

FOI Request (received 08 January 2019) - Reference: DFI/2019-0013

Under the Freedom of Information Act I request the following information from your Department:

- 1) A list of all decisions that have been referred to the Senior Decision Making Forum, including: a) the dates of each referral; b) a list of the agreed decisions; c) a list of the decisions ; and d) a list of the pending decisions; and
- 2) A log of the decisions currently awaiting: a) Senior Decision Making Forum agreement; b) Permanent Secretary endorsement; c) Ministerial attention; d) those endorsed by the Permanent Secretary and implemented; or e) endorsed by the Permanent Secretary and the decision deferred.

Response (issued 01 March 2019)

Thank you for your email dated 08 January 2019 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please accept my apologies for the delay in replying you with a response. You have specifically requested the above.

In response to question 1 (a-d), please be advised that the Department does not hold this information as it does not have a Senior Decision Making Forum.

In response to question 2:

- a) A log of decisions that are currently awaiting Senior Decision Making Forum agreement - the Department does not hold this information for the reason set out above;
- b) A log of decisions that are currently waiting Permanent Secretary endorsement - The Department does not hold this information;
- c) A log of decisions that are currently awaiting Ministerial attention - A list of decisions currently awaiting Ministerial attention is attached at Annex A. Some of this information has been withheld under S35 of the FOI Act - formulation of government policy;
- d) A log of decisions that have been endorsed by Permanent Secretary and decisions implemented - This information is exempt under Section 21 of the FOI Act 2000. This is an absolute exemption, however, the information is reasonably accessible online at:- <https://www.executiveoffice-ni.gov.uk/publications/reports-decisions-taken-by-northern-ireland-departments-2018>; and

- e) A log of decisions that have been endorsed by Permanent Secretary and decisions deferred - I can confirm that two decisions have been deferred:-
- Whether an amendment should be made to current planning legislation to remove existing permitted development rights for petroleum (oil & gas) exploration; and,
 - The International Road Transport (EU EXIT) Regulations 2018 and Trailer Registration (EU Exit) Regulations 2018: Financial Penalty Notices.

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