

## Forest Service



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Dear ██████████

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

I refer to your request for information received by the Department on 23 March 2026 that sought the following information for the period 1 January 2000 to the present (or the most recent 25-year period available)

1. Harvesting records for Favour Royal Forest, including compartment-level or stand-level data where available (e.g. clear-fell, thinning, or other harvesting operations).
2. The volume of timber harvested or sold from Favour Royal Forest for each year within this period, expressed in cubic metres if available.
3. Copies of, or summary information from, timber sale contracts or sales agreements relating to timber harvested from Favour Royal Forest during this period, including: year of sale, volume sold, sale value where available purchasing company

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I can advise that the Department has completed its search and can confirm that it holds some of the information you requested.

The information held which can be disclosed is below in Table 1. The request sought records not retained under the Departmental Retention and Disposal Schedule. This retention policy can be accessed at the following link, [DAERA's Retention and Disposal Schedule | Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs](#).

The Department has decided not to disclose some of the information you requested as it considers Exemption 43 Section 2 to be engaged. In these instances, the Department is legislatively required to consider the public interest in disclosure. An associated Public Interest Test has been conducted and is attached for your information at Annex A.

Table 1

FMU	Compartment Number	Volume Sold (m <sup>3</sup> )	Felled Area (Ha)	Contract Issued
Favour Royal	48	1678	2.3	02-Oct-15
Favour Royal	49	1084	2.4	12-Oct-15
Favour Royal	38, 46	469	0.9	12-Oct-15
Favour Royal	30,31,35,36,37	1627	14.2	11-Nov-15
Favour Royal	22,23,24	1504	9.4	24-Mar-16
Favour Royal	52	669	1.9	21-Mar-17
Favour Royal	4	1065	1.4	21-Mar-17
Favour Royal	32, 37, 44, 46	2868	23.6	16-Nov-18
Favour Royal	21, 24, 25, 26	2536	18.0	27-Jun-19
Favour Royal	30, 31, 35, 36	1255	17.9	11-Apr-22
Favour Royal	41	4752	8.9	31-Jan-23
Favour Royal	32, 37	5520	8.5	07-Mar-25

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Favour Royal	30, 31	1553	3.4	09-Feb-26
Favour Royal	46	3091	5.4	13-Mar-26
Favour Royal	20, 21, 24	6806	10.4	13-Mar-26
Favour Royal	57	5402	8.8	19-Mar-26

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.

If you are unhappy with the manner in which 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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