

FOI/15/78

Title: Details of funding in Northern Ireland

Response to an FOI requesting information on details of funding in Northern Ireland

Detail: Reply to Freedom of Information request FOI/15/78 dated April 2015

FOI/15/82

Title: Background of the art work owned by the NIO

Response to an FOI requesting information in relation to the background of art work owned by the NIO

Detail: Reply to Freedom of Information request FOI/15/82 dated April 2015

FOI/15/84

Title: List of the NIO's gift register

Response to an FOI requesting information on the NIO's gift register

Detail: Reply to Freedom of Information request FOI/15/84 dated May 2015

FOI/15/87

Title: Details on the NIOs ICT network and hardware

Response to an FOI requesting information on the NIOs ICT network and hardware

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FOI/15/88

Title: Details on the NIO's recruitment

Response to an FOI requesting information on the NIO's recruitment

Detail: Reply to Freedom of Information request FOI/15/88 dated May 2015

FOI/15/89

Title: Department spend on litigation

Response to an FOI requesting information on the department spend on litigation

Detail: Reply to Freedom of Information request FOI/15/89 dated May 2015

FOI/15/90

Title: Details of the NIOs fixed communications and internet services contact list

Response to an FOI requesting information on the NIOs fixed communications and internet services contact list

Detail: Reply to Freedom of Information request FOI/15/90 dated May 2015

FOI/15/92

Title: Details of payroll workers

Response to an FOI requesting information on details of payroll workers

Detail: Reply to Freedom of Information request FOI/15/92 dated May 2015

FOI/15/93

Title: Contact details for contact centre and inbound network services

Response to an FOI requesting details for contact centre and inbound network services

Detail: Reply to Freedom of Information request FOI/15/93 dated May 2015

FOI/15/94

Title: NIO PFI projects

Response to an FOI requesting information on NIO PFI projects

Detail: Reply to Freedom of Information request FOI/15/94 dated May 2015

FOI/15/95

Title: Cost of hiring new employees

Response to an FOI requesting information on the cost of hiring new employees

Detail: Reply to Freedom of Information request FOI/15/95 dated May 2015

FOI/15/96

Title: Number of exit interviews

Response to an FOI requesting information on the number of exit interviews

Detail: Reply to Freedom of Information request FOI/15/96 dated May 2015

FOI/15/97

Title: Duration of staff employment by grade

Response to an FOI requesting information on the duration of staff employment by grade

Detail: Reply to Freedom of Information request FOI/15/ dated May 2015

FOI/15/98

Title: Duration of staff employment by grade

Response to an FOI requesting information regarding the duration of staff employment by grade

Detail: Reply to Freedom of Information request FOI/15/98 dated June 2015

FOI/15/101

Title: External recruitment figures

Response to an FOI requesting information on external recruitment figures

Detail: Reply to Freedom of Information request FOI/15/101 dated May 2015

FOI/15/102

Title: Contingent workers figures

Response to an FOI requesting contingent workers figures

Detail: Reply to Freedom of Information request FOI/15/102 dated June 2015

FOI/15/103

Title: Number of employees on secondment

Response to an FOI requesting information on the number of employees on secondment

Detail: Reply to Freedom of Information request FOI/15/103 dated May 2015



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REFERENCE: 15/78

You requested the following information from the Northern Ireland Office (NIO):

“I am just enquiring about Funding in Northern Ireland in the past 15 years.

- ***How much money in funding was given to the GAA from the 1st of January 2000 until the 1st of January 2015 In Northern Ireland?***
- ***How much money in funding was given to Loyalist Marching Bands from the 1st of January 2000 until the 1st of January 2015 In Northern Ireland?***
- ***How much money in funding was given to the promotion of the Irish Language/Culture from the 1st of January 2000 until the 1st of January 2015 in Northern Ireland?***
- ***How much money in funding was given to the promotion of Ulster-Scots Language/Culture from the 1st of January 2000 until the 1st of January 2015 in Northern Ireland?”***

Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

The NIO does not hold any information relating to the provision of funding to loyalist marching bands or the GAA for the period in question.

Irish Language/Ulster Scots



Broadcasting is a reserved matter under the Northern Ireland Act 1998 so remains the responsibility of the UK Government rather than the devolved administration. I can confirm that the UK Government has allocated the following funding for Irish Language/Ulster Scots broadcasting during the period requested:

- £3m per year for the Irish Language Broadcasting Fund (ILBF) from 2005-2015 (total: £30m). An additional £4m has been allocated for this fund for the current financial year 2015-16.
- A one-off payment of £8m in 2010 in the form of a grant-in-aid for the Irish Language Investment Fund (ILIF) for the purpose of funding capital projects in support of Irish language development in communities.
- £1m per year from 2010-2015 (total: £5m) for the Ulster Scots Broadcasting Fund.

Since 2007, the Northern Ireland Executive has assumed responsibility for language policy and you may wish to consult the Department for Culture, Arts and Leisure on funding it may have provided for the promotion of the Irish Language and Ulster Scots more broadly.





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REFERENCE: FOI 15/82

You requested the following information:

“The title and artist(s) of each of the 75 works of art owned by the Northern Ireland Office;

Any further details which could be released about each artwork. For example, provenance or latest valuation if such details are stored centrally as files on a computer network.”

Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Art works owned by the Northern Ireland Office are displayed or stored at Hillsborough Castle. Details of their title and/or artist, along with any other information held on computer, are provided in **Annex A** below.



