

Reference: DAERA/22-275

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Date: 30 August 2022

Dear [REDACTED],

### Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000

Thank you for your e-mail received by the Department on 17<sup>th</sup> August 2022. You requested information the Department holds for the last five years on Cross-Compliance breaches reported and/or detected for hedge cutting and any penalties imposed as a result.

I can confirm that the Department holds the information requested which is detailed in the table below.

Year	No of Breaches	% Penalty Applied	Total Penalty Applied £
2017	15	1% x 11 5% x 4	£5,024.10
2018	6	1% x 4 5% x 2	£2,746.85
2019	10	1% x 6 3% x 1 5% x 2 60% x 1	£39,232.75
2020	17	1% x 9 5% x 8	£8,269.05
2021	22	1% x 14 5% x 7 20% x 1	£28,267.94

If you require any clarification or believe that any part of your request has been overlooked, misunderstood or misinterpreted, please contact ASD Information Management Team at 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](mailto: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,



**Area-based Schemes Operational Policy Branch**