

Public Interest Test – FOI

Reference Number – DAERA/26-746

Requested Information

Request from Luke Butterly seeking copies of any correspondence

1. between the current Minister and Moy Park, since February 2024,
2. between the Perm Sec and Moy Park, between February 2022 and February 2024,
3. between the then Minister and Moy Park, between January 2020 and February 2022, and
4. any internal Memos/Submissions for the Minister (or Perm Sec) relating to Moy Park, since January 2020.

Exemption / Exception under consideration

Legal Profession Privilege – section 42.

Relating specifically to Document INV 2141-2022 and Development of NI's First Climate Action Plan.

Reasons why the public interest would favour disclosure:

- Disclosure of the withheld information would contribute to public understanding of the matters under consideration and of the basis upon which decisions are made.

Reasons why the public interest would favour withholding:

- The information comprises confidential legal advice that is subject to legal professional privilege.
- Disclosure would undermine the principle of legal professional privilege and could inhibit the ability of officials and Ministers to seek and receive comprehensive legal advice in the future.

Conclusion

Following consideration of the Public Interest Test the Department has decided the public interest test in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosure.

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