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<p>Reference: AFBIFOI20081201</p> <p>15/12/2008: The following information was requested:</p> <p>Details of all licences held by AFBI(NI) in respect of its laboratory at Omagh</p> <p>copies of all manuals maintained in relation to the said licences</p>	<p>29/01/2009: Provision of:</p> <p>Details of licences in operation, reports on inspection procedures and copies of manuals and SOPs were sent to the requestor.</p>
<p>Reference: AFBIFOI20081001</p> <p>17/10/2008: The following information was requested:</p> <p>Access to the following research projects/ information/ papers undertaken by AFBI:</p> <p>Freshwater fisheries: Research Projects</p> <p>A study of pike migrations in Lower Lough Erne in relation to sanctuary areas, commercial and recreational exploitation.</p> <p>Long term studies of Erne fish populations.</p>	<p>28/10/2008: Supplied with:</p> <p>A copy of the Final draft of a now published paper on the Erne Pike Project. (Rosell, R.S., and MacOscar, K.C., 2002. Movements of pike, <i>Esox Lucius</i>, in Lower Lough Erne, determined by mark-recapture between 1994 and 2000. Fisheries Management and Ecology, 9, 189-196.)</p> <p>A summary report on the Erne fish time series.</p>

<p>Reference: AFBIFOI20080801</p> <p>08/08/2008: The following information was requested in regard to an incinerator installation at the VSD site, Stoney Road:</p> <p>Does the VSD site, Stoney Road have an incinerator installation for the disposal of non-hazardous waste.</p> <p>Has AFBF (VSD) applied for a permit/licence in terms of Regulation 9 of the Pollution Prevention Control Regulations 2003.</p> <p>What aspects and/or features of your installation led you to the view that it is/was necessary for you to apply for a licence?</p> <p>What advice were you given by EHS and/or DEFRA in compliance with Regulation 9?</p> <p>If your installation does not have a permit, then why not?</p>	<p>29/08/2008: Responses made to the questions were:</p> <p>Yes.</p> <p>Under Part 2 of Pollution Prevention Control Regulations 2003 DARD/AFBI is deemed to have made an application for a permit to operate an existing part B installation.</p> <p>Under Section 5 (1) of Pollution Prevention Control Regulations 2003, the disposal of radioactive waste by incineration is defined as a part B activity. This is also confirmed by DOE Industrial Pollution and Radiochemical Inspectorate who regularly monitor our incinerator.</p> <p>See response to Q.3</p> <p>The prescribed date for an existing part B installation is the determination date. The determination date is when DOE decide whether or not to grant a permit. DOE have until March 2009 to make this determination.</p>
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Reference: AFBIFOI20080702

24/07/2008: The following information was requested:

The number of civil servants currently on suspension.

The departments these civil servants are suspended from.

Breakdown of the number of civil servants suspended for:

Less than 12 months; More than 1 year; More than 2 years; More than 3 years; More than 4 years; More than 5 years; More than 6 years; More than 7 years; More than 8 years; More than 9 years; More than 10 years or more.

The number of officers who have been suspended from the Northern Ireland Civil Service in the past 12 months, (including those still on suspension within the 12 month period and those who have returned to work?

25/10/2008: Response on behalf of AFBI(NI):

To all questions the AFBI response was NIL and Not Applicable.

There are currently no AFBI staff on suspension.

<p>Reference: AFBIFOI20080701</p> <p>01/07/2008: The following information was requested:</p> <p>Number of IT staff employed by your organisation (definition: those staff spending 50% or more of their time using IT skills & knowledge);</p> <p>The annual IT capital expenditure budget for 2008-09 (to purchase new applications, hardware, software, etc);</p> <p>The annual IT revenue budget (for support, maintenance, licensing etc) for 2008-09;</p> <p>Details of any existing internal or external IT governance structures (i.e. IT Steering Committees) used by your organisation; and</p> <p>Information on your IS/IT Strategy (please note I do not require a copy), but would like to know:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - When it was published; - When is it due for review; - Was it approved by your Board; and - Was this created by staff, or did you engage consultants. 	<p>03/07/2008:</p> <p>16 (in post)</p> <p>Approximately £300,000</p> <p>Approximately £150,000</p> <p>A Service Level Agreement (SLA) between DARD and AFBI sets out the basis on which DARD delivers managed services to AFBI. DARD performance in relation to the SLA is discussed in regular formal meetings between AFBI's Biometrics & Information Systems Branch and DARD's Information Systems Branch.</p> <p>AFBI Senior Management Team (SMT) is provided with regular updates on IT-related matters.</p> <p>AFBI Audit Committee reviews significant audit findings and recommendations relating to IT and monitors the implementation of agreed changes.</p> <p>AFBI's Biometrics & Information Systems Branch is taking the lead in preparing, and seeking SMT approval for, a formal IS Strategic Framework that will guide AFBI's future involvement in ICT. Once approved and published, it is intended that the Strategy will be reviewed in full every three years.</p>
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<p>Reference: AFBIFOI20080401</p> <p>08/04/2008:</p> <p>How many members of Staff are employed by AFBI and</p> <p>What is the range of qualifications.</p>	<p>09/04/2008:</p> <p>There are currently 775 people employed by AFBI.</p> <p>Scientific staff: 561</p> <p>Administrative staff: 137</p> <p>Industrial staff: 77</p> <p>Qualifications:</p> <p>Doctorate PhD: 116; Masters: 50; Post Graduate Diploma: 6; Under Graduate Degree: 139; Further Education: 145; A Level: 28; GCSE: 38; Other: 5</p>
<p>Reference: AFBIFOI20080302</p> <p>26/03/2008: Request for details of research findings on:</p> <p>"Fertilizer value of lime-stabilised sewage sludge cake applied to forest soils."</p>	<p>27/03/2008:</p> <p>Forwarded a scientific paper on same. The results reported in this paper represent the only scientific information that was derived from the project before its premature end.</p>

<p>Reference: AFBIFOI20080301</p> <p>17/03/2008: The following information was requested:</p> <p>What is the position with Crossnacreevy and finding an alternative site for variety testing?</p> <p>Will variety move to Hillsborough?</p> <p>How much did the Crossnacreevy site make?</p> <p>Who will make these decisions and when?</p>	<p>01/04/2008:</p> <p>A Crossnacreevy Relocation Project Team has been formed and is presently looking at possible DARD-owned locations for the potential relocation of the AFBI work programme which is currently carried out at Crossnacreevy.</p> <p>Hillsborough is among a number of possible locations being examined by the Relocation Project Team.</p> <p>The Crossnacreevy site has not yet been put on the market.</p> <p>DARD is the owner of the Crossnacreevy site and will be responsible for decisions related to its disposal. AFBI carries out the work programme and is the employer of the staff at the site and will be responsible for consequential decisions relating to these areas.</p>
<p>Reference: AFBIFOI20080102</p> <p>29/01/2008:</p> <p>A member of staff requested a copy of their personal records as held by personnel</p>	<p>03/03/2008:</p> <p>A copy of the records was sent to the member of staff</p>
<p>Reference: AFBIFOI20080101</p> <p>09/01/2008: The following information was requested:</p> <p>Company revenue and number of employees</p>	<p>10/01/2008</p> <p>Income in 2006/07: £6.1m</p> <p>Grant in Aid from Dept of Agriculture & Rural Development: £40.4m</p> <p>Number of employees: 750</p>

