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Dear [REDACTED]

Environmental Information Regulations 2004

Thank you for your email received by the Department on 25 March 2026 which you sought the information in bold below.

How much has the Government spent on a) compensation b) disinfection of premises and other costs associated with avian flu outbreaks at i) poultry and ii) game farms, in each of the last 6 years?

Please provide the data separately for i) poultry, and ii) game farms (i.e. Pheasants and Red-legged Partridges).

I can advise that the Department has completed its search and can confirm that we hold the information requested. Please see response overleaf.

To note, these figures do not include staff costs associated with the avian flu outbreaks.

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	2020 – LPAI 11 cases	2021 – HPAI 7 cases	2022 – HPAI 1 case	2023 – 0 cases	2024 – 0 cases	2025 – HPAI 8 cases
a / 1) Compensation (poultry premises)	£0	£1050261.73	£2715.00	£0	£0	£2071093.87
a / 2) Compensation (game farms)*	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
b / 1) Disinfection of premises and other costs associated with avian flu outbreak (poultry)	£268133.23	£505950.87	£1130.80	£0	£0	£472572.10
b / 2) Disinfection of premises and other costs associated with avian flu outbreak (game farms)*	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0

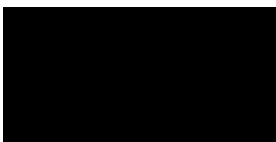
*In addition there was an HPAI outbreak in game premises in 2026, but costings (including compensation, have not yet been completed to date and are therefore not included.

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 way 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 or by post at The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, Data Protection & 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,



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