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Dear [REDACTED]

### **Environmental Information Regulations 2004**

With regard to your request for information received by the Department on 14 November 2022 which sought the following information:

The number of applications for licences to control “problem” birds for 2022 and how many birds are permitted to be culled by such authority.

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

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](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, 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,

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Wilmslow, CHESHIRE, SK9 5AF, who will undertake an independent review of the Department's decision.

Yours sincerely,



**Biodiversity Unit**

<b>Licence Type</b>	<b>Licence Purpose</b>	<b>Number issued</b>	<b>Number Refused</b>	<b>Number of Birds permitted to be culled</b>
TEB	To kill wild birds to prevent serious damage to fisheries	26	1	127 (Total of all licences)
TES	To kill wild birds for the purpose of preserving air safety	3	0	Not stipulated
KCB	To kill wild birds or destroy nests for the purpose of conserving wild birds	2	0	Not stipulated
TDB	To kill wild birds and or destroy nests for the purpose of preserving public health and safety	23	0	Not stipulated
TEC	To kill wild birds to prevent serious damage to crops	7	0	Only stipulated on two licences (3 birds on each)
TEL	To kill wild birds for the purpose of preventing serious damage to livestock	6	0	18 (Total of all licences)
KSB	To kill wild birds for scientific purposes.	0	0	0

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