

REFERENCE

2526395

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24 November 2025

SUBJECT

Under the Environmental Information Regulations, please provide me with a copy of NI Water's declarations of interest for every member of its senior management for each of the last ten years.

RESPONSE

Please find the requested information attached as Annex A. We advise that the records for 2019, 2020, and 2022 are not available. This omission is attributable to administrative oversight, which did not see updated registers created during those years. Regrettably, due to retirement of relevant staff, it is not confirmed why this was the case. There may have been no changes to make within the registers either to the make-up of the Board and Committee, or to their external interests, and therefore they were not updated in these years, but this cannot be confirmed.

Please note, a declaration of any conflict of interest is scheduled into all Board meetings and this responsibility is on each Director. Depending on the nature of the conflict, the Director may be asked to step out for the topic on which they may have a conflict.

We trust the enclosed information is of assistance. Regulation 12(4)(a) of the EIR applies to those unavailable records.

Regulation 12(4)(a) (Information not held) provides that "*a public authority may refuse to disclose information to the extent that it does not hold that information when an applicant's request is received*".

All exceptions under the EIR are qualified and so, in deciding whether to disclose the requested information, NI Water must consider the public interest. However, this is not possible where the information is not held.