Annex A

AN ARMORIAL, PAINTED ON SILK, IN A WHITE PAINTED AND
GILT FRAME

£5,000

Three in number

50 inches square (1)

35 ½ inches in width (2)

A GILT THREAD AND SILK ARMORIAL WORKED WITH THE
ROYAL ARMS, THE CYPHER 'ER' OF RECTANGULAR FORM,
with fringed border

£3,500

52 inches by 88 inches

AN ARMORIAL,
painted on silk in a painted white wooden frame
approximately 36 inches by 40 inches

£1,600

WILLIAM CONOR

£10,000

Hillsborough Castle

Pastel on paper

13 ½ inches by 6 ½ inches

Signed

IRISH SCHOOL

£400

The Mall, Armagh

Watercolour drawing

17 ½ inches by 14 ¾ inches

Bearing signature

GARTH GRIFFIN

£400

Antrim Coast

Watercolour drawing



12 ½ inches by 20 inches

A Map of Northern Ireland £200

On a roller, within a box

IRISH SCHOOL, 19th CENTURY £2,500

Portrait of the Earl of Hillsborough, Colonel Of

The Royal South Down Regiment of Militia,

Circa 1835

Three quarter length in uniform

49 inches by 39 inches

Oil on canvas

Identifying inscription

TOM STEPHENSON £800

Five Men Talking

Oil on canvas

11 ¾ inches by 9 ¼ inches

Signed

WILLIAM MASON £800

A Busy Street Scene

Oil on panel

9 inches by 10 ¾ inches

Signed

WILLIAM OSBORNE £6,000

Two Mounted Hussars in an Extensive Coastal Landscape

Oil on canvas

13 ½ inches by 15 ¼ inches

Signed in monogram



SIR ROBERT PONSONBY STAPLES, 12 th BT.	£3,500
On The Beach at Castlerock, Co. Londonderry	
Oil on panel	
9 inches by 13 ½ inches	
HANS ITEN	£6,000
Marigolds, Rhododendrons and Other Flowers in	
a Vase on a Ledge	
Oil on canvas	
13 ½ inches by 17 ¼ inches	
Signed	
MARY SWANZY	£7,000
A Wooded River Landscape with a White Cottage	
Oil on Panel	
9 inches by 11 ¾ inches	
ENGLISH SCHOOL, 19 th CENTURY	£3,500
A Dapple Grey Hunter Held by a Groom in a Landscape	
Oil on canvas	
18 ½ inches by 22 ½ inches	
WILFRED HAUGHTON	£300
Donegal Farm	
Watercolour drawing	
9 ¾ inches by 13 ¾ inches	
Signed	
ENGLISH SCHOOL, 20 th CENTURY	£350
A Watermill	
Watercolour drawing	



9 ¼ inches by 13 ½

WILLIAM PERCY FRENCH £8,500

Scrabo Tower

Watercolour drawing

6 ½ inches by 9 ¼ inches

Signed and dated 1906

ANDREW NICHOLL RHA £7,500

Carrick-A-Rede Rope Bridge

Watercolour drawing

8 ½ inches by 13 ½ inches

Signed

FRANK MCKELVEY £5,000

Stormont Castle From The Park

Watercolour drawing

10 inches by 14 ½ inches

Signed with inscribed mount

MILDRED ANNE BUTLER £6,000

A View of a Garden, With an Extensive Landscape Beyond

Watercolour drawing

6 ¼ inches by 8 ¼ inches

Signed

JOHN LUKE £10,000

Lagan Landscape

Watercolour drawing

9 ½ inches by 13 ½ inches

Signed and dated 1926



GEORGE WILLIAM MORRISON	£500
A Wooded River Landscape, With Mountains Beyond	
Watercolour drawing	
7 inches by 10 ¼ inches	
Signed	
JOHN FAULKNER	£6,000
Cottages at Cambus O'May, Aberdeenshire	
Watercolour drawing	
16 ½ inches by 29 ½ inches	
Signed	
FRANK EGGINTON	£5,000
Irish Gig on a Country Lane	
Watercolour drawing	
20 inches by 29 inches	
Signed	
MARTIN HASSAN	£500
Snowy Landscape	
Watercolour drawing	
9 ¾ inches by 13 ½ inches	
Signed	
OLIVE HENRY	£600
A Group of Farmhouses Among Trees	
Watercolour drawing	
10 inches by 15 inches	
Signed	
OLIVE HENRY	£600
A Wooded River Landscape	



Watercolour drawing

10 ¾ by 14 ½ inches

Signed

ENGLISH SCHOOL, 1833

£2,400

Port Coon Cave, Giant's Causeway

Pen and black ink with black and grey wash

3 ¾ inches by 6 inches

Signed with initials, inscribed and dated 1833

ENGLISH SCHOOL, 19TH CENTURY

£150

The Cape of Good Hope

Engraving

3 ½ inches by 4 ¾ inches

Signed in monogram

JOSÉ OTHON

A Lady in a White Dress and Black Lace Shawl,

£1,000

A Yellow Ribbon in her Bodice

Oval miniature

3 ½ inches by 2 ¾ inches

Signed

FREDERICK BUCK

£1,250

An Infantry Officer, Possibly of the 1st Foot or

Royal Scots, Circa 1810

Three quarter to the right in military uniform

Oval miniature in ebonised frame

2 ½ inches by 2 inches

JEAN-FRANÇOIS DE LA VALLÉE

£1,500

A Junior Staff Officer, Circa 1812



Full face, in undress military uniform with hair device
on the reverse
Oval miniature in a gold frame
3 inches by 2 ½ inches

GEORGE FREEMAN £600

A Lady in a White Dress, Her Hair in Ringlets
Miniature
3 ¼ inches by 2 ½ inches
Signed, dated and inscribed 'A sketch. G. Freeman/27'

HORACE HONE £5,000

A Gentleman in a Blue Coat
Three quarter to the right
Oval miniature in an ebonised frame
2 ¾ inches by 1 ¾ inches

EDWARD MALBONE GREEN £1,200

A Lady Facing Left, Head Only, With Dark Hair
Enamel (cracked) in an elaborate metal
slip frame
1 ¾ inches by 1 ¼ inches

