

Freedom of Information: Disclosure Log 2019-20 (Apr – Mar)

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<p>Reference: AFBIFOI20190502</p> <p>Date of Request: 15 May 2019</p> <p>The following information was requested:</p> <p><i>Regarding minutes of the meeting of the AFBI board on 14th March 2019, a business case is being taken forward to consider the possibility of concentrating virtually all of AFBI's microbiology function on its Stormont site. I would like to know what specific functions would be considered and the sites where these functions currently operate.</i></p>	<p>Date of Response: 04 June 2019</p> <p>The following response was provided:</p> <p><i>The Outline Business Case (OBC) referred to within the AFBI Board minutes of 14 March 2019 is considering the transfer of AFBI's Plant Health function within its Grassland & Plant Sciences Branch. This function is currently located at AFBI Headquarters in Newforge Lane and involves approximately 20 staff. Please be advised that the OBC is currently being developed by the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA), our Sponsor Department, and that no decision has been made as yet nor any funding allocated.</i></p>
<p>Reference: AFBIFOI20190601</p> <p>Date of Request: 04 June 2019</p> <p>The following information was requested:</p> <p><i>Q1. Who is the manufacturer of the following solutions installed within your organisation please? (for example Avaya, Cisco, Mitel etc)?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>a. Telephony</i> <i>b. Unified Communications (Presence, Messaging, Video, Screen Sharing, Web collaboration)</i> <i>c. Contact centre</i> <p><i>Q2. Which company supports</i></p>	<p>Date of Response: 07 June 2019</p> <p>The following response was provided:</p> <p><i>I am writing to advise you that, having reviewed your request for information, we have identified that it could more appropriately be responded to by the Department of Finance, which provides these services to AFBI under a shared services agreement. We understand that you have also directed a request for this information to the Department of Finance. That Department's response will also cover the information you have requested from AFBI.</i></p>

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<p><i>the solution(s) for the organisation?</i></p> <p><i>Q3. What is the duration of the contract? (start date and end date)</i></p> <p><i>Q4. What is the typical budget spend on telephony, unified comms and contact centre?</i></p> <p><i>Q5. Who in the organisation is responsible for telephony, unified communications and contact centre?</i></p>	
<p>Reference: AFBIFOI20190801</p> <p>Date of Request: 01 August 2019</p> <p>The following information was requested:</p> <p><i>Information related to finance, procurement and invoicing systems.</i></p>	<p>Date of Response: 30 August 2019</p> <p>The following response was provided:</p> <p><i>The information released is available here:</i> https://www.afbini.gov.uk/publications/freedom-information-disclosure-logs-2019-20-apr-sept-additional-information</p>
<p>Reference: AFBIFOI20190802</p> <p>Date of Request: 14 August 2019</p> <p>The following information was requested:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>The number of litres of pig excrement which has been produced in Northern Ireland, each year, from 2009/10 to 2018/19. The percentage of this excrement which was sent to (A) the Republic of Ireland (B) Great Britain (C) stayed in Northern Ireland.</i> - <i>The number of litres of chicken excrement which has been produced in Northern Ireland, each year, from 2009/10 to 2018/19. The percentage of this excrement</i> 	<p>Date of Response: 4 September 2019</p> <p>The following response was provided:</p> <p><i>I am writing to advise you that following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that the information you requested is not held by this Institute.</i></p>

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<p><i>which was sent to (A) the Republic of Ireland (B) Great Britain (C) stayed in Northern Ireland.</i></p>	
<p>Reference: AFBIFOI20190804</p> <p>Date of Request: 23 August 2019</p> <p>The following information was requested:</p> <p>1. <i>By species: How many animals were used in the Forced Swim Test (or'Porsolt Forced Swimming Test') by The Public Authority from January 2018 until June 2019?</i></p> <p><i>i. By drug type: Number of these licensed procedures as either primary purpose or as part of the licensed procedure heroin(morphine and derivatives), MMA/ecstasy(methylenedioxy-methamphetamine), cocaine(benzoylmethylecgonine),d-amphetamine (dextroamphetamine), amphetamine(alpha-methylphenethylamine), ketamine(ketamine hydrochloride) and or their derivatives that were carried out by The Public Authority.</i></p> <p><i>ii. What the primary purpose of each study was ie depression tests.</i></p>	<p>Date of Response: 16 September 2019</p> <p>The following response was provided:</p> <p><i>I am writing to advise you that following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that the information you requested is not held by this Institute. The Institute does not conduct research using these tests.</i></p>
<p>Reference: AFBIFOI20190805</p> <p>Date of Request: 27 August 2019</p>	<p>Date of Response: 30 August 2019</p> <p>The following response was provided:</p>

