

Freedom of Information Requests for Non-Personal Information Completed in August 2023

Our Ref	Date Rec'd	Requester Type	Request Details	Decision Made
23/197	21/06/2023	Journalist	Copies of all completed audits – internal and external - conducted by or on behalf of the Department of Agriculture of all organisations that receive public funding from the Department.	Part Grant
23/204	23/06/2023	Others	Could I please request a copy of the criteria that animal welfare charities are judged against to determine the level of grant awards. I believe such objective criteria exist per this PQ: https://www.oireachtas.ie/en/debates/question/2023-01-18/1881/?fbclid=IwAR0bt7ak-kLaMNJBPV0o8P4-tRNwsgCpO1SSkEqeEYpR75oY-9xWklw_slw	Refused
23/211	29/06/2023	Staff	I request "copies of all records of all correspondence between the Department of Agriculture (in particular, HR) and the Veterinary Officers Association regarding Investigations Division" which you then clarified to cover "allrecords since 1/1/2014".	Grant
23/214	30/06/2023	Journalist	Any documents containing a list of the planning applications where “falsified” or “altered” Teagasc documents were submitted; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Copies of all outgoing and incoming correspondence, and relevant attachments, regarding issue of Teagasc letters (i.e. to/from Teagasc; DAERA; etc). - Copies of all internal correspondence and attachments on this issue; - Any internal reports prepared on this issue; meeting minutes; etc; 	Part Grant

23/216	06/07/2023	Business/Interest Group	<p>Yesterday (July 5th) officials from the Department of Agriculture made a statement to the Committee on Agriculture, Food and the Marine giving an update on Ireland's Forest Strategy. This stated:</p> <p>The Commission is currently reviewing this notification in detail to decide whether the proposed Forestry Programme is compatible with EU State Aid Rules. I can advise that to this effect, the Department has now received further written correspondence relating to this notification on the 06th and the 21st of June 2023</p> <p>I am looking for a copy of the Commission's correspondence from June 6th and June 21st 2023.</p> <p>I am also looking for a copy of the department's response to the Commission's correspondence from June 6th.</p>	Refused
23/217	07/07/2023	Business/Interest Group	I am requesting all records in relation to burial of animals on lands at XXXX Borrisoleigh, Thurles, Co. Tipperary and XXXX, Upper Church, Thurles, Tipperary for the years 2017, 2018, 2019 & 2020. Please note this is a request under relevant Freedom of Information legislation. This includes both licenses granted before and after animals were buried including horses and pets.	Refused
23/218	07/07/2023	Business/Interest Group	I wish to request, under the Freedom of Information Act, all documentation relating to specially devised stopped body restraints, to include images of same, diagrams, information on material used in their production, images showing badgers being restrained in these devices, plus all other relevant documentation.	Refused
23/224	12/07/2023	Journalist	<p>Any complaints received by the Minister for Agriculture in 2022 referencing "Puck Fair" .</p> <p>Any complaints received by the animal welfare section of the department in 2022 referencing "Puck Fair"</p>	Refused

23/225	12/07/2023	Journalist	I request access to records of any and all modelling exercise(s) conducted by the Department of Agriculture with regards to reducing the number of bovine cattle (beef and dairy) in Ireland. This request includes modelling exercises designed as early retirement schemes for both beef and dairy farmers. As part of such modelling exercises, I request that specific details be provided on the number of bovines (beef and dairy) that could be reduced under any/all scenarios, the amount of money farmers would be compensated for reducing bovine numbers on a per head basis, the proposed timeframes involved, and the terms and conditions of such proposed schemes with regard to impact on future generations with a farm family. Furthermore, I request access to details on the level of agricultural emissions that could be reduced under any/all modelling exercises for reducing beef and dairy bovine numbers in Ireland.	Part Grant
23/228	13/07/0023	Business/Interest Group	Any and all communications that may have taken place between the Department of Justice, Department of Finance, Department of Agriculture, Food & Marine (DAFM) and the Sea-Fisheries Protection Authority (SFPA) in relation to permission sought and/or the authorisation given for covert phone surveillance (aka phone 'tapping') or any other form of monitoring of phone conversations, verbal interactions or digital exchanges involving any person, persons or organisations in the Irish commercial fishing industry. Following clarification with you on July 28th 2023, the search was refined to any and all communication within the last 10 years.	Refused
23/230	13/07/2023	Business/Interest Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Numbers of recorded dogs exported from Ireland in 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 if available. • Number of recorded dogs imported into Ireland in 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2023 if available. 	Grant
23/233	19/07/2023	Journalist	Under the FOI Act 2014, I am requesting the release of all correspondence sent to the minister from members of the public and lobby groups between 1 July 2022 and 1 September 2022 regarding Puck Fair and the goat known as King Puck. I am also requesting the release of any briefings provided for the minister regarding the 2022 Puck Fair, as well as minutes of any meetings attended by the minister between the above dates where Puck Fair/King Puck was mentioned.	Refused

