



7 February 2024

Our ref: RFI 6800

Dear [REDACTED],

Environmental Information Regulations – Information Request

We refer to your request for information dated 11 January which we have dealt with under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR).

You have requested the following information relating to Countryside Stewardship (CS) payments:

- 1) How many claims were settled each month of the Dec 22/June 23 payment window this can be in total numbers or as a percentage.
- 2) How many claims have been settled in the 1st month of payments this year?

As already agreed, we have interpreted your wording 'how many claims have been settled' to mean how many claims received a full payment in the date ranges specified in your request.

Please find the information you have requested below. This represents the number of claims where a full payment was made in each month:

	December	January	February	March	April	May	June
2022 Paid Volume	17,907	1,602	2,023	1,653	395	209	192
2023 Paid Volume	19,943						

To advise further, the '2022 paid volume' relates to the 2022 CS scheme year and the date range covered is December 2022 to June 2023. The '2023 paid volume' relates to the 2023 CS scheme year and the date range covered is December 2023.

We also attach Annex A below, explaining the copyright that applies to the information being released to you.

What you need to do

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If you need further information

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Yours sincerely

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