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Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information Act 2000

With regard to your request for information received by the Department on [date] which sought the following information:

1. The number of **General Service Grade 6 vacancies** within your department.
2. Of those vacancies, how many are currently being filled through **temporary promotion (TP)** arrangements and how long this has been in place?
3. For each vacancy currently being filled by temporary promotion, please provide:
 - a) The reason why the post has not yet been substantively filled and if there are plans to substantively fill the post.
 - b) The number of vacancies that you plan to fill from **IRC306699**
 - c) Whether the individual temporarily promoted into the post was:
 - (i) successful in the General Service Grade 6 competition **IRC306699**; or
 - (ii) unsuccessful in the General Service Grade 6 competition **IRC306699**.

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I can advise that the Department has completed its search and can confirm that it holds the information you requested up to the 30 June 2026, as detailed below at Annex A.

If you require any clarification or believe that any part of your request has been overlooked, misunderstood or misinterpreted, please contact Capacity Capability Equality & Diversity Branch or the email address above, 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,

[Redacted signature]

[Redacted name]

[Redacted title]

1. The number of **General Service Grade 6 vacancies** within your department.

Response: On 30 June 2026 there were three general service Grade 6 registered vacancies.

2. Of those vacancies, how many are currently being filled through **temporary promotion (TP)** arrangements and how long this has been in place?

Response: None of registered vacancies are being filled through temporary promotion.

3. For each vacancy currently being filled by temporary promotion, please provide:

- a) The reason why the post has not yet been substantively filled and if there are plans to substantively fill the post.

Response: None of the registered vacancies were being filled by temporary promotion.

- b) The number of vacancies that you plan to fill from **IRC306699**

Response: The department is seeking to fill all three vacancies if sufficient supply of staff is available from NICS HR.

- c) Whether the individual temporarily promoted into the post was:

- (i) successful in the General Service Grade 6 competition **IRC306699**; or

Response: No one was temporarily promoted into any of the three registered vacancies.

- (ii) unsuccessful in the General Service Grade 6 competition **IRC306699**.

Response: No one was temporarily promoted into any of the three registered vacancies.