

## **EIR Request (received 30 July 2024) - Reference: DFI/2024-0308**

I should be obliged if you would provide me with the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, namely:

Please provide your maintenance records for attenuation ponds and flood compensation areas for all motorways in Northern Ireland since their construction until the present.

## **Response (issued 20 August 2024)**

Thank you for your email of 30<sup>th</sup> July 2024 requesting “*maintenance records for attenuation ponds and flood compensation areas for all motorways in Northern Ireland since their construction until the present.*”

In considering your request on behalf of the Department, I have determined that the information requested falls under the aegis of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR) rather than the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Section 39 of the Freedom of Information Act specifically excludes from consideration under that Act requests for what is deemed to be environmental information. EIR gives rights of public access environmental information held by public authorities.

A guide explaining the Environmental Information Regulations can be found at:

<https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/foi-eir-and-access-to-information/guide-to-the-environmental-information-regulations/>.

In response to your request, I can confirm that there are no attenuation ponds or flood compensation areas on motorways in Northern Ireland and I am therefore not able to provide any maintenance records as requested.

This concludes my response to your information request.

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