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Access to administrative documents regarding the Vetstat

The Ombudsman has on November 7, 2011 issued a statement regarding this case, in which you, the Åbenhedskomiteén and Mr. Niels Mulvad have been denied access to the Vetstat. In the statement it is concluded, that the Vetstat comprise environmental information and thus is covered by the Environmental Information Act. The request in this case meets the identification requirements in the Environmental Information Act. It is not likely that a disclosure of information from the register, referred to as distributing authorization numbers, would represent a risk for such damages, which is mentioned in the remarks to § 12, paragraph 1, nr. 2 in the Freedom of Information Act.

The statement shows, that the Ombudsman has not taken a position regarding whether there should be an open access to Vetstat.

It is therefore recommended that the Ministry of Research, Innovation and Higher Education should reopen this case.

Vetstat has since July 1, 2011 been transferred to the Veterinary and Food Administration, which must make a decision in the case. It must be decided whether and how the information in Vetstat is disclosed.

Decision

With reference to § 2 section 1 in the Environmental Information Act, see Consolidation Act No. 660 of June 14, 2006, we hereby allow you to get insight into Vetstat.

The insight includes information through out Vetstat, since none of this information is found to be covered by the derogations.

According to § 4, paragraph 2 in the Environmental Information Act, environmental information must, as a general rule, be provided in the form or size, in which it is requested.

With reference to the above, it shall hereby be informed, that you will be given access to all information in Vetstat. Access will be given through user-id and password.

With regard to the practical aspects, please contact Special Adviser Mr. Erik Jacobsen by phone +45 72276630.

At the same time we hereby consider your request for fully met.

In connection with the disclosure of information from the Vetstat it should be emphasized, that this information contains raw data and there may be errors in the material. At the same time you should treat the information in accordance with the provisions of Act No. 429 of 31 May 2000 Law on the Treatment of Personal Data as amended.

Best regards,

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