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Subject: RE: PQ Referred: 27242/24, for answer 25/06/2024, Written from - Fergus O'Dowd
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Deputy O'Dowd

Re. PQ referenced below, the Irish Aviation Authority is not subject to Freedom of Information legislation and as such, the IAA does not have a dedicated staff working in this area. I do however in my capacity as Manager of Corporate Affairs manage responses to requests.

Regards

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PQ 27242/24 has been referred to CIÉ; Bus Átha Cliath; Bus Éireann; Iarnród Éireann; daa plc; Irish Aviation Authority; Shannon Group; Dublin Port Company; Port of Cork Company; Port of Waterford Company; Shannon Foynes Port Company; Commission for Aviation Regulation; Medical Bureau of Road Safety; National Transport Authority; Commission for Railway Regulation; Road Safety Authority; Transport Infrastructure Ireland; Marine Casualty Investigation Board; AirNav by Shane Donnelly (Transport) (Shane.Donnelly@transport.gov.ie).

Dail Question No: 128

To ask the Minister for Transport the number of contracted staff, full-time and part-time, employed by his Department, and by any body or entity under the aegis of the Department, who are specifically assigned to processing freedom of information requests (details supplied), in each of the past three years; the Civil Service grade of each; the number of freedom of information requests dealt with by his Department, or any body or entity under its aegis, in each of the past three years; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Identical Question(s): to all Depts.

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Answer

The number of administrative staff specifically dedicated to processing Freedom of Information (FOI) requests, in the FOI Unit of my department over the last three years are outlined by grade, below. The Deputy may wish to note however that the below members of staff carry out a number of duties, in addition to working on the processing of FOI requests. Such functions include the role of FOI Officer, acting as Decision Maker on certain FOI requests, as well as other functions relating to Access to Environmental Information (AIE), Data Protection and other related matters.

Year	Grades of relevant staff working within FOI Unit, Department of Transport	Number
2021	1 Higher Executive Officer, 1 Executive Officer, 1 Clerical Officer	3
2022	1 Higher Executive Officer, 1 Executive Officer, 1 Clerical Officer	3
2023	1 Higher Executive Officer, 1 Executive Officer	2
2024	1 Higher Executive Officer, 1 Executive Officer, 1 Clerical Officer	3

The total number of FOI requests received by my Department over the last three years are outlined below.

Year	FOI requests received
2021	236
2022	231
2023	208
2024 to date	114

I have asked the Agencies under my aegis to provide the information directly to the Deputy. If you do not hear back from the Agencies within 10 working days please contact my office.