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Dear ██████████,

Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR)

I refer to your email received by the Department on the 17th July 2026 requesting data on poultry populations and permitted intensive poultry installations in Northern Ireland:

Part 1 – Poultry population register

For registered premises holding 5,000 or more birds, please provide:

1. Premises location (county and outward postcode, or grid reference — not the full address);
2. The poultry type or types kept (for example broiler, layer, breeder, pullet, turkey, duck);
3. The registered number of birds (or the capacity band, if held in banded form); and
4. The husbandry system, where recorded.

If premises-level data cannot be provided due to personal data or other exemptions, I would welcome the same information aggregated by county or postcode district, together with the total registered bird population in Northern Ireland broken down by poultry type.

Part 2 – Permitted intensive poultry installations

For all intensive poultry installations in Northern Ireland holding a NIEA environmental permit, please provide:

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1. Site identification:
 - Site name and operator name;
 - Permit reference number;
 - Site location (grid reference or postcode); and
 - NIEA region/area.
2. Permitted capacity:
 - The permitted number of bird places;
 - The poultry type(s) covered by the permit, where recorded; and
 - The number of individual sheds or houses at each site, and the permitted capacity per shed, where held.
3. The most recent annual compliance assessment or equivalent rating held by NIEA for each site.

If manure or litter production figures are held centrally, I would also be grateful for these, though I understand this information may only be held within individual permits rather than centrally.

I can advise that the Department has completed its search and confirm it holds some of the information requested.

The information, which the Department can provide is detailed below:

Part 1 – Poultry population register

Please see attached details in Annex A.

Part 2 – Permitted intensive poultry installations

Please see attached details in Annex B.

Manure or litter production figures are not held centrally. Details of individual PPC farm permits along with associated information including annual reporting of livestock numbers and manure movements is available on the IPRI public register <https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/articles/public-registers>.

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 you have the right to request a formal review by the Department. If you wish to do so, please write to The Review Section, The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, Information Management Branch, Room 507, Dundonald House, Upper Newtownards Road, Ballymiscaw, BELFAST, BT4 3SB, 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.

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If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

[Redacted Signature]

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