

FOI Request (received 07 February 2019) - Reference: DFI/2019-0050

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, could you provide me with any documentation which is held in relation to the operation of the decision making process pertaining to decisions by civil servants in the absence of Ministers under recent legislation?

This is in relation to the general approach to decision making and not specific to any particular decisions.

Response (issued 26 February 2019)

Thank you for your email dated 07 February 2019 requesting information on the above issue under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You have asked the Department to provide you with any documentation which is held in relation to the operation of the decision making process pertaining to decisions by civil servants in the absence of Ministers under recent legislation.

The Northern Ireland Secretary of State published guidance on decision-making for the Northern Ireland Departments during the period for Northern Ireland Executive Formation and this is available online at:- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-on-decision-making-for-northern-ireland-departments>

This guidance was published in accordance with Section 3(2) of the Northern Ireland (Executive Formation and Exercise of Functions Act) 2018 (the Act), which is also available online at: <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2018/28/introduction/enacted>

The Executive Office has provided departments with a template to assist with the decision-making process and I have attached this template.

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