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Dear requester

### Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information which we received on 26 August 2025. Your request has been considered under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR) as we have determined that information relating to 'turn down' costs for windfarms falls within the definition of environmental information as set out in Regulation 2(1)(c) of the EIR.

### Request

You asked us:

*NESO's 2025 Annual Balancing Costs Report, published in June 2025, does not provide the component of constraint costs specifically attributable to "turn down" payments to wind farms, along with the associated volumes.*

*This is the information I am seeking: for each financial year covered in the above report, please provide the total "turn down" payments to wind farms, and the volume of curtailed output these payments were attributable to. Furthermore, and if possible, please also break down these payments and volumes by nation. In other words: break down the data into: England, Wales, and Scotland.*

### Our response

We confirm that we hold information in scope of your request.

For information on the balancing mechanism please see this webpage: [What is the Balancing Mechanism? | National Energy System Operator](#).

Please find enclosed 'turn down' costs for wind farms. The information provided is the bid costs and volumes for wind, for England & Wales and Scotland by financial year for 2018/19 to 2024/25 inclusive. This concludes our response to your request.

### **Next steps**

If you are dissatisfied with our handling of your request, you can ask us to review our response. If you want us to carry out a review, please let us know within 40 working days and quote the reference number at the top of this letter. You can find our procedure here: [Freedom of Information and Environmental Information Regulations | National Energy System Operator](#). The ICO's website also provides guidance on the internal review process: [What to do if you are dissatisfied with the response | ICO](#).

If you are still dissatisfied after our internal review, you can complain to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). You should make complaints to the ICO within six weeks of receiving the outcome of an internal review. The easiest way to lodge a complaint is through their website: [www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints](http://www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints). Alternatively, they can be contacted at: Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, SK9 5AF.

Thank you for your interest in the work of the National Energy System Operator (NESO).

Regards,

The Information Rights Team, National Energy System Operator (NESO)

**Wind bid cost (£)**

	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
Total	157,577,196.59	173,519,175.97	223,298,611.61	152,712,782.77	160,538,418.26	323,332,152.03	369,325,423.38
England and Wales	11,944,599.81	11,350,412.95	26,031,093.99	11,269,977.82	7,902,344.11	19,590,432.47	12,320,341.72
Scotland	145,632,596.78	162,168,763.02	197,267,517.61	141,442,804.96	152,636,074.15	303,741,719.56	357,005,081.66

**Wind bid volume (MWh)**

	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
Total	2,160,955.24	2,345,190.16	2,955,930.58	2,646,564.39	2,594,486.41	4,682,745.91	9,148,705.24
England and Wales	114,964.48	101,034.02	205,590.04	164,361.50	115,873.91	175,734.99	155,362.71
Scotland	2,045,990.76	2,244,156.14	2,750,340.54	2,482,202.89	2,478,612.51	4,507,010.91	8,993,342.53