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Dear requester

Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information which was received by NESO on 25 June 2026. Your request has been considered under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR) the requested information falls within the definition of environmental information at Regulation 2(1)(x) of the EIR.

Request

You asked us for:

1. *The total amount paid in constraint payments to wind generation Balancing Mechanism Units (BMUs) in each of the last five financial years (2021/22 to 2025/26, or the most recent five years for which data is held).*
2. *For the same period, a breakdown of constraint payments by individual wind generation BMU, including, where held:*
 - (a) *BMU identifier/code*
 - (b) *the name of the generating unit, wind farm, or operator associated with that BMU, if held in your reference data*
 - (c) *total constraint payments received by that BMU in each financial year*

Our response

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

The csv file accompanying this response letter includes, for financial years 2020/1 - 2025/6 (inclusive), the action costs for bids accepted in the Balancing Mechanism, for wind BMUs.

We also enclose a list of BMU codes and the corresponding windfarm full name.

For information on the Balancing Mechanism, including information on bids and offers, please see this webpage: [What is the Balancing Mechanism? | National Energy System Operator](#).

NESO publishes Wind BOA Volumes on the [Data Portal](#).

This concludes our response to your request.

Advice and assistance

The Balancing and Settlement Code (BSC) is a multi-party legal framework that underpins the electricity trading arrangements in Great Britain. Information about the BSC is available here: [About Balancing and Settlement Code \(BSC\) - Elexon BSC](#).

Elexon administers the BSC on behalf of the industry and is responsible for:

- Collecting and comparing data on forecasted vs actual energy use
- Calculating payments for imbalances
- Managing compliance with the BSC rules
- Supporting market entry and exit
- Facilitating change and innovation within the Code framework

Elexon routinely publishes Balancing Mechanism data for each BM Unit: [Balancing Mechanism data by BMU view | Insights Solution](#). Should you have any technical queries about this data, you may wish to contact Elexon's support service: [Elexon Support Homepage - Elexon Support](#).

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)