EIR Request (received 30 September 2022) - Reference: DFI/2022-0312

Could you please provide me with freedom of information on the 5g towers being installed.

- 1. Do the government receive money for 5g and 4g towers being installed?
- 2. How much does a farmer get when the 5g/4g mass is fitted on his land?
- 3. Does the 4g/5g masses give of radiation?
- 4. Can I have the manual to the 4g/5g masses?
- 5. Can I have the manual for the new street lights fitted during the pandemic?
- 6. Why was it so important that street lights were fitted during the pandemic? Surely this was putting people's health at risk by the spread of covid 19?

Response (issued 18 October 2022)

Thank you for your e-mail dated 18th October 2021 requesting, under the Freedom of Information Act, any information held by this office.

In considering your request on behalf of the Department I have determined that the information requested falls under the aegis of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004, as opposed to the FOI Act 2000.

A guide explaining the Environmental Information Regulations can be found at: <u>https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/guide-to-the-environmental-information-regulations/what-are-the-eir/</u>.

In response to your request, I can confirm the following:

- 1. The Department does not hold this information.
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- 4. The Department does not hold this information.
- During the pandemic, the Department installed LED lighting units supplied by three UK manufacturers; Urbis Lighting Ltd; Signify Lighting Ltd and Low Carbon Lighting. However, the Department does not hold copies of any manuals for these lights.
- Street lighting maintenance, along with other areas of road maintenance was deemed to have been an essential service during the pandemic. Full social distancing procedures were followed at all times.

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