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Dear ██████████

Freedom of Information Act 2000

With regard to your request for information received by the Department on 27 July 2022 which sought the following information:

- A full list of the Department's vehicle fleet, highlighting whether they are petrol/diesel/electric/hydrogen powered;
- What plans are in place to replace all of these vehicles to zero emissions versions, the anticipated cost and when the transition will be complete; and
- Whether any policy is in place - or underway - to encourage subcontractors to make the transition to zero-emissions vehicles.

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.

| TYPE | NUMBER | ENGINE TYPE |
|---|---------------|---------------------------------|
| Private Cars | 34 | 2 Electric, 1 Hybrid, 31 Diesel |
| Light Commercial Vehicles (<i>Gross Vehicle Weight up to 7.5 ton</i>) | 181 | All diesel |
| Heavy Goods Vehicles (<i>Gross Vehicle Weight 7.5 ton plus</i>) | 11 | All diesel |
| Minibuses (<i>up to 17 seats</i>) | 22 | All diesel |

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| TYPE | NUMBER | ENGINE TYPE |
|---|------------|-----------------------|
| Land Rovers (4x4 pick ups) | 84 | All diesel |
| Tractors | 55 | All diesel |
| Special Types/Mobile Plant (e.g. forklifts, diggers, excavators etc.) | 91 | 4 Electric, 87 Diesel |
| Total | 478 | 478 |

Currently there are no plans in place to replace all of these vehicles to zero emissions versions as the commercial market conditions do not lend themselves to having products that meet the needs of the industry with value for money and effectiveness. However, when purchasing fleet the Department considers and completes an evaluation on each purchase to ensure that all options including electric and hybrid are considered to meet the business objectives of the request.

The Department has no policy in place or underway to encourage subcontractors to make the transition to zero-emissions vehicles.


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 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, Ballykelly 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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