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Dear [REDACTED]

## **Environmental Information Regulations 2004**

Thank you for your email received by the Department on 22 July 2026 which you sought the information in bold below.

I can advise that the Department has completed its search and can confirm that it holds the information you requested which is set out below.

- 1. The current forecast total cost of the entire Regionalisation Project over its lifetime, including any current estimates of future expenditure.**  
£10,754,018
- 2. The proportion of the total forecast cost of the Regionalisation Project that is expected to be met by the Northern Ireland taxpayer.**  
£1,151,239 will be funded from DAERA which is just less than 10%. However the £4m contribution from UK Transformation Fund will also contain an element of Northern Ireland taxation considering taxes are paid to the UK exchequer before these funds are distributed.

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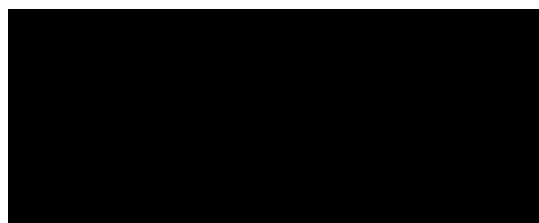
3. **The current forecast total cost of the cattle element of the Regionalisation Project over its lifetime, including any current estimates of future expenditure.**  
£2,754,266
4. **A breakdown of the forecast costs of the cattle element by cost category, including, but not limited to, enhanced cattle TB testing.**  
Additional six-month herd test - £266,978  
Pre/post movement testing - £78,403  
IFNg testing - £2,408,885
5. **The current forecast total cost of the people element of the Regionalisation Project over its lifetime, including any current estimates of future expenditure.**  
£350,455
6. **A breakdown of the forecast costs of the people element by cost category, including, but not limited to, the provision of biosecurity advice**  
Training - £7,200  
Biosecurity visits - £301,314  
Data acquisition - £5,400  
Stakeholder engagement - £36,541

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](mailto: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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