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**FOI2025-008 - Application Update**

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Thu, 1 May at 11:49 am

To: Hanyu Liu &lt;helloluna520@gmail.com&gt;

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**OFFICIAL**

Good morning Hanyu

I refer to your access application request under the *Freedom of Information Act 1992 (WA)* - FOI reference **FOI2025-008** - made to the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) regarding the activities of Designated Inspectors (DI's) in relation to animal welfare enforcement in Western Australia.

The FOI Act gives the general public the right to access documents, not to address questions. It is a requirement of the applicant to identify the documents you are seeking access too. However, we have liaised with DPIRD's Operations and Compliance Directorate to make enquiries in regard to your requested information.

The Operations and Compliance Directorate have provided the following information to address your request.

1. ***The number of inspections conducted by Designated Inspectors between 1 January 2022 and 5 April 2025, or the most recent available date. including the date and type of facility inspected (e.g., piggery, poultry farm, abattoir).***
  - There is not an existing document held by DPIRD that provides the requested information. Over the time period specified, DPIRD has undertaken a number of inspections of intensive production places. Inspectors already have powers to enter a property with the owners' permission or if the inspector suspected an offence has been or is being committed. If an inspector arrives at a property and requests access, and is granted access, the power given under the authority of a designated inspector is not required.
2. ***Summary of inspection outcomes for the above period, including the number and nature of non-compliance incidents, severity assessments, and enforcement actions taken (e.g., warnings, infringement notices, or prosecutions).***
  - There is not an existing document held by DPIRD that provides a summary of inspection outcomes for the requested information.
3. ***Any internal evaluations, reports or audits conducted regarding the capacity, number, training, or resource allocation of Designated Inspectors during this period.***
  - There has been no internal evaluations, reports or audits conducted for the requested information by DPIRD.

In light of the above responses if you would like to withdraw your application, we will be able to arrange a \$30 refund for your application fee.

If you would like to continue with your application then under section 26 of the FOI Act, access would be refused as the information does not exist.

Alternatively, if you would like to speak with a member of the Operations and Compliance Directorate for some more information on the Designated Inspectors, you can contact Noel Chambers – Director Regional Compliance South, on 9892 8492 or [noel.chambers@dpird.wa.gov.au](mailto:noel.chambers@dpird.wa.gov.au).

**Please confirm how you would like to proceed by close of business on Thursday 8 May 2025.** If you need more time, please let us know.

Kind regards

**Clare Kuzimski** | Information Release and Privacy Officer

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