

INFORMATION REQUESTED

You asked for any information the Scottish Government may hold on the following:

- **The membership and affiliation of the review panel for the Insect Pollinators Initiative from 2010 to 2015 (the Scottish Government was a key funder).**
1. An assessment panel meeting was held on 24th & 25th May 2010 to assess the applications received for funding through the Insect Pollinators Initiative (IPI). The arrangements for the meeting were made by the Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC), who led the management of the IPI on behalf of all the funders, and administered the grant application, assessment and awarding processes.
 2. The Scottish Government does not hold the records of the reviewers who participated in the panel meeting in May 2010.
- **The funding sources for the IPI, particularly any private funding.**
3. Details of all the funders are publicly available at: <https://wiki.ceh.ac.uk/display/ukipi/Home;jsessionid=80539C9E5E2D681C1784880B194CA57F>. There were no private funders.
- **The criteria used to decide which projects would be funded.**
4. The Scottish Government does not hold the details of the finalised criteria used to rank the projects at the panel meeting.
- **A list of projects rejected for funding.**
5. Exception at regulation 10(5)(f) of the EIRs applies to this information.
- **Any communications between the NFU, NFUS and the IPI regarding the funding of projects, or projects funded by the IPI.**
6. Our records show that both the NFU and the NFUS were included in lists of stakeholder organisations to be invited to two events during the period that the IPI ran:
 - i) a stakeholder event held in September 2009, the purpose of which included informing the direction of the funders' strategies, and
 - ii) a launch event held in June 2010, to publicise the research funded by the IPI and start a process of engagement between stakeholders and the grantholders.
 7. The arrangements for these events, including invitations issued, were administered by BBSRC on behalf of all of the IPI funders. No information is held of any communications about IPI with representatives of these organisations.