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Dear [redacted]

Freedom of Information Act 2000

With regard to your request for information received by the Department on 23 July 2024 which sought the following information:

Request for total salary spend per year per department within DAERA from the year of its formation until now.

I can advise that the Department has completed its search and can confirm that it holds the information you requested however, I wish to advise you that some of the information cannot be disclosed for the reasons given below.

Under the legislation the Department is not required to provide information that is already available in a form accessible by the public. This is in line with the exemption under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 as this information is accessible via other means.

The information you requested is available in Annual Resource Accounts for the corresponding financial years. These accounts are published on the DAERA website.

You can access this information at DAERA Annual Reports and Accounts | Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (daera-ni.gov.uk).

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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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