PHYLLIS ARNOLD £800

The Marquess of Downshire and Lord Arthur Hill
One in a blue coat and white shirt, the other in
a pink shirt and black hat, after Richard Cosway, R.A.
Miniature in an ebonised frame
2 ½ inches by 2 inches
Signed



ENGLISH SCHOOL, 19TH CENTURY £200

A Baby, A Sketch

Oval miniature

2 ¾ inches by 2 inches

FREDERICK BUCK £1,250

An Infantry Officer, Facing Right, In Military Uniform

Miniature in an ebonised frame

2 ½ inches by 2 inches

ENGLISH SCHOOL, 19TH CENTURY £500

A Gentleman Facing Front in a Black Coat, White

Waistcoat and Black Stock

3 ¾ inches by 3 inches

JOSEPH DUFOUR ET CIE £20,000

Scenes from 'Don Quixote' : Releasing Prisoners

en grisalle

Possibly distemper print on two joined sheets of paper

94 inches by 41 inches

PROVENANCE:

Charles Dunlop, who bought them in Paris in 1824

for Edenderry House and by descent to Mrs. Denton

EAMON O'KANE £3,500

Portrait of Lord Erskine, Seated

Three quarter length, in Governor's uniform in the

Throne Room

Oil on canvas

48 ¾ inches by 31 inches

Signed with initials



CAROL GRAHAM

£5,000

Portrait of Lord Grey

Three quarter length, in Governor's uniform, seated on the throne in the Throne Room

Oil on canvas

57 inches by 46 inches

Signed

JOSEPH DUFOUR ET CIE

£60,000

Scenes from 'Don Quixote':

Don Quixote tilting at windmills

Inscribing Dulcibella's name on a rock

Sancho Panza being tossed in a blanket

Sancho Panza learning to ride

Setting out on their journey en grisaille

Possibly distemper printed on joined sheets of paper

96 inches by 56 inches (2)

108 inches by 124 inches

11 inches by 392 inches (2)

IRISH SCHOOL, 19th CENTURY

£40,000

Group Portrait of Mrs. Blacker, Lieut-Colonel

Blacker of Carrickblacker (b. 1777), Vice Treasurer of Ireland, 1817 – 1829, and Lady Ferguson

All half length, the former in a green dress and white feather boa, he in military uniform wearing a sash and Armagh volunteer medal, and the latter in a black dress, white lace collar and cap, by a draped curtain

Oil on canvas, in a Kentian frame with egg and dart moulding, roses at the top two corners, scrolls at the lower corners, surmounted by scallop shells



45 ½ inches by 66 inches

(The badge Lieut-Colonel Blacker is wearing hangs
in a glass box beneath the picture)

IRISH SCHOOL, 19th Century

£40,000

Group Portrait of Lady Hill, Sir Hugh Hill, BT, M.P.
for Londonderry, and Mrs. Blacker, Daughter of
Sir Hugh and Lady Hill

All half length, the former in a pink and white dress,
he in a blue coat and red waistcoat trimmed with
gold braid, the latter in a blue dress and red shawl

Oil on canvas, in a Kentian frame with egg and dart
moulding, roses at the top two corners, scrolls at the
lower corners, surmounted by scallop shells

47 inches by 60 ½ inches

IRISH SCHOOL, 19TH CENTURY

£25,000

Portrait of Lord Arthur Hill

Full length, in the uniform of Aide-de-Camp

Oil on canvas

98 inches by 55 ½ inches

With identifying inscription and dated 1821

PROVENANCE:

Kingsgate Castle, near Broadstairs

Anon. sale; Christie's, 29 January 1988, lot 148

After J. E. STEPHANOFF

£900

Buckingham Palace

The King's Library

The Second Drawing Room

The Blue Velvet Room

Queen's State Bedchamber



The Queen's Bedchamber

Drawing Room

By T. Sutherland

A set of six coloured engravings

9 ¼ inches by 10 ½ inches

WILLIAM HINKS

£2,500

The Story of Flax

Twelve Plates

Scutch Mill

Lapping Room

Linen Manufacture

Spinning

Beetling

Linen Hall

Pulling the Flax

Poloughing and Sowing Flax Seed

Bleaching Grounds

Wash Mill

Brown Linen Market

Warping

A set of sepia engravings, some as ovals

15 ¼ inches by 18 ¼ inches

DAN HELY

£480

Flower Studies

Four lithographs

11 ½ inches by 5 ½ inches

Signed in the plate

EDDIE O'KANE

£400

Garden Path with Flowerbeds



Watercolour drawing

18 inches by 15 ¼ inches

Signed and dated 1991

LESLEY ANNE IVORY

£300

Butterflies and Flowers

A pair of lithographs

7 ¼ inches by 5 ½ inches

After REDOUTÉ

£150

Rose

Lithograph

14 ½ inches by 16 ½ inches

DAVID LONG

£1,250

Shelduck at Greyabbey

Watercolour drawing

Signed

13 inches by 19 ¼ inches

RAYMOND PIPER

£1,200

Botanical Studies

A set of three lithographs

23 ½ inches by 15 inches

and 20 ¼ inches by 13 ¼ inches

All signed, inscribed and numbered '46/125'

ALISON BROWN

£1,200

Views of Hillsborough Gardens and the Town

A set of eight lithographs

7 ¾ inches by 5 ¼ inches



All signed in pencil and numbered 1/100

PAMELA GLADDING	£250
Irises	
Two lithographs	
28 inches by 10 ¼ inches	
After PIERRE JOSEPH REDOUTÉ	£1,800
Roses by Langlois	
Printed by Rémond	
A set of eleven lithographs	
14 ½ inches by 10 ¾ inches	
CYRIL WALTER BION	£600
An Extensive Landscape with an Oak Tree by a Country Road	
Watercolour drawing	
13 ½ inches by 10 ¼ inches	
Signed with initials	
MARY DUGDALE	£150
Crangle's Farm	
Watercolour drawing	
14 inches by 20 ½ inches	
Signed	
ENGLISH SCHOOL, 19 th CENTURY	£300
A Rocky River Landscape	
Watercolour drawing with brown and sepia washes	
13 ¼ inches by 19 inches	



