

Freedom of Information: Disclosure Log 2007

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Date of Request / Information Requested	Date of Response / Response
<p>Reference: AFBIFOI20071202</p> <p>13/12/2007: Request for information on the use of gamma interferon for bovine TB testing in Northern Ireland</p> <p>In particular:</p> <p>data spreadsheets from the 2004-6 trial;</p> <p>published and internal research documents on the results of the trial;</p> <p>data spreadsheets of gamma interferon testing from May 2006 onwards.</p> <p>"I should make clear, however, that if you hold reports on the research and its results, then these will probably suffice rather than the raw data, so it would probably be best to send me that in the first instance."</p>	<p>16/01/2007:</p> <p>Forwarded two interim reports. These reports contained commercially sensitive information, which was blanked out, relating to a collaborating commercial partner.</p> <p>It was also stated that these interim reports were not to be considered as final documents. "A considerable amount of epidemiological data analysis still has to be applied to this data. This analysis is ongoing and best estimates are that this will take a further 6 months to complete with final publication made in a scientific journal and therefore in the public domain within a further 6 months."</p>
<p>Reference: AFBIFOI20071201</p> <p>04/12/2007:</p> <p>Request for a copy of AFBF's Annual Report and the Business Plan</p>	<p>10/12/2007:</p> <p>Forwarded a copy of AFBF's Business Report. The Annual Report is not yet available.</p>

<p>Reference: AFBIFOI20070602</p> <p>26/06/2007: The following information was requested:</p> <p>The insurer providing cover in respect of every class of insurance cover for the current year;</p> <p>The insurance premium in respect of every class of insurance cover for the current year;</p> <p>The annual remuneration paid to Institute's insurance broker (either Fee or commission) for the current year;</p> <p>What was the date of the last AFBINI tender due in respect of appointment of an insurance broker to AFBINI, how many years was the appointment for; and when is AFBINI next due to tender for an insurance broker?</p>	<p>19/07/2007: The following response was given:</p> <p>AFBI as a non-departmental public body sponsored by the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development for Northern Ireland and fully funded from the consolidated fund carries its own risk for liabilities and self insures against this risk. AFBI through DARDNI provides unlimited cover for public and employer liability, vehicle cover and also self insures for unlimited professional indemnity cover.</p> <p>AFBI through DARDNI has travel insurance provided by AIG Europe (the DARD tender was completed in November 2006). The premium is £1,800 per annum and AFBI covers approximately 25% of this.</p> <p>The contract was let by DARD and AFBI is a third party user. Therefore we did not let the tender for brokerage services and the FoI request on this particular element should be addressed to DARD.</p>
<p>Reference: AFBIFOI20070204</p> <p>20/02/2007:</p> <p>Request for a copy of the AFBI financial memorandum.</p>	<p>23/02/2007:</p> <p>Supplied with a copy of the financial memorandum</p>
<p>Reference: AFBIFOI20070202</p> <p>16/06/2007:</p> <p>Request for a copy of the AFBI annual report, accounts and strategic plan.</p>	<p>16/06/2007:</p> <p>AFBI is in its first year of operation having being created on 1st April 2006. Therefore the annual report and accounts are not available. The Strategic plan was forwarded.</p>

<p>Reference: AFBIFOI20070201</p> <p>08/02/2007: Request for the full trial work, relating to the soil sampling survey which DARD carried out across NI to state that 60% of soils are phosphate index 3 and above. Information relating to how the samples were taken, at what time of the year they were taken, the period between the last fertilizer and/or slurry application and the soil sample, the type of farm and practices, intensive dairy or beef etc., the total number of samples and number per farm, and location of each farm.</p>	<p>15/02/2007:</p> <p>Supplied with a Document containing requested information.</p>
<p>Reference: AFBIFOI20070104</p> <p>17/01/2007: Request for information on any work being done at AFBI on organic control of sheep parasites.</p>	<p>01/02/2007:</p> <p>Supplied with information on AFBI's work aimed at reducing dependence on anthelmintics for controlling internal parasites in sheep (in the wider context of avoiding anthelmintic resistance problems and reducing labour inputs on sheep farms).</p>
<p>Reference: AFBIFOI20070103</p> <p>02/01/2007: Request for the test results for tuberculosis, brucellosis, trichinella and leptospirosis carried out in 154 foxes during the period 04/10/03 to 14/12/04 at (DARD VSD) now AFBI Omagh Laboratory and a copy of the report.</p>	<p>22/01/2007:</p> <p>Information on tests provided. Report not yet available. Offered a PowerPoint presentation on the outcome of the survey.</p>

Reference: AFBIFOI20070101

Date 08/01/2007: Request for the equality scheme of the Agricultural Research Institute of Northern Ireland/Agri-Food & Biosciences Institute (AFBI) and the scheme's five-year review.

10/01/2007:

Supplied with a copy of the ARINI Equality Scheme and informed that the AFBI scheme is being rewritten but requires advice from legal side, NISRA and Equal Opportunities Commission regarding changes to legislation and monitoring requirements.