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Dear Mr Murray

Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your email received on 24 March 2026, requesting the information below.

I note Minister Muir's recent visit to the Netherlands:

- **Please provide me with the full itinerary for his recent visit**
- **The intended purpose, fact finding and planned outcome of each of his engagements.**
- **The names of all Dutch Government officials met and their job titles**

I can advise that the Department has completed its search and can confirm that we hold the requested information. Our response in relation to Minister Muir's trip to the Netherlands is outlined below.

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Full Itinerary for Minister Muir's recent visit to the Netherlands

WEDNESDAY 18 MARCH		
10:45 - 12:45	Visit to Johan and Jacob Molenaar's Farm PROGRAMME <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation from Netwerk PraktijkBedrijven • Tour of Farm • Lunch 	Hoeven
14:00 - 14:30	Keith Allan, Deputy Head of Mission at the British Embassy in The Hague	UK Embassy
14:45 - 15:00	Sign In/Security	Dutch Ministry
15:00 - 15:45	Mark Roscam Abbing Director General for Rural Areas, Nature, and Fisheries	

The Intended Purpose, Fact Finding and Planned Outcome of Each of his Engagements

Meeting/Visit	Relevant Extracts from Records Held
Farm Visit, Hoeven	To see good examples of solutions deployed to deal with environmental challenges arising from agriculture, most especially ammonia and water quality.
	He's particularly interested in seeing sustainable practices that balance productivity with environmental stewardship, as this ties in well with his focus on agri-related challenges
British Embassy, The Hague	This would also enable Keith to meet Minister Muir and provide a short briefing ahead of the meeting.
Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, Food Security and Nature, The Hague	My suggestion would be that the focus of any meeting might be on sharing experiences and learning linked to climate change and the challenge of net zero for the agriculture industry; nutrient management and dealing with agri-related pollution; nature recovery; and perhaps animal health (there may be learning from the NL experience of BTV).

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	<p>The discussion will focus around sustainable agriculture and the key policy tools within the Netherlands. It will also be important to gain an understanding of the journey travelled by the Netherlands (learnings, outcomes along the way) and their strategic direction over the next 15-20 years. In particular some of the main issues will be meeting stakeholder ambitions; level of investment (public:private) and tools to deliver behavioural change. The Minister will also wish to discuss the opportunities that exist to share information going forward and develop strategic collaborative partnerships.</p>
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Please also find a link to the information published on the Department's website about this visit. <https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/news/muir-visits-sustainable-dairy-farm-netherlands>

The Names of all Dutch Government Officials Met and their Job Titles

The lead official for Minister Muir's meeting with the Dutch Government was **Mark Roscam Abbing, Director General for Rural Areas, Nature, and Fisheries.**

The names of the other accompanying officials are exempt from disclosure under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, Personal Data.

If you require any clarification or believe that any part of your request has been overlooked, misunderstood or misinterpreted, please contact me in the first instance to see if it is a matter that can be resolved.

If you are unhappy with the way your request for information has been handled or the decision to release/withhold information, you have the right to request a formal review by the Department. If you wish to do so, please contact The Review Section either by e-mailing daera.informationmanager@daera-ni.gov.uk or by post at The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, Data Protection & Information Management Branch, Floor 2, Jubilee House, 111 Ballykelly Road, Ballykelly, Limavady BT49 9HP, within two months from the date of this letter.

If after such an internal review you are still unhappy with the response, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF, who will undertake an independent review of the Department's decision.

Yours sincerely,



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