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RE: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Please be advised of the following in relation to your request.

Question1 The Cost of attending the gorse fire on the Mourne Mountains last month.

The indicative cost to the Northern Ireland Fire & Rescue Service of mobilisations to the gorse fire in the Mourne Mountains in April 2021 is set out in the table below.

	Total Cost
Mourne Mountains gorse fire April 2021	£69,667

Question 2 Cost of attending gorse fire incidents during the past three years.

The indicative cost to the Northern Ireland Fire & Rescue Service of mobilisations to gorse fires for the past three years is set out in the table below.

Financial Year	Total Cost
2018-19	924,709
2019-20	262,223
2020-21	906,599
Grand Total	2,093,531

Notes:

Due to the nature of the information held in relation to the incidents, it has been necessary to apply assumptions in the calculation of the cost and therefore the cost is indicative.

The cost is calculated based on the costs that are directly attributable to attendance at an incident (direct staff time and fuel consumption), and does not therefore include

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overheads and other indirect costs such as administration; wear and tear of equipment; and command and control.

It should also be noted that NIFRS has recently reviewed its costing model. The costing for this request is based on that model. For this reason the costs may not be comparable to similar incident costings previously provided.

Review Process

Under the terms of the legislation, if you are unhappy with this response you have the right to seek a review within the Northern Ireland Fire & Rescue Service in the first instance. If you wish to do so, please write to Stuart Crawford the Governance, Information & Business Support Services Manager ,1 Seymour Street, Lisburn, BT27 4SX within two calendar months of the date of this letter.

If after such a review you are still unhappy with the response, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner who will undertake an independent review. The Information Commissioner contact details are – 3rd Floor 14 Cromac Place Belfast BT7 2JB.

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Yours sincerely

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