

## **EIR Request (received 20 June 2025) - Reference: DFI/2025-0277**

I would request that you provide the total number of faults logged by each of the Newtownards DEA councillors (namely: Naomi Armstrong-Cotter, Stephen McIlveen, Colin Kennedy, Alan McDowell, Steven Irvine, Victoria Moore and Richard Smart) from 06 May 2024 to 05 May 2025 by email, telephone or through the nidirect webpage.

## **Response (issued 16 July 2025)**

Thank you for your email dated 20 June 2025 requesting under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI), the following information held by the Department. You requested the following:

*provide the total number of faults logged by each of the Newtownards DEA councillors (namely: Naomi Armstrong-Cotter, Stephen McIlveen, Colin Kennedy, Alan McDowell, Steven Irvine, Victoria Moore and Richard Smart) from 06 May 2024 to 05 May 2025 by email, telephone or through the nidirect webpage*

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, as opposed to the FOI 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: [Guide to the Environmental Information Regulations](#).

In response to your request, I can confirm that the Department for Infrastructure does hold information related to your request. In providing this information I would draw attention to the fact that Cllr. Naomi Armstrong-Cotter is an Ards Peninsula DEA Councillor and does not Newtownards DEA as indicated in your request.

Details of all faults received are logged on to the Department's online reporting system.

Please see the table below.

<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Road related faults</b>	<b>Street lighting faults</b>
Naomi Armstrong-Cotter	7	0
Stephen McIlveen	160	25
Colin Kennedy	0	0
Alan McDowell	0	8

<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Road related faults</b>	<b>Street lighting faults</b>
Steven Irvine	60	7
Victoria Moore	0	0
Richard Smart	0	0

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