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Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information Act 2000

With regard to your request for information received by the Department on 8 November 2022 which sought the following information:

1. A list of every decision currently awaiting Ministerial approval or executive approval within the department, including those from public bodies (indicate which require ministerial approval and which require executive approval.)
2. Provide a description of each decision, and when the decision was first referred/prepared for Ministerial approval.
3. In the absence of ministers and executive please provide a list of decisions that have been taken by civil servants that would otherwise have been taken by a minister.

I can advise that the Department has completed its search and can confirm that it holds all of the information you requested:

- Responses to Question 1 & 2 are attached in Annex A.
- Question 3 – no decisions have been taken by civil servants that would otherwise have been taken by a Minister.

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If you require any clarification, believe that any part of your request has been overlooked, misunderstood or misinterpreted, please contact me in the first instance to see if it is a matter that can be resolved.

If you are unhappy with the manner in which your request for information has been handled or the decision to release/withhold information, you have the right to request a formal review by the Department. If you wish to do so, please contact The Review Section either by e-mailing daera.informationmanager@daera-ni.gov.uk or by post at The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, Data Protection & Information Management Branch, Floor 2, Ballykelly House, 111 Ballykelly Road, Ballykelly, Limavady BT49 9HP, within two months from the date of this letter.

If after such an internal review you are still unhappy with the response, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, CHESHIRE, SK9 5AF, who will undertake an independent review of the Department's decision.

Yours sincerely,



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Date referred	Decision/Description	Ministerial/Executive Approval
13/05/2022	Approval to lay the Loughs Agency's Annual Report and Accounts 2020 before the Assembly.	Ministerial
24/05/2022	Agree to stakeholder engagement on the proposed new Domestic Spirit Drinks Enforcement Regulation	Ministerial
07/07/2022	Approval of Zootechnical Common Framework and Concordat	Ministerial
09/08/2022	Approval of amended version of the Round 3 Roads Noise Action Plan.	Ministerial
09/08/2022	Approval of legislation to update Domestic Identification, Registration and Movement Legislation	Ministerial
24/08/2022	Agree EP Kilroot Revised Direction	Ministerial
11/10/2022	Agree the draft Statutory Rule to make the Aquatic Animal Health (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2022	Ministerial
17/10/2022	Make amendments to Northern Ireland Legislation in respect of Invasive Alien Species and Restrictions on use of Lead Shot	Ministerial
19/10/2022	Approval to commence a competition for a new Agricultural Wages Board Chair and two independent Members	Ministerial
19/10/2022	Agree consultation on draft Environmental Principles Policy Statement	Ministerial
16/03/2022	Executive approval for the Environment Strategy - Approved by Minister 23/03/2022	Executive
27/09/2022	Executive approval for Northern Ireland's Third Cycle River Basin Management Plan - Approved by Minister 18/10/2022	Executive
18/10/2022	Executive approval for the publication of the final Northern Ireland Peatland Strategy - Approved by Minister 18/10/2022	Executive
18/10/2022	Executive approval for the revised version of Green Growth Strategy - Approved by Minister 27/10/2022	Executive
31/01/2022	Executive approval for the publication of the final Food Strategy Framework for Northern Ireland - Approved by Minister 03/02/2022	Executive