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**Our reference:** DAERA 2016-0221

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Dear Mr Blackwood

#### Environmental Information Regulations 2004

Thank you for your e-mail of 6 December 2016, received by us on 6 December 2016, in which you request further information about the commissioning of an engineer's report at the premises of W & J Chambers Ltd. This is further to your having corresponded on a number of previous occasions with the Environment Minister and officials about this company (most recently in NIEA correspondence ref WMU/C/2/2016). Your latest correspondence asks the following four further questions:

1. The record of where the commissioning of this report was agreed internally within NIEA.
2. The briefing provided to the Minister.
3. A copy of that review where it was decided not to proceed with the engineer's report.
4. Any/all other internal or inter-departmental correspondence which exists in relation to the proposal to commission and subsequently renege on the decision to commission this proposed engineer's report.

I would answer your questions as follows.

1. The discussion within NIEA about the possibility of commissioning an engineer's report were informal and the only contemporaneous written record of this operational proposal is in the briefing to the Minister and in letters to you.
2. The Minister's Briefing drafted by NIEA at the time when the engineer's report was first proposed is attached.



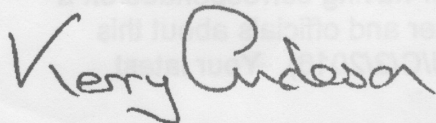
3. Discussions around this decision were not formally recorded and there is no contemporaneous written record other than in the letters previously sent to you and in an associated briefing to the Minister.
4. Your final question asks for any / all internal or inter-departmental correspondence on the proposal to commission an engineer's report. As detailed above in response to your first and third questions, there are no contemporaneous written records on this proposed engineer's report, other than those detailed in previous written replies to you and the associated Ministerial briefings.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to: The Review Section, The Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, Information Management Branch, Room 507, Dundonald House, Upper Newtownards Road, Ballymiscaw, BELFAST BT4 3SB.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely



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