23/234	21/07/2023	Others	<p>Under the Freedom of Information act I am looking for records covering:</p> <p>Legal fees paid by the Department in utilising legal firms and consultancy firms to consult on and answer FOI requests and appeals of FOI requests including appeals to the Office of the Information Commissioner in the past 5 years.</p>	Refused
23/238	25/07/2023	Journalist	<p>All communications (and all email attachments) between the Department of Agriculture and Teagasc on the topic of "nitrates derogation reduction to 220 kg of N/ha" between 01 January 2023 and 25 July 2023.</p> <p>I would prefer to receive this information electronically, preferably in its original formatting.."</p>	Grant
23/240	26/07/2023	Others	<p>I enclose extract from DPS 182292 RTP</p> <p>"2.5 DURATION</p> <p>The Contract terms will vary on a contract by contract basis, and may be extended, but in no circumstances will exceed a maximum term of twenty-four months. This will be outlined in individual mini competitions."</p> <p>I request under the Freedom Of Information Act 2014, how many and the names and places where the services are provided of Veterinary Inspector Contractors in DPS 182292 RTP, Lot 1, Locum Tenens Services - Veterinary Public Health (Meat Plants) have exceeded a maximum term of twenty four months in individual mini competitions?</p>	Part Grant
23/241	26/07/2023	Journalist	<p>All communications (and all email attachments) within the Department of Agriculture on the topic of "reference year" as part of the Woman Farmer Capital Investment Scheme between 01 September 2022 and 26 July 2023.</p>	Grant

23/242	27/07/2023	Others	<p>'I would like a copy of the data on bee diseases, including the approximate area where bee diseases have been identified, along with the numbers of cases of positive tests, for the years 2021, 2022, and to date for 2023, in particular covering AFB, EFB, Chalkbrood, and Vairimorpha (Nosema)'.</p> <p>'I would further like to know DAFM's protocols for a serious contagious infection like foot & mouth disease (FMD), since American Foulbrood is the beekeeper's FMD and I would expect some corresponding protocol to be put in place. And, of course, I would like to know DAFM's protocols for American Foulbrood itself'.</p>	Part Grant
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23/247	28/07/2023	Business/Interest Group	<p>Copies (in soft copy format) of all records and/or environmental information held and/or under the control of the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, its elected members, legal advisors, technical advisors and/or any of its service providers, relating to Bradan Beo Teoranta's application of 6 March 2017 for funding under the Sustainable Aquaculture Development Scheme 2014-2020 (the "Application"), including but not limited to any records and/ or environmental information relating to both the initial decision dated 5 March 2019 and decision on appeal dated 26 June 2023.</p> <p>The documents sought shall include, but not be limited to;</p> <p>(a) any documents relating to the Application and appeal, including minutes, correspondence and all documents / information considered by the project approvals board in their decisions of 5 March 2019 and 26 June 2023;</p> <p>(b) minutes of the meeting of the project approvals board which took place on 1 June 2023, at which the appeal in the aforementioned application was refused;</p> <p>(c) The composition of the project approvals board on the following dates;</p> <p>(i) 8 March 2019;</p> <p>(ii) 1 June 2023.</p> <p>The records and/or environmental information sought should include, at a minimum, the following:</p> <p>(iii) letters;</p> <p>(iv) emails;</p> <p>(v) memorandums;</p> <p>(vi) typed or handwritten notes of meetings/ telephone conversations;</p> <p>(vii) minutes of meetings/ teleconferences;</p> <p>(viii) text or instant messaging, including WhatsApp messages;</p> <p>(ix) reports;</p> <p>(x) documents;</p> <p>(xi) correspondence (both internal and external); and any drafts of the above items at (i)-(x).</p>	Grant
23/251	31/07/2023	Journalist	All records relating to the appointment of Paul Hyde to the Marine Institute on 1 June 2012.	Part Grant

23/267	14/08/2023	Staff	<p>... I am requesting copies of all correspondence, notes etc around a complaint allegedly made by DAFM HR to DPER (Sectoral Oversight Body/PSAG) in June 2023 in which it was complaining the Veterinary Officers Association (VOA) for breaching the terms of Building Momentum agreement.</p> <p>This request should cover:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All correspondence from DAFM HR to DPER (Sectoral Oversight Body/PSAG) on the matter of the complaint 2. All replies from DPER (Sectoral Oversight Body/PSAG) to DAFM HR regarding the complaint 3. All correspondence from DAFM HR to the VOA dealing with the "complaint" both before the making of the complaint and since the complaint was made 	Part Grant
23/268	15/08/2023	Others	<p>We refer to the above matter and hereby REQUEST that you furnish us with copies of all documents, correspondence, memoranda, and records, whether in electronic form or otherwise held, relating to the Ministerial Consultation under Section 3(1B) of the Foreshore Act, 1933 in respect of the abovementioned Foreshore FS007045 granted to XXXX dated 8th February, 2021 and published in Iris Oifigiúil on 12th February, 2021.</p>	Refused