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3<sup>rd</sup> April 2026

Dear [REDACTED]

### **Environmental Information Regulations 2004**

I refer to your request for information received by the Department on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026 that sought the following information:

A copy of the most recent Economic Analysis for the River Basin Districts in N Ireland to be undertaken by the Department in accordance with Annex III of the WFD.

I can advise that the Department has completed its search and can confirm that it holds the information you requested, which is attached at **Annex A**.

If you require any clarification, believe that any part of your request has been overlooked, misunderstood or misinterpreted, please contact me in the first instance to see if it is a matter that can be resolved.

If you are unhappy with the manner in which your request for information has been handled or the decision to release/withhold information, you have the right to request a formal review by the Department. If you wish to do so, please contact The Review Section either by e-mailing [daera.informationmanager@daera-ni.gov.uk](mailto:daera.informationmanager@daera-ni.gov.uk) or by post at The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, Data Protection &

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Information Management Branch, Floor 2, Jubilee House, 111 Ballykelly Road, Ballykelly, Limavady BT49 9HP, within two months from the date of this letter.

If after such an internal review you are still unhappy with the response, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, CHESHIRE SK9 5AF, who will undertake an independent review of the Department's decision.

Yours sincerely,



**Water Policy Branch**

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## Annex A

Please find below links to the two Economic Analyses that were produced and published as supporting documents to the third cycle River Basin Management Plan.

These Economic Analyses were prepared in 2022 and therefore include a relevant preface explaining that they were developed at a specific point in time to reflect the position for the 2021–2027 period.

The first Economic Analysis also includes an annex describing the position on behalf of the Department for Infrastructure.

[Economic Analysis of the Programme of Measures - River Basin Management Plan 2021 - 2027.pdf](#)

[Economic Analysis of Water Use - September 2022.pdf](#)