After THOMAS CHIPPENDALE	£600
Design for Chairs, by M. Darley	
Published 1753	
A set of three engravings with later colouring	
11 ¾ inches by 16 ¾ inches	
GEORGE WILLIAM MORRISON	£500
The Glens of County Antrim	
Watercolour drawing	
10 ¼ inches by 15 inches	
GEORGE WILLIAM MORRISON	£600
Carrickfergus Castle	
Watercolour drawing	
10 ¼ inches by 14 ¼ inches	
Signed	
GEORGE WILLIAM MORRISON	£500
Beneath The Mournes	
Watercolour drawing	
10 ¼ inches by 15 ¼ inches	
Signed	
Cup and saucer designs	£800
Four lithographs	
13 ¾ inches by 9 ¾ inches	
ENGLISH SCHOOL, 1929	£400
Two Girls in an Orchard	
Oil on paper	
25 inches by 17 inches	
Signed in monogram and dated 1929	



Camellias, by Redouté 11 inches by 8 ¼ inches	£200
WILFRED HAUGHTON Extensive River Landscape in Winter Oil on canvas 17 ¼ inches by 23 inches Signed and dated 55	£800
MARTIN ALSODE THE PRINTS OF HILLSBOROUGH as hung, both signed, numbered 149/800 and 181/800 5 inches by 7 ½ inches	£250
HAMILTON SLOAN A Coastal Landscape with a Fishergirl Seated on a Seashore Watercolour drawing 14 ½ inches by 20 ½ inches Signed	£750
JOHN SKELTON Coastal Landscapes Gouache (pair) 5 ¼ inches by 7 ½ inches Signed	£1,200
Lilies Two lithographs 20 ¼ inches by 14 inches	£250



G. W. KNORR

£200

Shells

Lithograph printed in colours

15 ¾ inches by 10 ¾ inches

MARCUS MAY

£80,000

Hillsborough Castle

Oil on canvas (pair)

38 inches by 54 inches

Signed lower right and dated 2012

PROVENANCE:

The Rt Hon The Lord Ballyedmond OBE





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REFERENCE: FOI – 15/84

You asked for a copy of the Northern Ireland Office register of gifts and hospitality covering the last year for civil servants in the grades Administrative Assistant to Grade 6.

In the last financial year, the following gifts were received by Northern Ireland Office staff within the relevant grades from external parties:

Grade	Description of gift	Estimated Value
Senior Executive Officer	Tickets to a reception and performance	£20
Higher Executive Officer	Tickets to a reception and performance	£20
Senior Executive Officer	Ticket to House to Parliament Conference	£65
Grade 7	Bottle of Champagne	£30
Senior Executive Officer	Invitation to a dinner in honour of President Michael D Higgins	£50
Higher Executive Officer	Paperback book entitled the 'Knot Thing'	£11.95

There were no other gifts or hospitality received.



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REFERENCE: FOI – 15/87

You requested the following information from the Northern Ireland Office:

“1. Local Area Network

- a. What Manufacturer is your LAN Network?***
- b. What date does your support contract come up for renewal on the LAN Network?***
- c. What is the current cost of the LAN Network Support?***
- d. Which company is the support contract with?***

2. Phone System

- a. What Manufacturer is your phone system?***
- b. When date does your support contract come up for renewal on the Phone System?***
- c. What is the current cost of the phone system Support?***
- d. Which Company is the support Contract with?***

3. Storage (SAN)

- a. What Manufacturer of SAN are you using?***
- b. When was the SAN purchased?***
- c. How Many Virtual Servers are you running?***

4. Data Centre

- a. Do you use offsite/Third Party Data Centres?**
- b. What Services and how big are the offsite facilities?**
- c. When are the contracts due for renewal?**

5. Cloud Services

- a. Do you use third Party Cloud services?**
- b. What services are used and what size are these?**
- c. When are the contracts due for renewal?**

6. Contacts

- a. Who is responsible for ICT in the organisation and what are their contact details?**
- b. Who is responsible for ICT Infrastructure in the organisation and what are their contact details?"**

Your request has been handled as a request for information under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

1.The NIO receives managed ICT services from IT Assist Confidential (ITAC), which is a service provided by Enterprise Shared Services, a body within the Department of Finance and Personnel, Northern Ireland. The information requested is, therefore, not held by this Department. This information may be available from the Department of Finance and Personnel, Northern Ireland who can be contacted at info.csd@dfpni.gov.uk

2. The telephone system for the London premises:

- a. The system has been configured on Cisco hardware
- b. The contract expires on 13 Dec 2015
- c. The current cost of the system is £14k per annum
- d. The support contract is with Level 3

The telephone system for the Belfast premises:

- a. The system has been configured on Cisco hardware
- b. The contract is a rolling contract
- c. The current cost of the system is £36k per annum
- d. The support contract is with Eirecom

3. As at 1 above

4. As at 1 above

5. As at 1 above

6. The Departmental IT Co-ordinator is responsible for ICT in the Northern Ireland Office. His contact details are tim.mervyn-jones@nio.x.gsi.gov.uk.



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REFERENCE: FOI 15/88

You requested the following information from the Northern Ireland Office (NIO):

“What was the Northern Ireland Office's total spend on recruitment for the financial year 2014/2015?

How many positions have you advertised in the same date period (i.e. last financial year)?

What were the position titles that were advertised (e.g. administrator)?

What dates were these positions advertised?

What dates were these positions filled?

How many of these positions were filled?”

Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

1. What was the Northern Ireland Office's total spend on recruitment for the financial year 2014/2015?

The NIO spend on Recruitment for 2014-15 was £5,919 which was for recruitment services provided by Civil Service Resourcing for a senior post. There was no spend on external recruiting agencies

2. How many positions have you advertised in the same date period (i.e. last financial year)?



18 positions were advertised

3. What were the position titles that were advertised (e.g. administrator)?

See below

4. What dates were these positions advertised?

See below

5. What dates were these positions filled?

See below

The table below contains details in relation to questions 3, 4 and 5

Job Title	Date Advertised	Date Filled
Policy Advisor	24/03/2014	30/04/2014
Central Finance	20/03/2014	22/05/2014
Support Officer	12/05/2014	10/06/2014
Head of Unit	26/05/2014	26/06/2014
Information Officer	12/05/2014	13/08/2014
Policy Advisor	09/07/2014	25/07/2014
Casework Manager	16/06/2014	25/07/2014
Finance assistant	04/07/2014	17/09/2014
PS/Minister of State	18/08/2014	15/09/2014
Community Development Officer	18/08/2014	02/10/2014
Casework officer	18/08/2014	15/10/2014
Finance Assistant	20/10/2014	10/11/2014
Director	28/07/2014	
Deputy Director	01/12/2015	21/01/2015
Information Assistant	20/10/2014	16/01/2015
Head of Strategy and Operations	01/12/2014	06/02/2015
Head of Records and Information Management	12/01/2015	06/03/2015
Head of Policy	23/02/2015	24/03/2015

6. How many of these positions were filled?

All of these positions were filled





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REFERENCE: FOI – 15/89

You request the release of the following information from the Northern Ireland Office (NIO);

“How much of the Departmental budget was allocated to litigation (fees to legal services, settlement awards, court costs, etc.) in the financial years 2008-09 and 2013-14?”

How many litigation claims were brought against the department in the financial years 2008-09 and 2013-14?”

Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

As you may be aware, the devolution of policing and justice powers to the Northern Ireland Assembly took place on 12 April 2010. Information relating to the pre-devolution period is not available in a comparable form and is therefore not supplied

For the financial year 2013-14, the Northern Ireland office allocated £423,167.19 to litigation expenditure. There were 18 litigation claims brought against the department during this period.





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REFERENCE: FOI 15/90

You requested the following information from the Northern Ireland Office (NIO):

I want to submit a freedom of information request for the following information relating to Fixed Telecommunications and Internet Services:

If there is more than one supplier for each of the contract information I am requesting below please can you split each contract individually and not combined. Please also separate the expiry data and spend and number of lines for each supplier. An example of this can be viewed at the bottom of this request.

Contract 1

1. Current Fixed Line (Voice Circuits) Provider- Supplier's name, if there is not information available please can you provide further insight into why?
2. Fixed Line- Contract Renewal Date- please provide day, month and year (month and year is also acceptable). If this is a rolling contract please provide me with the rolling date of the contract. If there is more than one supplier please split the renewal dates up into however many suppliers
3. Fixed Line- Contract Duration- the number of years the contract is for each supplier.
4. Type of Lines- Please can you split the type of lines per each supplier?PSN, Analogue, SIP
5. Number of Lines- Please can you split the number of lines per each supplier? SIP trunks, PSN Lines, Analogue Lines

Contract 2

6. Minutes/Landline Provider- Supplier's name (Fixed Voice not Mobiles) if there is not information available please can you provide further insight into why?
7. Minutes/Landline Contract Renewal Date- please provide day, month and year (month and year is also acceptable). If this is a rolling contract please provide me with the rolling date of the contract.
8. Minutes Landline Monthly Spend- Monthly average spend. An estimate or average is acceptable.
9. Minute's Landlines Contract Duration: the number of years the contract is with the supplier.
10. Number of Extensions- Please state the number of telephone extensions the organisation currently has. An estimate or average is acceptable.



SUMMARY OF CONTRACTS

CONTRACT 1 – FIXED LINE

Supplier	Renewal Date	Contract Duration	Type of Lines	Number of Lines
Level 3	01/05/2016 - now rolling for 12 months	Original contract for 4 years	SIP, ISDN & Analogue	67 x SIP, 2 x Analogue, 18 x ISDN

CONTRACT - LANDLINE

Supplier	Renewal Date	Mnthly Average Spend	Contract Duration	Number of Lines
	Rolling from May			
Level 3	2015	£1,500	Rolling Contract	87
BT	Rolling	£6,000	Rolling Contract	41

CONTRACT 3 – BB VOIP

Supplier	Renewal Date	Annual Average Spend	VOIP/PBX Install date
BT	Jun-15	£650.00	Jun-13
BT	Feb-16	£650.00	Feb-14
LEVEL 3	May-15	£3,116.00	Feb-13
Eircom DFP	Rolling Contract	£2,739.08	Oct-12

CONTRACT 4 - WAN

Supplier	Renewal Date	Contract Duration	Number of Lines
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Contract 3

11. Fixed Broadband Provider- Supplier's name if there is not information available please can you provide further insight into why?
12. Fixed Broadband Renewal Date- please provide day, month and year (month and year is also acceptable). If this is a rolling contract please provide me with the rolling date of the contract. If there is more than one supplier please split the renewal dates up into however many suppliers
13. Fixed Broadband Annual Average Spend- Annual average spend. An estimate or average is acceptable.

14. VOIP/PBX Installation Date of the organisation's primary telephone system: - please provide day, month and year (month and year is also acceptable).

Contract 4

15. WAN Provider- please provide me with the main supplier(s) if there is not information available please can you provide further insight into why?

16. WAN Contract Renewal Date- please provide day, month and year (month and year is also acceptable). If this is a rolling contract please provide me with the rolling date of the contract. If there is more than one supplier please split the renewal dates up into however many suppliers
17. Contract Description: Please can you provide me with a brief description of the contract
18. Number of sites: Please state the number of sites the WAN covers. Approx will do.
19. WAN Annual Average Spend- Annual average spend. An estimate or average is acceptable.

