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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 the requested information falls within the definition of environmental information as set out in Regulation 2(1) of the EIR.

Request

We responded to parts 1, 2 and 4 of your request on 16 April 2026. The remaining part of your request, which you clarified on 20 March 2026, asked for:

- i. *The names of any third-party consultancies, contractors or external organisations engaged by NESO to provide data modelling, scenario modelling, forecasting or analytical inputs used in the development of NESO's CP30 advice.*
- ii. *Any internal NESO documents produced to verify, quality-assure or validate the modelling or data supplied by those external consultancies. This includes (but is not limited to):*
 - *Data validation reports*
 - *Quality assurance certificates*
 - *Internal review notes*
 - *Model verification summaries*
 - *Any documentation confirming the accuracy, reliability or suitability of externally provided modelling inputs.*

Our response

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

- i. As outlined on page 2 of [Annex 4: Costs and benefit analysis](#), NESO commissioned Baringa Partners LLP to support the economic impact assessment of the Clean Power 2030 (CP30) pathways (i.e. development of Chapter 5 of the [main report](#) and [Annex 4](#)). No other external consultancies were engaged by NESO for modelling, scenario development, forecasting, or analytical inputs for CP30.
- ii. To deliver the CP30 report's objectives a suite of quantitative work was undertaken, based on data and analysis from multiple parts of NESO as well as Baringa's expertise and market insights.

NESO has already published a wide range of data used in our analyses. Source information for each dataset used in the economic impact assessment is provided in Table 1 of Annex 4. The supporting documentation includes our [Clean Power 2030 Assumptions](#) log which provides additional transparency about what has been assumed and how it flows through the modelling and insight. NESO also responded to an information request on the calculations behind the costings in our CP30 report. All responses to requests submitted to NESO under the EIR or FOIA are published on our disclosure log: [Freedom of Information and Environmental Information Regulations | National Energy System Operator](#). The relevant request has reference number EIR/24/005.

In terms of your specific request, NESO applied its own robust internal quality assurance processes in parallel with the consultants' internal quality assurance. Our approach included:

- Extensive review of input data, drawing on expertise from across NESO as well as publicly available evidence.
- Continuous engagement with the consultants, including regular interactions and video calls, to ensure an iterative challenge process allowing both sides to test, scrutinise, and validate each other's assumptions and suggestions.
- Detailed quality assurance of all calculations, undertaken through line-by-line review of the underlying code.

Due to the iterative nature of the process, we do not hold the kind of internal documents you requested such as data validation reports, quality assurance certificates or model verification summaries.

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. 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)