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Dear [redacted]

Freedom of Information Act 2000

Regarding your request for information received by the Department on 12 October 2026 which sought the following information:

Q1. For each letter of offer issued, as a spreadsheet: the tranche; the postcode district (the first half of the postcode) of the holding; the type of project, for example a slurry store, livestock housing, a covered yard or equipment, with the storage capacity in cubic metres where the application stated one; the grant offered; the date of the letter; the deadline for the final claim; the date and amount of each claim paid; whether the offer was accepted, withdrawn, reduced or lapsed; and whether any sum was recovered.

Q2. For each offer in part 1: whether a site visit took place before the final payment, after it, or not at all, and whether the visit found the project completed as approved.

Q3. In aggregate, by tranche: the number of letters of offer, the number accepted, the number paid in full, the number visited before and after payment, the number where a visit found the project incomplete or not as approved, and the number and value of reductions and recoveries, by reason.

Q4. The guidance or procedure used to decide which Tier 2 claims are visited before payment.

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Annex A is the Department's response.

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 how your request for information has been handled, 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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Annex A

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Please see Table One.

In accordance with Freedom of Information guidance, we are not disclosing the information in spreadsheet format.

Reductions – In exceptional circumstances, beneficiaries were permitted to make changes to their projects. Sometimes those changes led to a grant reduction but the original grant amount could not be increased. The grant paid is based on the original offer, the revised offer (if applicable), or the amount paid, whichever is the least.

To date, there have been no grant recoveries.

Q2. For each offer in part 1: whether a site visit took place before the final payment, after it, or not at all, and whether the visit found the project completed as approved.

Please see Table One.

In considering this information, please note that Tier 2 claims are processed in accordance with Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No. 809/2014 and are subject to at least one site visit before grant is paid. In addition, sample inspections are completed. From the site visits completed to date, one project was found to be significantly different to that approved and for that reason the full claim was rejected and no grant was paid.

Q3. In aggregate, by tranche: the number of letters of offer, the number accepted, the number paid in full, the number visited before and after payment, the number where a visit found the project incomplete or not as approved, and the number and value of reductions and recoveries, by reason.

Tranche	Number of LoOs issued	Number of LoOs accepted	Number of projects paid	Number of visits completed before payment	Number of visits completed after payment	Number where a visit found the project not as approved	Number of claims paid less than grant offered
1	127	126	113	113	16	0	65
2	147	145	125	125	1	1	48
Total	**274**	**271**	**238**	**238**	**17**	**1**	**113**

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Tranche 1	
Reason less grant paid than offered	**Grant Value**
Cost saving on item(s)	£64,222
Didn't purchase an item(s)	£31,676
Ineligible expenditure	£23,367
Penalties	£23,529
Total	**£142,793**

Tranche 2	
Reason less grant paid than offered	**Grant Value**
Cost saving on item(s)	£65,759
Didn't purchase an item(s)	£8,812
Ineligible expenditure	£8,678
Penalties	£0
Total	**£83,249**

In considering the information please note:

- Reductions – This refers to the number and grant value of completed projects where the grant paid was less than the amount offered (i.e. the original offer amount or revised offer amount if the original offer reduced as a result of a permitted change) and the reason(s) for the reductions.
- To date, there have been no grant recoveries.
- Tranche 2 claims are still being processed. The information supplied does not include those claims.

Q4. The guidance or procedure used to decide which Tier 2 claims are visited before payment.

Tier 2 claims for grant are subject to at least one site visit before grant is paid.