

EIR Request (received 27 June 2025) - Reference: DFI/2025-0288

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, could the Department please provide me with the following information.

- 1 How much money has currently been spent repairing damage caused to the Glenshesk Road from a landslide in November 2024.
- 2 How many contractors have been hired to work on the repairs to the road - and how many days/hours have they been on site since work began.
- 3 When does the Department estimate that the road may be opened again to traffic.
- 4 How much does the Department estimate the total repair bill will be to return the road to its previous use.

Response (issued 28 July 2025)

Thank you for your email dated 25 July 2025, requesting under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI), information held by this office in relation to Glenshesk Road, Ballycastle. You have specifically asked:

- 1 How much money has currently been spent repairing damage caused to the Glenshesk Road from a landslide in November 2024?*
- 2 How many contractors have been hired to work on the repairs to the road - and how many days/hours have they been on site since work began?*
- 3 When does the Department estimate that the road may be opened again to traffic?*
- 4 How much does the Department estimate the total repair bill will be to return the road to its previous use?*

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 does hold information relating to your request. I will address your requests in the order they were asked in your email.

1. How much money has currently been spent repairing damage caused to the Glenshesk Road from a landslide in November 2024?

DfI Roads has advised that the landslide occurred in March 2024. A breakdown of the current costs is provided below:

- Temporary Traffic Management (TTM) and securing site = £26,554.
- Survey costs = £6754.
- Ground Survey costs (boreholes etc.) = £33,680
- Consultant costs = £118,683; and
- Additional TTM and Phase 1 costs = £34,450.

Total costs to date = £220,121.

2. How many contractors have been hired to work on the repairs to the road - and how many days/hours have they been on site since work began?

To date, three contractors have been used for the work.

- Small Scale Contractor for erecting/maintaining TTM and securing the site (65 days checking TTM plus two days securing site, etc) = Total 67 days.
- Environmental contractor (Cleaning & jetting gullies = 5 days); and
- Contractor for Phase 1 of the works (approximately 20 days for TTM, set-up & checks, and approximately 70 days repair works) = Total 90 days.

Total days worked = 162.

3. When does the Department estimate that the road may be opened again to traffic?

Unfortunately, the Department cannot provide a definitive date, at this time, when the road may be re-opened. The Principal Contractor is required to supply prestart information, and they have been asked to review the same by the designer. The Department will update the website once the new construction programme has been confirmed.

4. How much does the Department estimate the total repair bill will be to return the road to its previous?

The Department estimates a cost of work will be £1 million.

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