

EIR Request (received 27 June 2025) - Reference: DFI/2025-0292

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

1. The cost of repairs to and clean-up of roads and other property owned by or maintained by the Department following Storm Eoywn in January 2025.

Response (issued 28 July 2025)

Thank you for your email dated 27th June 2025 requesting, under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI), the following information held by the Department:

The cost of repairs to and clean-up of roads and other property owned by or maintained by the department following Storm Éowyn in January 2025.

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 to 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, including its Arm's Length Bodies, has estimated that the cost of the clean-up from Storm Éowyn by the time of completion of all remedial works is expected to be in the region of £15.7m. The Department received £8m from the Executive towards a range of pressures resulting from Storm Eowyn, including those from the cost of repairs, remedial action, lost income and the provision of alternative water supplies.

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