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Environmental Crime Unit statistics for various outcomes of Incidents reported and the conclusion of Investigations.

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Environmental Information Regulation 2004

With regard to your request for information received by the Department on 09 October 2026 which sought the following information:

For each financial year from 2016-16 to 2025-6 please provide:

A. *The number of illegal waste dumping or illegal waste disposal incidents reported to NIEA and where recorded, the estimated tonnage of illegally deposited waste associated with incidents investigated by NIEA in each year.*
B. *The number accepted for investigation*
C. *The number investigations concluded*
D. *The number of incidents resulting in any formal enforcement action*
E. *A breakdown of enforcement action by type, including (and broken down into) warning letters, enforcement notices, fixed penalty notices, prosecution reports submitted, prosecutions commenced, convictions obtained)*
F. *The total value of fines imposed following convictions*
G. *For each financial year from 2015-16 to 2025-26, please provide the estimated clean-up or remediation costs associated with illegal waste sites identified by NIEA.*

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I can advise that the Department has completed its search and can confirm that it holds the information you requested which is attached as Annex A and Annex B. Please note, the Environmental Crime Unit only holds statistics regarding Incidents from February 2018. The figures provided have been portrayed as .CSV files, as per DAERA policy.

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Yours sincerely,

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