

Public Interest Test – EIR

Reference Number – DAERA/26-57

Requested Information

Request for copy of results of all river water quality data from 1990 - 2025

Exemption / Exception under consideration

Regulation 12(4)(d) - Material in the course of completion, unfinished documents, and incomplete data. Data for 2025 will not be provided as it is still undergoing review and not yet officially released as official statistics.

Reasons why the public interest would favour disclosure:

- The right of the public to have access to information
- Release of the information would demonstrate openness and transparency regarding the sampling results.

Reasons why the public interest would favour withholding:

- The request includes material which is still in the course of completion and is published as an official statistic or annual report which has not been verified.

Conclusion

Following consideration of the Public Interest Test the Department has decided to withhold some of the information requested as it is incomplete data due to be published as official statistics. Therefore, the public interest in non-disclosure of this information outweighs the public interest in disclosure.

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