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Dear [REDACTED],

Environment Information Regulations.

I refer to your request for information received by the Department on 29th March 2023 that sought the following information:

- “1. How many domestic discharge consent application were received by DAERA/NIEA in each calendar year 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021?”*
- 2. Provide a breakdown of these numbers of applications by the nine NIEA operational areas.*
- 3. Of the numbers of applications identified at 1. above, how many were passed to non-civil service, council-employed Water Quality staff for assessment?*
- 4. Of the applications passed to council-employed Water Quality staff for assessment, how many were returned to NIEA with recommendations as to the discharge consent conditions?*
- 5. Of the numbers of applications identified at 1 above, on how many occasions did NIEA reject or amend the discharge consent conditions as recommended by the Water Quality staff?”*

I can confirm that the Department holds the information which you have requested and is attached and detailed below:

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1. This information is provided on the attached PDF.
2. This information is also provided on the attached PDF.
3. All applications were passed to non-civil service, council-employed Water Quality staff for assessment.
4. All applications are returned to NIEA with recommendations as to the discharge conditions. Water Quality staff may also recommend refusal or changes to the application, where appropriate.
5. No domestic consent to discharge conditions for single dwellings as recommended by the Water Quality staff, were rejected or amended.

If you require any clarification, believe that any part of your request has been overlooked, misunderstood or misinterpreted, please contact me in the first instance to see if it is a matter that can be resolved.

If you are unhappy with the manner in which your request for information has been handled or the decision to release/withhold information, you have the right to request a formal review by the Department. If you wish to do so, please contact The Review Section either by e-mailing daera.informationmanager@daera-ni.gov.uk or by post at The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, Data Protection & Information Management Branch, Floor 2, Jubilee House, 111 Ballykelly Road, Ballykelly, Limavady BT49 9HP, within two months from the date of this letter.

If after such an internal review you are still unhappy with the response, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, CHESHIRE SK9 5AF, who will undertake an independent review of the Department's decision.

On behalf of the Department,

Water Regulation

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DOMESTIC CONSENT TO DISCHARGE APPLICATIONS RECEIVED PER AREA FOR PERIOD 2017 - 2021

YEAR	TOTAL APPLICATIONS RECEIVED	AREA 1	AREA 2	AREA 3	AREA 4	AREA 5	AREA 6	AREA 7	AREA 8	AREA 9
2017	2747	111	427	361	296	362	552	294	164	180
2018	2708	130	374	368	297	372	520	314	184	150
2019	2650	114	422	404	310	297	485	274	183	161
2020	2335	89	338	311	316	334	469	215	154	109
2021	3344	153	472	518	446	506	578	234	247	190