



Rural Payments Agency

26 January 2023
Our ref: RFI 6386

Dear [REDACTED],

Environmental Information Regulations – Information Request

We refer to your request for information dated 14 November 2022, which we have dealt with under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR).

Please accept our sincere apologies for the delay in providing you with a full response.

You have requested grants and subsidy payments made by the Rural Payments Agency and any of its predecessors to date from 2001 - 2021 to a) the Duchy of Lancaster, b) the Duchy of Cornwall, c) to Sandringham Estate, Norfolk, and d) Balmoral Estate, Aberdeenshire.

You further specified:

For the avoidance of doubt, please include payments to any land holdings or locations where the applicant or recipient is named as one of the entities listed above.

Please include, but not exclusively, single farm payment scheme awards, basic payment scheme awards, Countryside Stewardship awards, Higher Level Stewardship schemes, organic farming subsidies, and any other agricultural, forestry, agri-environment or rural support payments where applicable.

Please list those subsidies by:

- 1) each land-holding or estate
- 2) individual financial year
- 3) title or type of subsidy and
- 4) for each type of subsidy, the total payments for that year.

Please find the information you have requested in the attached annexes.

Our response covers the following subsidy schemes administered by the Rural Payments Agency (RPA) under the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) or financial assistance provided under the Agriculture Act 2020 in the date range 2001-2021, with payment details provided for the years in parenthesis:

Arable Area Payment Scheme (2001-2004)
Beef Special Premium Scheme (2001-2004)
Extensification Payment Scheme (2001-2004)
Slaughter Premium Scheme (2001-2004)
Single Payment Scheme (2005-2014)
English Woodland Grant Scheme (2015-2020)
Basic Payment Scheme (2015-2021)
Woodland Improvement (2019-2021)
Farm Woodland Scheme (2015-2020)
Countryside Stewardship (2022-2021)
Environmental Stewardship (2007-2021)

The information provided by scheme year is for all payments made from 1 January to 31 December.

The information provided by financial year is for all payments made from 1 April to 31 March.

Different data sources have been used, which is why some information is provided by scheme year and some by financial year.

The figures provided may differ slightly to those released following previous requests as the data used for this request is now more complete than was available previously.

The Farm Environment Plan, Capital Works and Alignment payments are all stand alone Environmental Stewardship payments which are not allocated to a particular scheme year but are attached to particular agreements.

To advise, the payment details for the Basic Payment Scheme and Single Payment Scheme in Annex 3 are the totals of payments made to both Sandringham and Balmoral Estates, as both Estates were 'Cross Border' claims in the date ranges listed. The link below provides further detail on Cross Border claims: -

[Basic Payment Scheme rules 2020 \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#) - page 111

The information provided for the remaining payments are for those made to Sandringham Estates.

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What you need to do

If you are not happy with the way we have handled your request, you can ask for an internal review. These requests should be submitted in writing within two months of the

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If you need further information

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Yours sincerely

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