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<p>The following information was requested:</p> <p><i>The total expenditure on consultants, broken down over each of the last three years, listing how much was paid to each company for each individual piece of work. Can you also provide a short comment as to what was the purpose/objective of each service.</i></p>	<p>2016-2017 Nil 2017-2018 Nil 2018-2019 See table:</p>	<p>Company Ernst & Young</p>	<p>Purpose/objective of engagement Development of Corporate Governance Models for QUB/AFBI strategic alliance</p> <p>Amount paid 25771.20</p>
<p>Reference: AFBIFOI20191001</p> <p>Date of Request: 01 October 2019</p> <p>The following information was requested:</p> <p><i>Qu 1. How many applicants from the aptitude test for this Public service recruitment IRC242200 -Assistant scientific officer in AFBI run by hrconnect got through to the eligibility sift?</i></p> <p><i>Qu 2. Subsequently how many of these candidates got through to the interview stage?</i></p> <p><i>Qu 3. Overall how many candidates got called for interviews?</i></p> <p><i>Qu 4. How many candidates who originally didn't get through to the eligibility sift have now been invited to interview?</i></p>	<p>Date of Response: 25 October 2019</p> <p>The following response was provided:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>157 candidates in total - 107 candidates in the first instance and subsequently a further 50 candidates.</i> <i>49 candidates</i> <i>49 candidates</i> <i>All candidates invited to interview went through the eligibility sift process, however, to provide assistance with your inquiry, I can advise that 107 candidates were originally told they had progressed to the eligibility sift stage, and subsequently this number was increased to 157. Of the initial 107 who progressed to the eligibility sift stage in the first instance 39 were invited to interview. Of the subsequent 50 who progressed to the eligibility sift stage, a further 10 were invited to interview.</i> 		
<p>Reference: AFBIFOI20191002</p> <p>Date of Request: 21 October 2019</p>	<p>Date of Response: 7 November 2019</p> <p>The following response was provided:</p>		

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<p>Reference: AFBIFOI20191101</p> <p>Date of Request: 8 November 2019</p> <p>The following information was requested: <i>Information about ICT service desk arrangements in AFBI</i></p>	<p>Date of Response: 18 November 2019</p> <p>The following response was provided:</p> <p><i>The information released is available here:</i> https://www.afbini.gov.uk/publications/freedom-information-disclosure-logs-2019-20-apr-sept-additional-information</p>
<p>Reference: AFBIFOI20191201</p> <p>Date of Request: 6 December 2019</p> <p>The following information was requested:</p> <p><i>A copy of an AFBI report entitled: "Determination of the antibacterial properties of wood pellet fines and sawdust bedding with and without various lime treatments when inoculated with a selection of mastitis and environmental stress resistant related organisms".</i></p>	<p>Date of Response: 23 December 2019</p> <p>The following response was provided:</p> <p><i>A copy of the report released is available here:</i> https://www.afbini.gov.uk/publications/freedom-information-disclosure-logs-2019-20-apr-sept-additional-information</p> <p><i>A small proportion of the information in the report is withheld from disclosure (redacted) in line with exemptions established by the Freedom of Information Act 2000, namely –</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Section 40 (Personal information)</i> • <i>Section 43 (Commercial interests)</i>
<p>Reference: AFBIFOI20200101</p> <p>Date of Request: 14 January 2020</p> <p>The following information was requested:</p>	<p>Date of Response: 5 February 2020</p> <p>The following response was provided:</p>

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<p>1. <i>By species: How many animals were used in research by "The Public Authority" from January 1st, 2019 to December 31st, 2019?</i></p> <p>2. <i>Minutes, reports and correspondence of any Animal Welfare & Ethical Review Board ("AWERB"), formerly known as the Ethical Review Committee ("ERC"), or sub-committee at University level, including but not limited to departmental committees, from January 2019, where these relate to experimentation or other work involving captive live animals, in addition to any guidance issued by these committees at any time if currently in use. For the avoidance of doubt the term 'committee' is used in broad definition and is inclusive of boards, groups or similarly natured structural enterprises.</i></p>	<p>Information released in response to Q1 can be found here: https://www.afbini.gov.uk/sites/afbini.gov.uk/files/publications/AFBIFOI20200101.pdf</p> <p>Information relating to Question 2 was deemed exempt from disclosure under the following sections of the Freedom of Information Act 2000: 38(1)(b), 40(2), 41(1)(b), 44(1)(a) and Section 24 of the Animal (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986.</p>
<p>Reference: AFBIFOI20200201</p> <p>Date of Request: 24 February 2020</p> <p>The following information was requested:</p> <p>1. <i>Fish counter data for the annual return of salmon to Cathaleen's Falls and Cliff Hydroelectric dams.</i></p> <p>2. <i>The number of adult salmon retained by ESB for smolt ranching.</i></p>	<p>Date of Response: 18 March 2020</p> <p>The following response was provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AFBI does not hold information for items 1, 2 and 4; • We do hold data from 2009 – 2019 for item 3 which has been provided to us by the Electricity Supply Board (ESB) in the Republic of Ireland and have provided this in the attached excel file. This can be viewed here: https://www.afbini.gov.uk/sites/afbini.gov.uk/files/publications/AFBIFOI20200201.pdf

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<p>3. <i>The number of adult salmon allowed to escape upstream of Cliff dam to naturally reproduce.</i></p> <p>4. <i>The number of smolts, fry and ova released by the hatchery.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For further assistance, ESB have advised us that they provide data in their annual report which is in the public domain (www.esb.ie) so this may be of use to you or to contact ESB directly.
<p>Reference: AFBIFOI20200301</p> <p>Date of Request: 4 March 2020</p> <p>The following information was requested:</p> <p><i>A copy of the current successful tender for the commercialization rights to AFBI bred forage grass varieties</i></p>	<p>Date of Response: 9 March 2020</p> <p>The following response was provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The information you requested is not held by this Institute. You requested a copy of the current successful tender for the commercialization rights to AFBI-bred forage grass varieties. It may be of assistance to note that AFBI have recently completed a pre-market engagement exercise which will inform a full tender competition, after which a successful tender for the commercialization rights will hopefully be identified. As such, we currently do not have a 'successful tender'. AFBI's current longstanding commercialization partner is Barenbrug UK Ltd.