

## Public

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Dear requester

### Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information which we received on 9 February 2026.

Your request has been considered under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR) as we believe that the requested information meets the definition of environmental information as set out in Regulation 2(1) of the EIR.

### Request

You asked us for:

*Follow up to: FOI/25/236*

*Under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004, please provide for calendar year 2025:*

- 1. The number of settlement periods in which NESO's Day-Ahead (D-1) wind generation forecast differed from outturn by more than  $\pm 10$  per cent at a GB system level.*
- 2. The total volume of wind generation (in MWh) associated with those periods, aggregated for the year.*

*Aggregated figures only.*

### Our response

We wrote to you on 27 February 2026 explaining that we were unable to progress your request without clarification of your request.

1. The number of settlement periods in which NESO's Day-Ahead (D-1) wind generation forecast differed from outturn by more than  $\pm 10$  per cent at a GB system level.

For question 1, we asked you to clarify if your request is for  $>10\%$  MAPE (Mean Absolute % Error).

2. The total volume of wind generation (in MWh) associated with those periods, aggregated for the year.

For question 2, we explained that the precise information required is unclear. We asked you to clarify if the *total volume* requested is just for metered wind or included non-metered Embedded wind generation too. We also asked you to clarify what you meant by *aggregated for the year*.

As we have not received clarification from you, we are refusing your request under Regulation 12(4)(c) of the EIR. Regulation 12(4)(c) is an exception which allows a public authority to refuse to disclose environmental information if the request is formulated in too general a manner, and the public authority has provided advice and assistance to help the requester to provide clarification. When regulation 12(4)(c) applies, the public authority must issue the requester with a formal refusal notice within 20 working days of receipt of the request.

This exception is subject to the public interest test in the EIR. However, the Information Commissioner recognises that it is difficult to conduct a public interest test when a public authority is unsure about what the requester is after. The Commissioner therefore takes the position that the public interest in maintaining the exception will outweigh the public interest in disclosing what may be the wrong information.

### **Next steps**

Should you wish to submit a refined request, we will respond as soon as possible and within 20-working days of receiving your new request.

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)