

ANNEX A

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Request

Under my legislative rights I would like to request the following information relating to the Northern Ireland Civil Service.

- 1. How many Energy Managers/Officers/Assistants are in the NICS and what departments they belong to?*
- 2. Details of Renewable Energy under the responsibility of the NICS*
- 3. Plans to reduce and decarbonise the NICS Estate*

Response

1. I can confirm that the Department does not hold the information requested. NICS does not currently use formal standardised job titles but rather has a range of disciplines and grades. Information on disciplines and grades can be accessed from the Department of Finance website through the following link [Non Industrial Pay Scales](#). It is therefore not possible to identify Energy Managers/Officers/Assistants from records held as these roles may form all or part of the duties of one of the grades list.
2. I can confirm that the Department does not hold this information. You may wish to contact the Department for the Economy (foi@economy-ni.gov.uk).
3. I can confirm that the Department holds this information.

In relation to plans to decarbonise the NICS Estate please see;

Attachment 1: The Department's current 'NICS Energy Efficiency and Carbon Reduction Plan FY20/21-FY22/23'; and

Attachment 2: 'Year 1 Progress Summary for the Department of Finance Office Estate, Energy Efficiency Carbon Reduction Plan FY20/21-FY22/23'.

The Department of Finance is committed to achieving government's target in Northern Ireland for net-zero emissions by 2050 and further carbon cutting proposals for the estate will be advanced in due course.

In relation to plans to reduce the NICS Estate, the information in relation to the Estate Strategy/Plan is considered to be exempt from release under the

Environmental Information Regulations 2004. The EIRs exemption Section 12(5) (e) the confidentiality of commercial or industrial information where such confidentiality is provided by law to protect a legitimate economic interest; has been applied. I attach a copy of the Public Interest Test in this regard.

