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20 July 2026

Dear [REDACTED]

Environmental Information Regulation 2004

With regard to your request for information received by the Department on 01 July 2026 which sought the following information:

I request the following information relating to the badger intervention element of DAERA's Regionalisation Project.

Please provide:

- 1. The total expenditure incurred to date on the badger intervention element of the Regionalisation Project.**
- 2. The forecast total cost of the badger intervention element over the lifetime of the Regionalisation Project, including any current estimates of future expenditure.**
- 3. A breakdown of costs by category, including but not limited to:**
 - * staff costs;**
 - * contractor and consultancy costs;**
 - * veterinary services;**

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- * licensing;
- * communications and public engagement;
- * legal and regulatory costs;
- * project management; and
- * any other relevant expenditure.

4. The budget allocated to the badger intervention element of the project for each financial year of the duration of the project.

I can advise that the Department has completed its search and can confirm that it holds the information you requested. However, the Department has considered the data requested and has decided to invoke an Environmental Information Regulation exception:

- EIR Regulation 12(4)(b) – Manifestly unreasonable

This is a qualified exception, and the Department must consider the Public Interest in maintaining the exceptions. These considerations are attached at **Annex A**.

The information that you have requested that is not excluded under the above regulation exceptions has been provided at Document 1.

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 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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