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Estate Transformation Division
Jubilee House
111 Ballykelly Road
Ballykelly
Limavady
BT 49 9HP

Email: [REDACTED]

14 November 2022

Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your e-mail received by the Department on 18 October 2022. You requested information on how many vacant buildings the Department is responsible for; how long these buildings have been vacant; and how much has been spent on rates, utility bills and security at these sites over the last five years, broken down by year.

I can advise that the Department holds some of the information that you have requested. Rates costs per relevant property for the last five years is attached at **Annex A**. Please note that rates costs are not held at individual level for all properties and this has been indicated accordingly. As utilities are disconnected when properties are vacated there is no cost associated with the vacant properties with the exception of 52 Houston Road, in which there remains small associated costs as detailed in **Annex B** below. Security costs cover full sites and are not available at individual property level.

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 *Sustainability at the heart of a living, working, active landscape valued by everyone.*

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Management Branch, Floor2, 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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| Building address | Vacant from | Rates costs per property | | | | |
|---|-------------|--|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| | | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 |
| | | Y.E | Y.E | Y.E | Y.E | Y.E |
| | | 31.03.22 | 31.03.21 | 31.03.20 | 31.03.19 | 31.03.18 |
| | | £ | £ | £ | £ | |
| 10 Large Park, Hillsborough | 2013 | 1,546.40 | 1,546.40 | 1,522.20 | 1,466.80 | 1,412.40 |
| 11 Large Park, Hillsborough | 2013 | 1,546.40 | 1,546.40 | 1,522.20 | 1,466.80 | 1,412.40 |
| 9 Park Street, Hillsborough | 2013 | 2,164.96 | 2,164.96 | 2,131.08 | 2,053.52 | 1,977.36 |
| Lindesay Hall, 76 Dungannon Road, Cookstown | 2017 | 3,133.87 | 3,133.87 | 3,575.14 | 3,516.47 | 3,443.87 |
| 142a Bryansford Road Newcastle | 2014 | 1,530.96 | 1,519.86 | 1,718.39 | 1,686.71 | 2,208.46 |
| 34 Houston Road, Belfast | 2013 | 1,043.82 | 1,043.82 | 1,027.48 | 990.09 | 953.37 |
| 38 Houston Road, Crossnacreevy, Belfast | 2018 | 1,043.82 | 1,043.82 | 1,027.48 | 990.09 | 953.37 |
| 52 Houston Road, Crossnacreevy, Belfast | 2013 | Not available at individual property level | | | | |
| 4 Manor Farm, Loughgall | 2013 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 6 Manor Farm, Loughgall | 2017 | 681.08 | 674.48 | 666.45 | 644.55 | 621.38 |
| 8 Manor Farm, Loughgall | 2013 | 908.10 | 899.30 | 888.60 | 859.40 | 828.50 |
| Manor House, Loughgall | 2018 | Not available at individual property level | | | | |

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| Building address | Utility costs | | | | |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 |
| | Y.E 31.03.22 | Y.E 31.03.21 | Y.E 31.03.20 | Y.E 31.03.19 | Y.E 31.03.18 |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| 52 Houston Road, Crossnacreevy, Belfast | 50.34 | 46.95 | 34.73 | 60.52 | 52.86 |

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