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Dear Sir,

Thank you for your request for information dated 8th November 2022 in which you requested 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.*

The Freedom of Information Act 2000 gives you two rights of access when you write to us asking for information. You have the right to know whether we hold recorded information falling in scope of your request, and you have the right to receive this recorded information subject to cost limit or exemption.

In accordance with these obligations, I can advise as follows.

At the date of your request there were no immediate decisions awaiting approval by the Minister. One key challenge facing the Department at that time, however, was the absence of a confirmed budget as an Executive was not in place to approve a budget.



Also, there were no decisions taken by civil servants that would otherwise have been taken by a Minister.

If you are unhappy with the result of your request for information you may request an internal review within two calendar months of the date of this letter. If you request an internal review please do so in writing stating the reasons to the address above.

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Information Commissioner
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Yours sincerely

Records & Information Manager