18. Internal Contact: please can you send me there full contact details including contact number and email and job title.

IMPORTANT

If there is more than one supplier for some of the types of contracts information please can you split each of the contracts for each supplier that provide that service/support. For example Fixed Lines BT, Virgin Media Business

EXAMPLE

Supplier
Renewal Date
Contract Duration
Number of Lines
VMB
01/06/2013
1
100
BT
01/09/2013
3
600

If there is more than one contract please can you send me the main contracts?

If your organisation has a managed services contract which includes all or two out of three of the services stated above please state which of these is included with the contract. It would also be for me to if there are any other service support areas that are included within these contracts.

Managed Service Contract

- Number of Extensions
- Type of Lines
- Number of Lines
- Minutes Landline Monthly Average Spend
- Fixed Broadband Average Annual Spend
- WAN Average Annual Spend
- Internal Contact: please can you send me there full contact details including contact number and email and job title.



If there is more than one supplier for each contract please can you separate the contract dates and spend for each supplier. Also if no information can be provided for each of the key data types please explain why there is no information.

Your request has been handled as a request for information under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

The information you requested in respect of contracts 1, 2, and 3 has been supplied in the attached spreadsheet entitled 'FOI – 15/90 – Summary of Contracts'.

The information you have requested relating to contract 4 is not held by the NIO. You should note that department receives managed ICT services from IT Assist Confidential (ITAC), which is a service provided by Enterprise Shared Services, a body within the Department of Finance and Personnel, Northern Ireland (DFPNI). The provision of this service is covered by a Service Level Agreement. I have been informed that DFPNI will be providing information relating to contract 4 separately in response to your FOI request submitted directly to them.

The internal Departmental contact for the telephony service provision is:

Tim Mervyn-Jones, Business Delivery Group.

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REFERENCE: FOI – 15/92

You request the release of the following information from the Northern Ireland Office (NIO);

“1.a - How many people who have worked for you were paid off-payroll in the financial years 2013/14 and 2014/15?

1.b - How many people working for you are currently paid off-payroll?

2.a - How many of the off-payroll workers in the 2013/14 financial year were either board members or senior officials with significant financial responsibility?

2.b - How many of the off-payroll workers in the 2014/15 financial year were either board members or senior officials with significant financial responsibility?

2.c - How many of the off-payroll workers currently working for you are either board members or senior officials with significant financial responsibility?

3.a - Please provide the names and job titles for the off-payroll workers in 2013/14 who were either board members or senior officials with significant financial responsibility.

3.b - Please provide the names and job titles for the off-payroll workers in 2014/15 who were either board members or senior officials with significant financial responsibility.

3.c - Please provide the names and job titles for the off-payroll workers who are currently board members or senior officials with significant financial responsibility.

4 - For each of the off-payroll workers named in 3a, 3b and 3c, please state the length of time that they have been paid off-payroll.

5 - For each of the off-payroll workers named in 3a, 3b and 3c, please state the name of the company which was paid for the work.



6 - For each of the off-payroll workers named in 3a, 3b and 3c, please state whether this firm is a personal service company.

7 - For each of the off-payroll workers named in 3a, 3b and 3c, please state whether assurances were sought that the correct amount of tax was paid for the work.

8 - For each of the off-payroll workers named in 3a, 3b and 3c, please state whether assurances were received that the correct amount of tax was paid for the work.

9 - For each of the off-payroll workers named in 3a, 3b and 3c, please state whether proof was received that the correct amount of tax was paid for the work.

10 - For each of the off-payroll workers named in 3a, 3b and 3c, please state whether you took on PAYE responsibilities for the worker and whether you paid National Employment for the work.

11 - For each of the off-payroll workers named in 3a, 3b and 3c, please confirm whether or not the appointment was made because of 'exceptional circumstances'. If so, please explain what these exceptional circumstances were."

Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

In response to your questions I can confirm that:

1.a 4 people worked for the department and were paid off-payroll in 2013/14. The number was 2 in 2014/15.

1.b Only one person currently working for the Department is paid off-payroll.

2.a,b &c None of the off-payroll workers in 2013/14, 2014/15 or the current financial year were either board members or senior officials with significant financial responsibility.

3-11 There are no details required to be disclosed as no workers fall into this category for any of the time periods requested.





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REFERENCE: FOI – 15/93

You requested the following information from the Northern Ireland Office:

- “1. contact centre/call centre contracts***
- 2. inbound network services contracts***

Please send me the following information for each provider:

- 1. Incumbent Supplier: For each of the contract(s) please can you provide me with the supplier of the contract.***
- 2. Annual Average Spend: the annual average (over 3 years) spend for each supplier***
- 3. Contract Expiry: the date of when the contract expires.***
- 4. Contract Review: the date of when the contract will be reviewed.***
- 5. Contract Description: a brief description of the services provided of the overall contract.***
- 6. Contact Details: The person from within the organisation responsible for the contract. Please provide me with their full name, actual job title, contact number and direct email address.***
- 7. Number of Agents; please provide me with the total number of contact centre agents;***
- 8. Number of Sites; please can you provide me with the number of sites the contact centre covers.***
- 9. Manufacturer of the contact centre: Who is the manufacturer of the contact centre system that you operate?***

10. Busy Periods: Please state the month(s) which the contact centre is at its highest/busiest during the year. This can be based upon the number of calls. Your provider may be able to tell you quicker. E.g. JAN-MAR, APR, JUNE.

11. Do you use Microsoft Exchange 2003 as your email server? If not, then which product do you use?

12. Number of email users: Approximate number of email users across the organisations”

Your request has been handled as a request for information under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

The number of contracts for contact centre/call centres or inbound network services is nil.



