## Freedom of Information Disclosure Log

## Quarter 1 and Quarter 2, 2025

| **Internal Reference Number** | **Description of Request** | **Category of Requester** | **Decision Date** | **Summary of**  **Decision** |
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| ACT-FOI-2025-01 | “As an Irish citizen and constituent in the above electoral area, I hereby request under the above legislation, and within the time period specified under that Act, the following information:  “FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2014 CONSTITUENCY: COUNTY (Carlow/Kilkenny)   1. Please provide details of the precise number of applications to register to vote in General Elections made in the above Constituency for the past 5 years, providing an annual breakdown and stating how many applications were made by Irish citizens and how many by foreign nationals, indicating whether such foreign nationals are from within or outside the EU. 2. Please state the precise number of registered voters living and eligible to vote in the above Constituency for each of the last 5 years. 3. Please provide details of the precise number of applications to vote in General Elections made in the above Constituency within the last 5 years which were refused, providing a breakdown of the reasons for such refusal and stating how many were Irish citizens and how many by foreign nationals, indicating whether such foreign nationals are from within or outside the EU. 4. Please state the precise minimum residency requirements necessary to ground eligibility to vote in General Elections in Ireland. 5. Please confirm whether or not hostels, or any other temporary accommodation used to house homeless Irish citizens and/or any Irish citizens currently in temporary or emergency accomodation, satisfy the residency requirements to affirm an Irish's citizen's eligibility to vote. 6. Please provide details of the precise number of applications to register to vote made in the above Constituency within the past 5 years, which were refused on grounds of failure to meet the residency requirement, stating also how many of these were Irish citizens and how many foreign nationals, indicating whether such foreign nationals are from within or outside the EU. 7. Please provide details of the precise number of registered voters in the above Constituency who were refused permission to vote in General Election 2024 on the basis of a change in residency or any other grounds related to residency within the past 5 years. 8. Please confirm whether or not any individual who is not an Irish Citizen was permitted to vote in the above Constituency in General Election 2024. Publish and collate responses.” | Member of the Public | 14 January 2025 | Refused under [Section 15 (1) (a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2014](https://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/2014/act/30/section/15/enacted/en/html) (FOI Act). |
| ACT-FOI-2025-02 | “Any correspondence between the Irish Freedom Party and the Electoral Commission between July 2024 to date in 2025”. | Member of the Public | 10 April 2025 | Refused under  [Section 35(1)](https://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/2014/act/30/section/35/enacted/en/html) of FOI Act  [Section 37(1)](https://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/2014/act/30/section/37/enacted/en/html) of FOI Act  [Section 29 (1)](https://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/2014/act/30/section/29/enacted/en/html) of FOI Act |
| ACT-FOI-2025-03 | Any correspondence between the Electoral Commission and *The National Party* between November 2024 to date in 2025. | Member of the Public | 14 April 2025 | Part-Granted under  [Section 29 (1) of FOI Act](https://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/2014/act/30/section/29/enacted/en/html)  [Section 30(1) of FOI Act](https://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/2014/act/30/section/30/enacted/en/html) |
| ACT-FOI-2025-04 | “Any correspondence between the Electoral Commission and Ireland First, including any attached documents, from January 1, 2025, to date in 2025.” | Member of the Public | 17 April 2025 | Granted. |
| ACT-FOI-2025-05 | “A copy of the public information booklet, and related material, agreed by the Referendum Commission (established under the Referendum Act 1998), relating to the Referendum on the Twenty-Sixth amendment of the Constitution Bill, and the principle changes proposed by the Treaty of Nice and the effect of the proposed constitutional prohibition on joining a common EU defence.” | Political Party | 25 April 2025 | Refused under  [Section 15(1)(a) of FOI Act](https://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/2014/act/30/section/15/enacted/en/html) |
| ACT-FOI-2025-06 | “Any correspondence between the Electoral Commission and Ireland First, including any attached documents, from March 2025 to date in 2025.” | Member of the Public | 19 May 2025 | Part-Granted under  [Section 29 (1)](https://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/2014/act/30/section/29/enacted/en/html) of FOI Act  [Section 30(1) of FOI Act](https://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/2014/act/30/section/30/enacted/en/html)  [Section 37(1)](https://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/2014/act/30/section/37/enacted/en/html) of FOI Act |
| ACT-FOI-2025-07 | “Any applications for new parties submitted to the Electoral Commission, including any attached documents, from January 1 2025 to date in 2025.” | Member of the Public | 19 May 2025 | Refused under  [Section 15(1)(a) of FOI Act](https://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/2014/act/30/section/15/enacted/en/html) |
| ACT-FOI-2025-08 | “Correspondence between individuals representing or seeking to register the political party "Reclaim Ireland" and the Electoral Commission and Registrar of Political Parties (formerly the Dáil Clerk) between 1 January 2021 to January 2024.” | Member of the Public | 28 May 2025 | Refused under  [Section 15(1)(a) of FOI Act](https://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/2014/act/30/section/15/enacted/en/html) |
| ACT-FOI-2025-09 | “Constituency: (County Donegal)  As an Irish citizen, I hereby request in accordance with the provisions of the above legislation, and within the time period specified under that Act, the following information in relation to the Irish Electoral Register:  1.  Please provide details of all investigations, forensic examinations and/or any other procedures carried out by the Electoral Commission or any other State agency or body within the past fifteen years, to ensure that the current Electoral Register is kept up to date and correct, to include the type of procedure carried out, the dates on which each procedure was carried out and the duration of same. Please also indicate the number of people, their positions and/or occupations and identity of all those engaged in any such procedures.  2. Please provide full details of the procedures that are currently in place to ensure that the Electoral Register in Ireland is regularly updated to record the deaths of people registered to vote in Ireland, indicating the date on which such procedures were introduced.  3. Please provide full details of the procedures that are currently in place to ensure that names of Irish citizens are not duplicated on the Electoral Register both in Irish and in English, indicating the date on which such procedures were introduced.  4.  Please provide full details of the procedures that are currently in place to ensure that names of Irish citizens are not duplicated on the Electoral Register because of a change of address or for any other reason whatsoever, and to prevent the issuing of duplicate or triplicate ballots, indicating the date on which such procedures were introduced.  5.  Please provide full details of the results of each forensic examination and/or other procedure carried out in relation to the Electoral Register in Ireland within the past fifteen years, as referred to above, to include the precise number of duplicate or triplicate entries discovered, how such entries came to be duplicated and what action was or is being taken to rectify the Register to ensure that it is correct, providing a County by County breakdown.  6.  Please provide full details of the results of each forensic examination or other procedure carried out by the Electoral Commission in relation to the Electoral Register within the past fifteen years, as referred to above, to include the number of deceased voters found to be still remaining on the Register, providing a County by County breakdown.  7. Please provide full details of the procedures that are currently in place to ensure that people who are registered to vote in Ireland are still resident at their recorded address to which polling cards are issuing and/or if they are still resident within the Republic Of Ireland.  8.  Please specify the procedure that is in place in each polling station in Ireland to ensure that valid ID is produced by all voters and their identity verified before a ballot paper is handed over.  #GE24 #GeneralElection2024”. | Member of the Public | 30 May 2025 | Refused under  [Section 15(1)(a) of FOI Act](https://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/2014/act/30/section/15/enacted/en/html) |