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Dear requester

Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information which was received on 13 December 2024. We have considered your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Request

You asked:

Please provide information on how much in constraint payments has been paid to renewable energy companies each year for the past four years or as an alternative for as many years as you have on record.

Our response

NESO does not hold information in scope of your request because:

- we do not classify companies that generate power as renewable or non-renewable
- an individual company may use a mix of renewable and non-renewable generation sources.

Information held by NESO on constraints payments cannot therefore be interrogated to identify payments made to 'renewable energy companies'.

You may be interested in the Monthly Balancing Services Summary (MBSS) which includes a breakdown of constraints costs by fuel type.

The published MBSS reports, by month for the current year (up to and including October 2024) and annually for previous financial years, are available from the 'MBSS' and 'MBSS archive' tabs at the bottom of this page: [Balancing costs | National Energy System Operator](#). The reports for November and December 2024 will be available shortly from the 'MBSS' tab.

Daily Balancing Costs are also available from the 'Daily Balancing Costs' tab on the webpage linked above. The information in the Daily Balancing Costs includes the amount of constraints costs, but not by fuel type.

This concludes our response to your request.

Next steps

You can ask us to review our response. If you want us to carry out a review, please let us know within 40 working days and quote the reference number at the top of this letter.

If you are still dissatisfied after our internal review, you can complain to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). You should make complaints to the ICO within six weeks of receiving the outcome of an internal review. The easiest way to lodge a complaint is through their website: www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints. Alternatively, they can be contacted at: Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, SK9 5AF.

Thank you for your interest in the work of the National Energy System Operator (NESO).

Regards,

The Information Rights Team

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