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REFERENCE: FOI – 15/94

You request the release of the following information from the Northern Ireland Office (NIO);

“Under the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act and referring to the HM Treasury database of the PFI projects signed by the NIO (attached), I would kindly ask to access to the following information:

- the return in terms of Equity IRR (Internal Rate of Return) and the cost of capital used to evaluate the equity IRR of all the NIO signed PFI Projects?

- the NPV (Net Present Value) and the discount rate used for the NPV evaluation of all the NIO signed PFI Projects?”

Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

The NIO does not currently have any PFI projects. There are a number of projects on the HM Treasury database which are identified as being the responsibility of the Northern Ireland Executive. Any requests relating to these projects should be addressed to Mr. Jimmy Murphy in the Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister (Jimmy.Murphy@ofmdfmi.gov.uk) in Northern Ireland.





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REFERENCE: FOI 15/95

You requested the following information from the Northern Ireland Office (NIO):

“Could you please provide me with information that shows the cost per head of hiring each new member of staff in NIO from outside of the Civil Service in the most recent financial year (2014/15)? Could you please also provide me with a breakdown of how these costs are incurred? The breakdown of costs might include - but not be limited to - the following areas:

- ***Cost of advertising and use of external recruitment agencies.***
- ***Cost of sifting applicants and carrying out interviews.***
- ***Performing pre-employment screening including:***
 - ***Basic security check, verification of identity, immigration status and criminal record.***
- ***Supplying equipment to new member of staff, including:***
 - ***Security pass, IT and mobile phone provision.”***

Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

During the 2014/15 financial year the cost per head of hiring new staff for the Northern Ireland Office (NIO) was £62 which was for the pre-employment check of one external recruit

The information relating to your more detailed questions are as follows:

- 1) The NIO advertised all its posts during the 2014/15 financial year on the Civil Service Jobs website, for which there was no charge. The NIO did not advertise any vacancies externally or use recruitment agencies and therefore did not incur any expenditure in this area.



- 2) There was no cost involved in sifting or interviewing staff as these were all conducted by staff from within the civil service.
- 3) We incurred a cost of £62 in relation to pre-employment checks for the one new member of staff we hired from outside the Civil Service in the 2014/15 financial year.
- 4) New staff are provided with a standard IT package as part of our overall IT package and individual costs for this are not available. No costs were incurred for a mobile phone or security pass.





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REFERENCE: FOI 15/96

You requested the following information from the Northern Ireland Office (NIO):

“Could you please tell me the number of people who have had an exit interview on leaving the department in every one of the five financial years since 2010/11?”

Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

The Northern Ireland Office has not conducted any exit interviews for staff who left the Department during the financial years 2010/11 – 2014/15. Exit interviews are mandatory only for Senior Civil Servants; the NIO has not had any of its SCS employees leave the service in the years 2010-2015 except by retirement or end of secondment or loan from another Civil Service Department.





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REFERENCE: FOI 15/97

You requested the following information from the Northern Ireland Office (NIO):

- ***“Could you please tell me the number of civil servants working in the department who have been employed for the following time periods, including a breakdown of their job grade?”***

< 6 months
>6 months and < 1 year
>1 year and <2 years
>2 years and <3 years
>3 years and <4 years
>4 years and <5 years
>5 years <10 years
>10 years

Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

1. The table below shows the number of Home Civil Servants directly employed by the NIO along with the length of time they have worked in the NIO broken down by grade:

Band	Less than 6 months	6 months – 1 year	1 – 2 years	2 – 3 years	3 – 4 years	4 – 5 years	5 – 10 years	Over 10 years
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SCS	2	1	2	0	0	1	0	3
A	0	2	3	3	2	1	2	2
B	0	1	4	3	2	0	1	5
C	0	2	6	5	5	0	1	9
D	1	1	2	4	3	1	0	15
E	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	7
F	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1

There are also a number of Northern Ireland Civil Servants on secondment to the NIO, but these have not been included in the response as they are not employed by the NIO.





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REFERENCE: FOI 15/98

You requested the following information from the Northern Ireland Office (NIO):

- ***“Could you please tell me how many working days have been lost to sickness absence in the department in every one of the five financial years since 2010/11, with a breakdown by occupational grade (e.g., EO, HEO, SCS1)?***
- ***Could you please tell me the staff turnover rate for the department in every financial year since 2010/11? For this request, staff turnover refers to the number of employees who have left as a proportion of the total number of people employed in the department. Could you please also tell me the reasons for staff leaving the department in each of these years? Reasons for departure might include - but not be limited to - the following:***
 - ***Moving outside the public sector;***
 - ***Moving to another government department;***
 - ***Compulsory redundancy;***
 - ***Voluntary redundancy;***
 - ***Dismissal (for inefficiency, misconduct or failed probation);***
 - ***Retirement.***
- ***Could you please tell me how many civil servants have been made surplus by the department in every financial year since 2010/11? Could you also please tell me how many civil servants are currently surplus in the department? For this request, a surplus employee is a civil servant whose job has been identified as surplus to business requirements but wishes to avoid compulsory redundancy and awaits redeployment to another business unit or department within the civil service.”***



Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

1. The table below shows the number of *calendar days* of absence by grade for the financial years 2011/12, 2012/13 and 2013/14. Data for 2010/11 is not held. These figures relate only to Home Civil Servants employed by the Northern Ireland Office (NIO). Sick absence data for Northern Ireland Civil Servants on secondment to the NIO is recorded by their home Departments.

Grade	Number of Days Lost 2011/12	Number of Days Lost 2012/13	Number of Days Lost 2013/14
AA	138	73	245
AO	89	51	60
EO	348	102	223
HEO	18	25	18
SEO	2	10	97
G7	411	46	7
SCS	1	0	0
Total Per Year	1007	307	650

The latest figures the NIO can provide cover the period 1 January 2014 – 31 December 2015 are shown in the table below. Please note therefore that the figures below include the period January – March 2014, which is also included in 2013/14 financial year figures shown above.

