



Rural Payments Agency

18 September 2023

Our ref: RFI 6681

Dear [REDACTED],

Environmental Information Regulations – Information Request

We refer to your request for information dated 18 August, which we have dealt with under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR).

You have asked the following questions in relation to IAAP (Independent Agricultural Appeals Panel) appeals:

- 1. How many IAAP appeals has Minister Mark Spencer decided upon?*
- 2. Of those, how many times has Minister Mark Spencer not accepted an IAAP Panel recommendation?*
- 3. How many IAAP appeals did the previous Minister decide upon?*
- 4. Of those, how many times did the previous Minister not accept an IAAP Panel recommendation?*

Please find the information you have requested below.

As of 5 September 2023, Minister Mark Spencer has decided upon 30 IAAP appeals. Of these decisions, the minister did not accept the panel recommendation 8 times.

The previous minister, Victoria Prentis, decided upon 87 IAAP appeals. Of these decisions, the minister did not accept the panel recommendation 8 times.

To advise, the number of instances in which the ministers did not accept an IAAP recommendation includes partial acceptances, i.e., where a minister's decision was to partially accept an appeal in contrast to the IAAP recommendation to either wholly accept or wholly reject the appeal. It also includes instances where the IAAP recommendation was to partially accept the appeal, and the minister's decision was to wholly accept or reject the appeal.

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They can also be contacted at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Please note that generally the Information Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have first exhausted RPA's own complaints procedure.

If you need further information

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Yours sincerely

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