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Subject: Re: ACCC/C/2008/28 (Denmark) - timeframe for Ministry review

Dear Fiona,

One citizen, Jonh Damm Sørensen, who also applied for public access to Vetstat, lately asked for a password and a login to the Vetstat database, because he was convinced, that the authorities were ready to grant access to the database in accord with the latest desicion by the Danish Ombudsman. He recieved several files, not containing data from Vetstat but correspondance between the Ministry and the Danish Pig Farmers' Organisation respectively a star-attorney representing this organisation. He had held a meeting in the ministry and after that sent a long letter stating, that making the data in Vetstat public would indeed infringe with the privacy of the farmers. Furthermore he claims, that a failure in the proceedings of the ombudsman has taken place.

The Danish Minister of food and agriculture, Eva Gjerskov has - according to credible sources - stalled the opening of Vetstat and asked the government's lawyer for counselling and advice. I cannot translate all this material, it is higly qualified job, but I refer to this [website](#), where the last 4 posts contain the new material. Also an article from the farmers weekly, where the leader of the pig breeders say: "we can not have journalists messing around with this"
The conclusion is, that a simple request to recieve environment data over a period of more than seven years because of pressure from the pigfarmers organisation has developed into a government affair.

Greetings from Knud Haugmark