Grade	Number of Days Lost
AA	148
AO	22
EO	257
HEO	35
SEO	179
G7	12
SCS	1
Total	654

2. The NIO does not hold details of staff turnover rates for the 2010/11 financial year. The staff in post figures relate to those HCS staff in post on 31 March for each of the financial years. The figures provided below are for the 2011/12, 2012/13, 2013/14 and 2014/15 financial years



Financial Year	HCS Staff in Post on 31 March of each financial year	Number of HCS staff who left during the financial year	Turnover percentage
2011/12	86	18	15.4%
2012/13	92	10	9.2%
2013/14	98	9	8.8%
2014/15	105	7	7.3%

These figures include those HCS staff whose loan to the NIO finished in these periods.

The reasons staff left the NIO included:

1. Moving to another Government Department
 2. Return to home Department
 3. Retirement (including ill health retirement)
 4. Resignation
 5. Dismissal
3. The NIO did not declare any civil servants surplus between the 2010/11 – 2014/15 financial years. There are currently no surplus members of staff in the NIO.





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REFERENCE: FOI 15/101

You requested the following information from the Northern Ireland Office (NIO):

- ***“Could you please provide me with the information that shows the length of time (in working days) it took to the department to employ every new member of staff from outside the Civil Service in the most recent financial year (2014/15)? This length of time should cover the number of working days from the initial external advertisement of the post until the first working day of the new employee. If you do not hold information on the number of working days for every external hire, then the next best alternative would be an estimate of the average number of working days.***
- ***Could you please also tell me the number of people who joined the department in every one of the five financial years since 2010/11 without undergoing a competency-based interview?***

Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

1. During the 2014/15 financial year the Northern Ireland Office recruited one new member of staff from outside the civil service. It took 118 working days from the initial job advertisement until this member of staffs first day in the NIO. This includes the time taken to carry out the necessary pre-employment checks.
2. No member of staff joined the Northern Ireland Office between 2010/11- 2014/15 without undergoing a competency-based interview.





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REFERENCE: FOI 15/102

You requested the following information from the Northern Ireland Office (NIO):

- “ Could you please tell me how many people have been recruited in the department as contingent workers in every financial year since 2010/11? Contingent labour should cover all workers employed by the department on a non-permanent basis. For example, as consultants or agency staff. If possible, could you also provide me with the information that shows a breakdown of the type of work carried out by workers recruited as contingent labour, the organisation from which they were hired, and the total cost of their services?”***

- Could you please tell me how many people have been promoted in the department in every one of the five financial years since 2010/11, including a breakdown by job grade? Could you also please provide the figures for promotions as a proportion of total employees within each grade and the department as a whole?”***

Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

1. The table below shows the cost of the services provided by temporary (contingent) workers in the financial years 2010/11 – 2014/15. Details of the numbers and type of work carried out are not held.

Expenditure on temporary staff:

Financial Year	Amount (£) (excl. VAT)
2010-2011	45,795.21
2011-2012	67,830.14
2012-2013	132,140.05
2013-2014	106,800.85



| 2014-2015

| 20,778.95

2. The Northern Ireland Office does not hold details regarding staff promoted within the NIO for the years 2010/11, 2011/12 and 2012/13. The table below shows the number of Home Civil Service (HCS) staff promoted during 2013/14 and 2014/15 as well as the number of HCS staff who were directly employed by the NIO in March 2014 and March 2015. The figures in brackets in the table show the percentage of staff in each grade that gained promotion in each year.

Financial Year	SCS	A	B	C	D	E	F	Overall Staff Number
2013/14 Promoted Staff	1	2	5	3	0	0	N/A	
2013/14 Staff in Post	6 (17%)	15 (13%)	17 (29%)	26 (12%)	24 (0%)	7 (0%)	4	99 (11%)
2014/15 Promoted Staff	1	2	1	2	2	1	N/A	
2014/15 Staff in Post	8 (12.5%)	15 (13%)	14 (7%)	27 (7%)	25 (8%)	9 (11%)	2	100 (9%)





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REFERENCE: FOI 15/103

You requested the following information from the Northern Ireland Office (NIO):

“Could you please tell me how many civil servants in the department have gone on secondment to the private in every one of the five financial years since 2010/11? Of this number could you please tell how many have returned to the civil service following their secondment?”

Could you please also provide me with the information that shows how many secondees have joined the department from the private sector in every one of the five financial years since 2010/11? And of this number, could you please tell me how many have returned to the civil service following their secondment?

Could you please also tell me the number of civil servants working in the department who have been employed for the following time periods, including a breakdown of their job grade?

- o < 6 months***
- o >6 months and < 1 year***
- o >1 year and <2 years***
- o >2 years and <3 years***
- o >3 years and <4 years***
- o >4 years and <5 years***
- o >5 years <10 years***
- o >10 years”***

Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).



1. No civil Servants from the Northern Ireland Office (NIO) went on secondment to the private sector in the financial years 2010/11 – 2014/15.
2. No secondees from the private sector joined the Northern Ireland Office (NIO) in the financial years 2010/11 – 2014/15.
3. The table below shows the number of Home Civil Servants directly employed by the NIO along with the length of time they have worked in the NIO broken down by grade:

Band	Less than 6 months	6 months – 1 year	1 – 2 years	2 – 3 years	3 – 4 years	4 – 5 years	5 – 10 years	Over 10 years
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A	0	2	3	3	2	1	2	2
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C	0	2	6	5	5	0	1	9
D	1	1	2	4	3	1	0	15
E	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	7
F	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1

There are also a number of Northern Ireland Civil Servants on secondment to the NIO, but these have not been included in the response as they are not employed by the NIO.

