

Freedom of Information Requests for Non-Personal Information Completed in December 2020

Our Ref	Date Rec'd	Requester Type	Request details	Decision Made
20/291	12/10/2020	Other	All internal and external communication sent and received, including any documents or attachments, and all minutes of meetings held by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine in relation to the Review of Approval Processes for Afforestation in Ireland 2019, including costs and payment of costs.	Part grant
20/296	13/10/2020	Journalist	What I am looking for essentially is the background, a sense of the discussions that went into the drafting of the agreement. For example, XXXXXXXXX. XXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX. Otherwise my request for access to the information is based on wanting a fuller understanding of what the Department and the IHRB wanted from the agreement; the points of agreement and the points of divergence. XXXXXXXXXXXX XXXX XXXX XXXXX.	Grant
20/326	04/11/2020	Journalist	copies of all records held referring or relating to the issue of the following press release: https://www.einnews.com/pr_news/529793504/statement-from-department-of-agriculture-food-and-the-marine-ireland-s-forest-a-source-or-sink-of-carbon-dioxide - copies of all records held referring or relating to the following newspaper article: https://www.irishtimes.com/news/environment/irish-forestry-net-emitter-of-greenhouse-gases-1.4394707	Grant
20/328	06/11/2020	Other	Please could you send me a list of all biogas plants (anaerobic digestion) operating in Ireland and therefore compiling with environmental permits? Specifically we would like any data pertaining to their renewable energy production and feedstock composition.	Grant
20/329	09/11/2020	Journalist	Any correspondence between the department and Mink farm owners in relation to Covid-19 between June to present. Any internal memos created on the topic of mink farms and Covid-19.	Refusal

20/331	09/11/2020	Other	correspondence, documents and records relating the Beef Task Force from 1/1/20. This should include, but not be limited, to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes, agendas, notices, attendees and other documentation relating to the meetings of the Beef Task Force. • Any correspondence to or from the department on this matter. • Any briefings provided to Ministers, Ministers of State or Department Officials on this matter. • All other documentation pertinent to this issue. 	Part grant
20/332	10/11/2020	Journalist	I wish to request access to the full minutes logged of a meeting held between the Department of Agriculture, Food and Marine and the Irish Farmers Association on Monday, October 19, 2020, regarding the Nitrates Derogation Review.	Grant
20/334	11/11/2020	Journalist	All correspondence, reports and research on the subject of hare coursing exchanged internally and externally by officials at, or above, the grade of Principal Officer in the Department of Agriculture since June 27 of this year. All correspondence, reports and research on the subject of hare coursing exchanged internally and externally by Ministers Barry Cowen, Dara Calleary, Charlie McConalogue or Pippa Hackett since June 27 of this year.	Part Grant
20/338	16/11/2020	Other	a copy of the masters confidential report, loading/preloading report and health certs for the below shipments: 06/10/20 - XXXXX 12/10/20 - XXXXX	Part grant
20/342	19/11/2020	Journalist	all correspondence on the potential issues caused by mink farms due to their ability to catch and transmit Covid-19 from March to present date	Refusal
20/344	20/11/2020	Other	ANC query on multiple townlands in XXXXX	Grant
20/346	20/11/2020	Other	On Wednesday 18th November a meeting was held at Agriculture House with Department officials including Minister McConalogue and Minister Hackett on live export. I would like to request a copy of the minutes of the meeting under the Freedom of Information Act 2014.	Grant

20/348	24/11/2020	Journalist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A breakdown of the number of staff members who took sick leave in 2020, 2019 and 2018. • A breakdown of the number of sick days taken by staff members in 2020, 2019 and 2018. 	Grant
20/349	24/11/2020	Other	<p>I am seeking under the Freedom of Information Act all correspondence between the Dept of Agriculture and the operators of mink farms since the start of October of this year concerning the Government decision to cull all mink here in response to the Covid 19 pandemic.</p> <p>I am also seeking under the Freedom of Information Act copies of reports furnished to the Minister for Agriculture since the start of November concerning the decision to cull the mink.</p> <p>I am seeking under the Freedom of Information Act correspondence between the Dept and the mink farm operators concerning the issue of compensation over the decision to cull the mink. The date range of that aspect of the request is from October 1st 2020 to the present.</p>	Refusal

20/351	25/11/2020	Other	<p>1. How many equidae and solipeds were slaughtered and deemed fit for human consumption in Ireland in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2018; - 2019; - 2020 to date? <p>2. How many equidae and solipeds were slaughtered in Ireland and deemed unfit for human consumption in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2018; - 2019; - 2020 to date? <p>3. Of those slaughtered, how many were of non-Irish origin and which countries did they come from?</p> <p>4. How many equidae and solipeds slaughtered in Ireland were of British origin (passport code beginning XXX)?</p> <p>5. And of those British equidae and solipeds slaughtered each year, how many had the following passport issuer / codes beginning with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - XXXX - XXXX - XXXX - XXXX - XXXX - XXXX - XXXX <p>6. How many slaughterhouses slaughter equidae and solipeds in Ireland?</p> <p>7. What products are produced from the slaughtered equidae and solipeds – meat/skins/other products? Are there any products that are a speciality for your country?</p> <p>8. Are products exported and if so, what are the products and which countries are they exported to?</p>	Part Grant
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20/352	26/11/2020	Journalist	<p>It was publicly announced in mid-2019 that there would be an orderly wind-down of the sector. I am interested in the correspondence between the department and the farms in relation to this. I am also interested in correspondence in relation to more recent concerns (in the last six weeks) about Covid-19 mutation at mink farms and the decision to cull all mink.</p> <p>I am interested in any back and forth between the department and the three farms with regards to these two matters, and to see if they have made representations to the Department.</p>	Refusal
20/353	26/11/2020	Other	How many veterinary inspectors have been compulsorily moved pursuant to the mobility policy, when they were moved, what length of service they had in their previous positions, and the precise locations of those previous positions.	Grant
20/358	01/12/2020	Journalist	Copies of all submissions, reports, memos, or other such overview or discussion documents relating to the decision to order a cull of mink at farms in Ireland. This request to cover the period 1 Sept 2020 to date of receipt of the request.	Refusal
20/359	01/12/2020	Other	All information relating to the draft and/or final Recommendations of the European Commission (DG Agri) on Ireland's draft CAP Strategic Plan.	Refusal