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Dear ██████████

Environmental Information Regulations 2004

I refer to your request for information received by the Department on 13 March 2026 that sought the following information:

“Any available meeting minutes for Minister Muir's independent Environmental Protection Agency since January 2024”

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 attached at **Annex A**.

The Department has decided not to disclose some of the information you requested as it considers a series of regulations to be engaged:

- **Regulation 13 (Personal Data)**
- **Regulation 12(4)(d) – Material in the Course of Completion**
- **Regulation 12(5)(d) — Confidentiality of Proceedings of a Public Authority**
- **Regulation 12(4)(e) – Internal Communications.**

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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 B**.

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 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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[Redacted name]
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