

## Freedom of Information (FOI) Act & Environmental Information Regulations (EIR) Disclosure Log 2022/23 (Quarter 1 - April 2024 - June 2024)

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<p>Reference: <i>AFBIFOI20240302</i></p> <p>Date of Request: <i>21/03/24</i></p> <p>The following information was requested:</p> <p><i>Number of staff employed by Afbi,</i>  <i>Total running costs of facility</i>  <i>Total income achieved,</i>  <i>Total acres farmed/ rented.</i>  <i>Total and types of animals on farm.</i>  <i>Confirm if you have bid or purchased any additional land.</i>  <i>Is Afbi controlled or financed by daera .</i></p>	<p>Date of Response: 19/04/24</p> <p>The following response was provided:</p> <p>The vast majority of activity at AFBI Hillsborough aligns with AFBI’s Livestock Production Sciences Branch (LPSB). As such the data provided below aligns with the data associated with LPSB. A small team of five individuals aligned with renewable energy represent the remaining activity at AFBI Hillsborough but the data for this team is not included below as it is intertwined with data from its parent branch (Agri-Environmental technologies).</p> <p><b>Number of staff employed by AFBI [at Hillsborough].</b>  While staff numbers fluctuate, as at 18 April 2024, the total number of staff employed within LPSB and based at AFBI Hillsborough is 98 (this includes permanent staff, fixed term staff and agency staff conducting special projects or backfilling vacancies). There are an additional five staff based at AFBI Hillsborough aligned with the AFBI’s Agri-Environment Branch. There are also five LPSB staff based at AFBI Loughgall. Please note this data reflects the number of staff and not the full-time equivalents.</p> <p><b>Total running costs of the Hillsborough facility.</b>  Based on the latest available audited Accounts for the financial year 2022/23, the total expenditure for LPSB was £4,340,808. This expenditure aligns with both farm and research activities.</p> <p><b>Total income achieved [from activities at Hillsborough].</b></p>

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	<p>Based on the latest available audited Accounts for the financial year 2022/23, the total income for LPSB was £3,003,218. This expenditure aligns with both farm and research activities.</p> <p><b>Total acres farmed/rented at Hillsborough.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As of 1 April 2024, the total acres farmed at Hillsborough is 666.73 acres.</li> <li>As of 1 April 2024, the total rented acres farmed at Hillsborough is 217.56 acres.</li> </ul> <p><b>Total and types of animals on Hillsborough farm.</b> Animal numbers fluctuate daily but as of 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024, the total number of animals on the Hillsborough Farm were 2883. (NB additional animals are located on the AFBI Loughgall site).</p> <p>Animal total by type is featured in the table below:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="1384 884 1872 1034"> <tr> <td>Total Youngstock</td> <td>285</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total Pigs</td> <td>1133</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total Bovine</td> <td>804</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total Sheep</td> <td>661</td> </tr> </table>	Total Youngstock	285	Total Pigs	1133	Total Bovine	804	Total Sheep	661
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<p>Reference: AFBIFOI20240402</p> <p><i>Date of Request: 12/04/2024</i></p> <p><i>The following information was requested:</i></p>	<p>Date of Response: 09/05/2024</p> <p>The following response was provided:</p> <p>I am writing to advise that the Institute has completed its search and can confirm that we hold the information you seek. The <a href="#">advice document is attached as an annex to this letter.</a></p>								

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	<p>You should note that as the requested information is exempt under Section 39(1) of the Freedom of Information Act as environmental information, I have handled your request under the terms of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR). Third party personal data contained within the annexed document has been withheld in accordance with Regulations 12(3) and 13(1) of the EIR.</p>
<p><i>Reference: AFBIFOI20240404</i></p> <p><i>Date of Request: 19/04/2024</i></p> <p><i>The following information was requested:</i></p> <p><i>Spend on Office supplies and associated products for the below financial years.</i></p> <p><i>1st April 2022 – 31st March 2023</i></p> <p><i>1st April 2023 – 31st March 2024</i></p> <p><i>Start date &amp; duration of Contract?</i></p> <p><i>Is there an extension clause in the contract and, if so, the duration of the extension?</i></p> <p><i>Has a decision been made yet on whether the contract is to be either extended or renewed?</i></p> <p><i>Who is the senior officer (outside of procurement) responsible for the contract?</i></p> <p><i>Name of Incumbent Supplier?</i></p> <p><i>How long have you traded with them?</i></p> <p><i>If you publish your register of contracts and purchasing, can you please provide a website link.</i></p> <p><i>In addition, can you confirm if you have a contract in place for Tail End Spend.</i></p>	<p>Date of Response: 09/05/2024</p> <p>The following response was provided:</p> <p>AFBI is a participating user of a <a href="#">collaborative contract let by Crown Commercial Service</a><sup>1</sup>. Crown Commercial Service awarded this single supplier framework (RM6059 Lot 1) for the supply of office desktop consumables including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• general office stationery</li> <li>• catering goods (such as tea and coffee)</li> <li>• janitorial goods (such as refuse sacks, washroom supplies)</li> <li>• small office machines (such as paper shredding machines, laminators)</li> </ul> <p>A separate contract is in place for the supply of copier paper.</p> <p>Answers to your list of supplementary queries are set out in the table below.</p>

<sup>1</sup> See <https://www.finance-ni.gov.uk/articles/dof-collaborative-arrangement-provision-office-supplies>

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Query	Response
Spend on Office supplies and associated products for the financial years 2022/23 and 2023/24.	2022/23 – £35,036.25 2023/24 – £51,925.96
Start date & duration of Contract?	01 April 2021 for four years
Is there an extension clause in the contract and, if so, the duration of the extension?	No extension clause
Has a decision been made yet on whether the contract is to be either extended or renewed?	Not applicable
Who is the senior officer (outside of procurement) responsible for the contract?	We do not hold this information, as this is not an AFBI Contract.
Name of Incumbent Supplier?	Banner Group Ltd
How long have you traded with them?	Since AFBI's inception in 2006 (under the current and previous collaborative contracts)
If you publish your register of contracts and purchasing, can you please provide a website link.	We do not hold this information, as this is not an AFBI Contract.
In addition, can you confirm if you have a contract in place for Tail End Spend.	We do not hold this information, as this is not an AFBI Contract.