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Dear [REDACTED],

Environmental Information Request

Thank you for your correspondence of 23 January 2023 requesting:

How much money has been spent to date by the Department in relation to the Mobuoy Remediation Project. We would also like, if possible, if you could quantify the amount of internal resources that have been expended to date?

I can advise that the Department has completed its search and can confirm that it holds the information requested which has been provided below:

Between August 2013 and March 2015 NIEA undertook immediate risk management works at the site to remove above ground waste and control leachate. **These works totalled £600K.**

From March 2015 to June 2018 NIEA undertook further works at the site. This included commissioning of consultants to undertake additional investigations and assessments to manage the risk at the site in the short term. NIEA also undertook additional works to protect public health and NIEA staff safety - enhancing perimeter security, providing signage on hazards, maintaining and enhancing access for site monitoring works. **These works totalled £620K.**

In June 2018 NIEA set up a project team with the primary aim to remediate the site while, managing the risk prior to the completion of remediation. Work undertaken by the project team includes environmental monitoring; maintaining site access and security; site works to inform updated risk assessments; short term risk reduction works; planning of remediation; engaging with stakeholders. **Mobuoy Project costs between 2018 and January 2023 totalled £3,143,223.** Further detail of project costs since 2018/19 provided in table 1 below. In addition, the NIEA's Environmental Monitoring Programme currently costs **£238K per year.**

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Table 1

| | 2018/2019 | 2019/2020 | 2020/2021 | 2021/2022 | 2022/2023 |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Mobuoy Project Team Staff Costs | 118,531 | 373,993 | 433,201 | 488,938 | 438,439 |
| Other Agency and Departmental Support (Departmental Solicitors Office, Strategic Investment Board, Construction Procurement Division, Department of Finance) | 30,399 | 54,050 | £63,989 | £64,829 | £35,275 |
| Site Works, Equipment, Licences and Consumables (Maintenance/ Monitoring) | - | 34,487 | 95,960 | 98,727 | 92,651 |
| Professional Memberships, Staff Training, Stakeholder Engagement | - | 3,866 | 5,405 | 7,455 | 2,153 |
| Ground Investigations to support DQRA | - | - | - | 229,925 | 121,079 |
| ICT Fees | - | - | - | 238,062 | 111,811 |
| Totals | 148,930 | 466,396 | 598,555 | 1,127,936 | 801,406 |
| Total Project Cost 2018 – January 2023 | | | | | £3,143,223 |

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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, 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.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely,

[Redacted signature]

[Redacted name]

Mobuoy Remediation Project [Redacted]

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