ANNEX A

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Request

(1) I request details of all monies, grants etc paid by Department of Finance to Dalradian Gold Ltd since they arrived in Northern Ireland at the end of 2009 up to date. This should include but not limited to money paid towards exploration and development costs, capital costs, rates exemption, etc. I understand that mining companies are attracted to Ireland both North and South by the favourable fiscal policy and tax incentives*.
(2) I also want to know the costs to your department for the meetings held with Dalradian Gold Ltd over the years, including staffing costs at all levels, costs incurred through preparation for the Public Inquiry, legal costs incurred, and all other costs incurred by your Department in relation to Dalradian Gold Limited.

Clarified period time period for request:

I wish to get information for the period December 2009 - end of October 2025.

DoF response

I can confirm the department only holds the information that will answer part (1) above. Nothing is held for part (2)

(1)The table below summarises rate reductions (amounts otherwise payable by the ratepayer) associated with properties occupied by Dalradian Gold Ltd since December 2009.

- Industrial de-rating represents a 70% reduction to rates liability based on the nature of the property.
- Business Rates Holiday was a rate relief introduced during the Covid 19 pandemic provided during 2020/21, 2021/22 and for three months of 2022/23.
- Small Business Rate relief is a percentage reduction based on the Net Annual Value (NAV) of a property.

Note that all are provided by way of a non-cash credit to the rate account of the liable ratepayer.

Year	Industrial De-rating (£)	Business Rates Holiday (£)	Small Business Rate Relief (£)
2010/11			£399.03
2011/12			£407.09
2012/13			£880.17
2013/14			£1,974.07
2014/15			£906.19
2015/16			£948.17
2016/17			£2,682.30
2017/18			£515.42
2018/19			£755.12
2019/20			-£519.85**
2020/21	£2,552.96	£19,190.26	£240.66
2021/22	£13,586.11	£6,916.75	£332.15
2022/23	£13,749.48	£5,402.85	£1,175.74
2023/24	£14,172.95	£910.76**	£4,018.07
2024/25	£14,788.43		£0.00
2025/26*	£15,284.42		£0.00

*2025/26 figures as at 31st October

** Adjustment related to prior year processed in later year.