

ANNEX B

LAWFULNESS, FAIRNESS AND TRANSPARENCY TEST

DAERA/26-572 Freedom of Information Act 2000

Request details:

Information relating to the operation carried out by the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) on or around 29 June 2026, near Fivemiletown, Co. Tyrone (Clogher Valley area), in which approximately c. 50 cattle were killed in open fields in order to execute a Court Deprivation Order.

The number of similar Deprivation Order enforcement operations involving the culling or destruction of livestock carried out by DAERA in Northern Ireland in each of the last five years, and the method used, and location type (controlled facility vs open field), in each case.

Brief description of the Personal Data falling within the scope of the request:

Third party personal data. The release of small numbers could lead to the identification of data subjects.

LAWFULNESS

Please identify the lawful bases for processing

Personal data is processed when it is lawfully disclosed in response to an FOI request.

The lawful bases for processing are set out in Article 6 of the GDPR and the ICO expects at least one of two lawful bases (Consent / Legitimate Interest) to apply before the personal data held can be disclosed.

- ☐ **Consent:** This will apply when the data subject(s) clear consent exists that allows you to disclose the personal data falling within the scope of this request.
- ☐ **Legitimate interests:** the processing is necessary for the Department's legitimate interests or the legitimate interests of a third party that overrides the data subject(s) rights and freedoms, particularly their right to privacy.

Consideration of Legitimate Interests

1. PURPOSE

As the disclosure of personal data under FOI is to the world at large doing so on the strength of a requester's private interests alone could constitute a disproportionate

and unwarranted level of interference with the data subject(s) rights and freedoms, particularly their right to privacy and family life under the Human Rights Act 1998.

2. NECESSITY

The right of access under FOI does not in itself constitute a **pressing social need**. The Department has considered and not identified any such need for the data subject's right to privacy to be interfered with.

CONCLUSION

Having considered all of the information contained within this test, the Department has established that, on balance, there is no lawful basis for the disclosure of third party personal data falling within the scope of the request of which the requester is not the data subject.

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