

**Environment Marine and  
Fisheries Group**  
Resource Efficiency Division



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4 September 2019

Dear [REDACTED],

### **Environmental Information Regulations 2004**

Further to [REDACTED] response of 29 August 2019, the Department has considered the information being sought in the four points of your email of 13 August 2019, under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004; namely:

1. What option(s) are being brought forward in the business case?
2. How was that option(s) selected?
3. On what basis were other option(s) rejected?; and
4. What is the estimated cost of the selected option(s)?

I can confirm that the Department holds all of the information requested, however, the information forms part of an ongoing investigation. Environmental Information Regulation 12(5) (b) – 'Course of Justice' provides an exemption from release of this information.

I have attached a Public Interest Test which provides further information on the non-disclosure in relation to the 4 questions submitted to the Department in your email of 13 August 2019.

If you are unhappy with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within forty days of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to: The Review Section, The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, Information Management Branch,

If you are deaf or have a hearing difficulty you can contact the Department via the Next Generation Text Relay Service by dialling 18001 + telephone number.



Room 507, Dundonald House, Upper Newtownards Road, Ballymiscaw, BELFAST, BT4 3SB.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely

