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Ms M Hartley What do they Know

By email: request-419719-f739a1ac@whatdotheyknow.com

Dear Ms Hartley

Re: FOI - board maintained drains

We are in receipt of your request for information, we understand that request for information to be in eight parts:

- Do all agricultural ratepayers pay the same drainage rate
- The smallest length in metres of Board maintained drains of an individual ratepayer
- The largest length in metres of Board maintained drains of an individual ratepayer
- The cost to the Board per metre of maintaining a drain.
- Do ratepayers benefitting from Board maintained drains provide the Board with anything in return for maintenance of their drains?
- The number of agricultural Board members with drains maintained by the Board (if any)
- The length in metres of each Board member maintained drains. These can be numbered, I am not requesting details of any individual.
- Has the Board made a resolution to make crop loss payments without evidence of damage to crops?

We have 20 working days within which to respond to your request, terminating 15th August but will endeavour to provide you with the information sooner.

We are not yet certain whether the Board holds all the information requested but will advise in our response.

In the meantime, would you please clarify to what you might refer in the question for information on what ratepayers might provide the Board in return for maintenance of their drains.

Yours faithfully

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