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Dear [REDACTED]

### **Freedom of Information Act 2000**

Thank you for your email received by the Department on 30 March 2026, which you sought the information in bold below.

**I would like to know what percentage of abattoirs here are Muslim owned, and what percentage are full stun and what percentage use recoverable stun.**

I can advise that the Department has completed its search and can confirm we hold some of the information requested.

The Department does not hold the information regarding who actually owns abattoirs.

In Northern Ireland, all animals slaughtered at approved premises are stunned before slaughter. In some species i.e. pigs and poultry this is "stun to kill", whereas in cattle and sheep it is not.

If you require any clarification, 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.

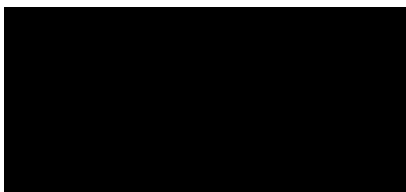
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If you are unhappy with the way your request for information has been handled or the decision to release/withhold information, you have the right to request a formal review by the Department. If you wish to do so, please contact The Review Section either by e-mailing [daera.informationmanager@daera-ni.gov.uk](mailto: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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