

REASONS FOR NOT PROVIDING INFORMATION

Information not held

An exception under regulation 10(4)(a) of the EIRs, also applies to some of the information you have requested (information not held).

While our aim is to provide information whenever possible, in this instance we are unable to provide some of the information you have requested.

The request asks for information on woodland options offered under the SRDP programme from 2007-2020. Within this period, grant support to new and existing woodlands have been administered under two SRDPs.

The first (2007-2013) was under Rural development Contracts – Rural priorities. Rural priorities offered support to the rural sector and not just woodland and whilst Forestry Commission Scotland administered the grant applications and contracts for forestry options within Rural priorities, the overall management of that Scheme was run by Scottish Government's Rural Payments & Inspections Division within the Directorate for Agriculture and Rural Economy.

Forestry Commission Scotland were a delegated body but had no direct access to the management information. The list of options included with the request are from the legacy Rural priorities scheme. To find out more details on these, please contact Scottish Government's Rural Payments & Inspections Division (SGRPID), Directorate for Agriculture and Rural Economy (ARE).