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Dear requester

Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information which was received by NESO on 17 March 2026.

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

Request

You asked us:

Please provide the total annual volume of redispatch actions undertaken through the Balancing Mechanism on the GB electricity system, measured in MWh, for each calendar year 2018 to 2025 inclusive.

For the avoidance of doubt, "redispatch actions" refers to generation increases or reductions instructed through the Balancing Mechanism to manage system constraints or operational requirements.

Please provide the aggregate annual volume of energy (MWh) associated with such redispatch actions in each year.

Our response

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

Please find the total annual volume of re-dispatch actions undertaken through the Balancing Mechanism for each calendar year 2018 to 2025 in the table below.

Year	Volume (TWh)
2018	4
2019	4.3
2020	8.3
2021	4.1
2022	6.4
2023	5.6
2024	10.7
2025	13.1

This concludes our response to your request.

Advice and assistance

Our publicly available [2025 Annual Balancing Costs Report](#) provides further information on re-dispatch volumes in 2024/2025 (pages 13, 59–68).

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. 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)