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Our ref: FOI2025-049



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Dear Hanyu

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Freedom of Information – Access Application Acknowledgement Letter

This letter is to formally advise you that your request to access documents under the *Freedom of Information Act 1992* (WA) (FOI Act), was received and validated via payment by the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) on 25 August 2025.

The receipt for the application fee of \$30.00 will be forwarded to you shortly.

It is acknowledged that the scope of your application consists of the following:

"I seek access to the following three discrete categories of documents held by DPIRD and authored or sent by DPIRD for the period 1 January 2022 to present. To minimise burden, this request excludes duplicates, calendar invites, meeting room bookings, purely logistical emails (time/venue only), media lines, and documents subject to Legal Professional Privilege (LPP); edited copies are requested where practicable.

1) Ministerial / Parliamentary briefings on the DI program

Documents sought: briefing notes ("ministerials"), submissions, reports, Estimates/Questions-on-Notice briefing packs, or formal correspondence submitted by DPIRD to any WA Minister, Parliamentary Secretary, or Parliamentary Committee concerning:

•DI operational performance, inspection outputs/outcomes, recordkeeping/data integrity, or identified regulatory/compliance issues. If no such documents exist, please provide an explicit statement confirming that no formal briefing or report on the DI program's operation or effectiveness has been provided to the Minister or Parliament since 1 Jan 2022.

2) <u>Communications with external integrity agencies (OAG / Ombudsman)</u>
Documents sought: formal correspondence, memoranda, or meeting records between DPIRD and the Office of the Auditor General (OAG) or Ombudsman WA concerning:

•the DI regulatory framework, record-keeping practices, or any identified data gaps/deficiencies.

(For clarity, this request is confined to DPIRD→OAG/Ombudsman exchanges; it does not seek documents held solely by those agencies.)

If no such communications exist, please state explicitly that DPIRD has not

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sought review, advice, or guidance from OAG or Ombudsman in relation to the DI program since 1 Jan 2022.

3) Internal risk / compliance assessments concerning DI statutory duties
Documents sought: internal compliance reports, risk assessments, internal audit
reports, risk-register entries, or management briefings produced by DPIRD that
assess legal, financial or reputational risks arising from potential or actual failures
to meet statutory animal-welfare obligations via the DI program.
(Note: This does not seek LPP legal advice; it seeks DPIRD's internal
audit/risk/compliance materials created to inform executives and manage
exposure.)

If no such records exist, please state explicitly that DPIRD holds no formal risk, audit or compliance records assessing its exposure arising from the DI program since 1 Jan 2022.

DPIRD has 45 calendar days within which to process your Application (section 13(3) FOI Act), expiring on **9 October 2025**. We will endeavour to provide you with the information as soon as practicable and, if possible, prior to that date.

However, should more time be required to process your Application, DPIRD may apply to you and/or the Information Commissioner for an extension of time.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss your application, please feel free to contact me on (08) 6552 1829 or by email at foi@dpird.wa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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