

**FOI DOF/2024-0380**

**Request**

RE: EO1 Competition IRC265807

Can you advise how many General Service positions there currently are for EO1 in NICS. The latest FOI I found stated HR are managing 164 EO1 GS vacancies but I don't know if this has been impacted with the SO boards.

**DoF Response**

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

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

As at the end of August 2024, (the most recent figures available at the time of the request), NICSHR was managing a caseload of 261 General Service Executive Officer 1 vacancies, 175 of which may be filled from Competition IRC265807.