

FOI DOF/2024-0372

Request

RE: IRC275969 Staff Officer

1. How many people are on the current merit list produced August 24?
2. How many staff officer posts are currently vacant?
3. What date and how many will be placed from the merit list? Will there be various tranches of placings?

DoF Response

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

1. There are 243 candidates on the merit list produced in August 2024.
2. Details of the total vacancies in each department is not held centrally by Department of Finance. Each Civil Service department is responsible for managing its resources – both financial and staff. Each department determines its individual workforce needs and is responsible for ensuring that any additional staffing resources are affordable. When a department identifies a vacancy that needs filled, the request is referred to NICSHR to initiate the process to fill the post. NICSHR liaises with all departments on an ongoing basis to seek to prioritise recruitment activity within allocated financial and staff resources.

As at the end of August 2024, (the most recent figures available at the time of the request), the NICSHR caseload for Staff Officer General Service vacancies that may be filled from Competition IRC275969 was 215.

3. As at 3 September, it is not known when or how many successful candidates will be placed in this phase of the competition.