

12th March 2024

BY EMAIL

[REDACTED]
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Re: FOI request – Ref: FOI-09-25

Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your request received in this office, which you have made under the Freedom of Information Act (2014) for records held by this FOI body.

The request sought:

“1. Road Maintenance Expenditure

- Annual expenditure on road maintenance, broken down by year and month from 2018 to 2024.
- Annual expenditure specifically on pothole repairs, broken down by year and month from 2018 to 2024.

If available, I am requesting a breakdown of expenditure for both categories, distinguishing between work carried out by local authority staff and that carried out by external contractors.

2. Pothole Complaints and Repairs

- Total number of pothole complaints received, broken down by year and month from 2018 to 2024.
- Number of complaints that led to repairs or other actions, broken down by year and month from 2018 to 2024.
- The average response time for addressing pothole complaints at Wexford County Council.

3. Pothole-related Damage Claims

- Total number and value of damage claims related to potholes made by motorists, broken down by year and month from 2018 to 2024.
- Total number and value of damage claims related to potholes paid out by Wexford County Council, broken down by year and month from 2018 to 2024.

I would also appreciate clarification on how the local authority defines "pothole repairs" for the purposes of recordkeeping and reporting.



The request was refined on 13th February, 2025:

1. Road Maintenance Expenditure

- Records of annual expenditure on road maintenance, broken down **by year** from **2022** to 2024 inclusive.

2. Pothole Complaints

- Records relating to the total number of pothole complaints received, broken down **by year** from **2022** to 2024 inclusive.

3. Pothole-related Damage Claims

- Records relating to the total number and value of damage claims related to potholes made by motorists, broken down by year and **by quarter** from 2018 to 2024.
- Records relating to the total number and value of damage claims related to potholes paid out by Wexford County Council, broken down by year and **by quarter** from 2018 to 2024.”

The Decision Makers in this case, were Siobhán Lynn, Administrative Officer, Roads Section and Ms. Caroline Kennedy, Administrative Officer, Insurance Risk Management. A final decision on your request has now been to grant your request.

The records and schedule of records are now available to view at [FOI Responses | Wexford County Council \(wexfordcoco.ie\)](https://www.wexfordcoco.ie/foi-responses).

Schedule of Records

Please see attached a detailed Schedule of Records; this shows the details of the records that were considered to fall under the scope of your request, and it details the decision in relation to each record. The decision can be to grant, part grant or refuse and this is detailed in the Schedule. Where it is decided to part grant or refuse a document the exemption sections that are relied upon are quoted.

Right of Appeal

If you are unhappy with this decision, you may appeal it. In the event that you wish to make such an appeal, you can do so by writing to the Freedom of Information Unit, Wexford County Council, Carricklawn, Wexford or by email to foi@wexfordcoco.ie .

Your appeal should include a fee of €30 which can be made payable to Wexford County Council. You should make your appeal within 4 weeks from the date of this notification, where a day is defined as a working day excluding weekends and public holidays. However, the making of a late appeal is permitted in appropriate circumstances. The appeal will involve a complete reconsideration of the matter by a more senior member of the staff of this body.

If you are unhappy with the response you receive to your internal review request, you have a right to appeal to the Office of the Information Commissioner. This appeal must be made within 6 months of the date of the internal review decision and may be made by writing to:-

Office of the Information Commissioner, 6 Earlsfort Terrace, Dublin 2, D02 W773.
Phone: +353-1-639 5689
Email: info@oic.ie

As your appeal relates to non-personal information, you will be liable for an upfront fee of €50 (€30 for Medical Card holders) on making of your appeal request. This fee is payable to the Office of the Information Commissioner, details above.

Yours sincerely,

Susan Doran

Susan Doran,
FOI Officer,
FOI Unit.
Email: foi@wexfordcoco.ie

Freedom of Information Schedule of Records - Summary of Decision Making

FOI Request Reference FOI_09_25

Rec. No.	No. of pages	Date of Record	Brief description of record	Decision Grant, Part Grant or Refuse	Basis for refusal - Exempt under FOI Act	Other
1	1	12/03/2025	Breakdown	Grant		

1. Road Maintenance Expenditure

Year	Maintenance
2022	€8,991,625
2023	€8,453,962
2024	€8,427,127

2. Pothole Complaints

Date of records	No. Of Potholes reported.
2022	587
2023	813
2024	767

3. Pothole-related Damage Claims

Pothole Claims Made 2018 - 2024

Please also note that in relation to claims made in the period, some claims will not be settled as yet and so we only have the numbers of claims and not the values.

Year	Quarter	No.	Value
2018	Q1	2	€254
2018	Q3	1	€1,272
2019	Q1	3	€230
2019	Q4	1	€239
2020	Q1	1	€0
2020	Q2	2	€360
2020	Q4	1	€0
2021	Q2	2	€0
2021	Q3	4	€535
2021	Q4	2	€773
2022	Q1	6	€2,491
2022	Q2	5	€976
2022	Q3	1	€0
2022	Q4	2	€0
2023	Q1	3	€595
2023	Q2	3	€326
2023	Q3	4	€533
2023	Q4	2	€0
2024	Q1	3	€1,172
2024	Q2	6	€3,911
2024	Q3	2	€361
2024	Q4	6	€1,045