Service in each of the calendar years 2023, 2024, and 2025? ○ Out of the total number of lapsed cases identified, for how many did The Appeals Service physically receive a copy of the formal Regulation 28 Notice of Decision from the Department?
27th May	DFC/2026-0153	Member of the Public	Under EIR, please provide the following information regarding the Bangor Marine / Queen's Parade regeneration project: • The full Development Agreement signed between Bangor Marine, the Department for Communities, and/or Ards and North Down Borough Council. • Any amendments, side letters, supplemental agreements, or variations made to the Development Agreement since it was originally signed. • Project milestone schedules and performance obligations contained within the agreement.

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			- Minutes of, reports, or briefing papers presented to the Project Board or oversight committees concerning: - project delays, - funding concerns, - land ownership or Crown Estate issues, - or viability assessments. - Any provisions regarding enforcement, default provisions, termination clauses, or compliance with the Development Agreement. - The current status of the Development Agreement, including whether it remains active, under review, varied, or subject to renegotiation
21st May	DFC/2026-0154	Member of the Public	Under FOI, please provide the following regarding Sure Start Maternity Grant awards in NI, broken down by local council for each financial year from 2000/01 to present: - Number of SSMG awards/recipients - Number of SSMG applications - Total expenditure (£) on SSMG awards If available, please also include: - Percentage of applications authorised/denied/withdrawn (%)

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			Any notes on boundary changes or data limitations
26th May	DFC/2026-0155	Member of the Public	Under FOI, please provide the following regarding the administration of Mandatory Reconsiderations (MRs) and Anytime Revisions on the grounds of Official Error within Universal Credit (Northern Ireland) for the calendar years 2023, 2024, and 2025: - Mandatory Reconsideration (MR) Volume and Source of Verifiable Request - The total number of MR's recorded as completed/processed by the Department across all Universal Credit claims for each specified calendar year. - Of the total number identified, how many were initiated directly via an internal Departmental system entry or by an agent acting without an explicit, standalone written request from the claimant to begin the formal statutory MR process? - Of the total number identified, how many were initiated strictly via a formal, external statutory submission completed verifiably by the claimant? For the avoidance of doubt, this refers only to instances where a claimant submitted a CRMR1 form, a signed postal letter explicitly demanding an MR, or a digital upload specifically categorized by the user under the dedicated system function for logging a formal dispute—excluding general journal inquiries, text questions, or requests for clarification.

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			• Audit Trails for Claimant Consent ○ Does the Department's Universal Credit infrastructure hold a specific, unique data marker that separates MRs triggered by standard statutory forms from MRs opened manually by an operational agent? ○ If not, what exact evidentiary standard or audit procedure does the Department use to verify that an agent-initiated MR has explicit, unequivocal claimant consent, rather than being generated at the Department's own discretion to alter appeal trajectories? • Anytime Revisions on the Grounds of Official Error ○ The total number of Universal Credit decisions revised by the Department under Regulation 3(5) of the Social Security and Child Support (Decisions and Appeals) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999 (Anytime Revision on the grounds of Official Error) for each specified calendar year. ○ Of the total number of Universal Credit appeals recorded as "lapsed" by the Department in each specified calendar year, how many resulted in a formal Regulation 28 Notice of Decision being issued to the claimant that explicitly cited an Anytime Revision executed under the grounds of Official Error? ○ What is the total number of lapsed Universal Credit appeals where the subsequent decision notice provided to the claimant was processed as a

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			revised Mandatory Reconsideration decision rather than a standard statutory notice under Regulation 28?