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Dear [REDACTED],

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: International Climate Finance (ICF) spend

Thank you for your three requests for information of 26 May 2026 about ICF spend. We have handled your request under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIRs).

The EIRs apply to requests for environmental information, which is a broad category of information defined in regulation 2 of the EIRs. Public authorities are required to handle requests for environmental information under the EIRs. They give similar access rights to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Your information request and our response are set out below.

REQUEST 1

Could you please provide a full list of all recorded International Climate Finance (ICF) forest spend by your department, including project title, project code and value by year, for each of the financial years 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24, 2024/25 and 2025/26 (including provisional figures where relevant).

REQUEST 2

Could you please provide the current International Climate Finance (ICF) allocations to the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, by year, for the financial years 2026/27, 2027/28 and 2028/29 (including provisional figures where relevant)?

REQUEST 3

Could you please provide the current nature and forests sub-allocations within International Climate Finance (ICF) allocations to the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, by year, for the financial years 2026/27, 2027/28 and 2028/29 (including provisional figures where relevant)?

We can confirm that we hold information in scope of your request. Information for the financial years 2021/22 to 2024/25 is enclosed at Annex C.



However, we have decided that information we hold in scope of your request for the financial years 2025/2026, 2027/28 and 2028/29 should be withheld as it falls under the exception at regulation 12(4)(d) of the EIRs, which relates to incomplete data. This exception is engaged in this instance because the data is still being processed and analysed.

In applying this exception, we have had to balance the public interest in withholding the information against the public interest in disclosure.

We recognise that there is a public interest in release of data concerning ICF spending, and such data could be released to promote openness and transparency.

However, there is a stronger public interest in withholding the information because the information requested is still subject to further adjustments before it is finalised. Defra officials are in the process of analysing the data for 2025/2026 to ensure it is as accurate as possible, and this analysis should be completed by July. Disclosure prior to this will only distract efforts away from completing this work.

Therefore, we have concluded that in all the circumstances of the case, the information should be withheld.

Information disclosed in response to this EIRs request is releasable to the public. In keeping with the spirit and effect of the EIRs and the government's Transparency Agenda, this letter and the information disclosed to you may be placed on GOV.UK, together with any related information that will provide a key to its wider context. No information identifying you will be placed on the GOV.UK website.

We attach Annex A, explaining the copyright that applies to the information being released to you, and Annex B giving contact details should you be unhappy with the service you have received.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact us.

Yours sincerely

Information Rights Team

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Annex A

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