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Financial Reporting Branch
Jubilee House
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10 July 2023

Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information Act 2000

With regard to your request for information received by the Department on 21 June 2023 which sought the following information:

'I would like to know how much money the department has spent on branded merchandise over the last five years.'

This includes items such stationary: pens, pencils, paper, mousepads etc. As well as clothing: tee shirts, hats, lanyards and things like water bottles, travel mugs and tote bags.'

I can advise that the Department has completed its search and can confirm that it holds the information you requested.

Over the five-year period for the 2018-19 financial year to the 2022-23 financial year, the Department and its Agencies spent a total of £212,492.75 in relation to branded merchandise. This excludes any Personal Protective Equipment provided to staff in relation to their job role, which may have had the Department's logo on it.

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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, 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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