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## SCHEDULES

### SCHEDULE 2

ESTIMATES FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2024

#### Commencement Information

**II** Sch. 2 coming into force at Royal Assent

DEPARTMENT FOR AGRICULTURE, ENVIRONMENT AND RURAL AFFAIRS  
ESTIMATE

#### PART 2: EXPENDITURE

##### *Departmental expenditure limit*

Expenditure arising from:

The provision of agricultural, educational and knowledge transfer services, research and development and payments and grants to students, societies, associations, institutions, clubs and other organisations for agri-food purposes, horticulture, environmental purposes and rural development. The provision of veterinary services, official controls and other official activities including animal health and welfare, veterinary public health and veterinary certification of live animals and animal products and payments of compensation to farmers for animals culled in disease control programmes. The provision and application of policy support, policy development and legislation for the agri-food and equine industries, animal health and welfare, veterinary medicines, antimicrobial resistance, dog control, wildlife interventions, rural needs and the protection for all aspects of animal, bee and plant health and welfare. The provision and application of policy support, policy development and legislation for protection and conservation of sea fisheries, inland fisheries, aquaculture and the environment; for mitigating against and adapting to climate change; and for delivering sustainable green growth. The provision of country parks and nature reserves. Net spend of the Agri-Food and Biosciences Institute, the Loughs Agency of the Foyle, Carlingford and Irish Lights Commission, the Northern Ireland Fishery Harbour Authority and the Livestock and Meat Commission for Northern Ireland. Grants to the Council for Nature Conservation and the Countryside and the Agricultural Wages Board for Northern Ireland and grants for scientific services by other bodies, support for innovation, providing hardship assistance, conservation, natural heritage, green growth, environmental legislation and protection and operation of the Carrier Bag Levy. Subsidy and grant to Forest Service in relation to the regulation, maintenance, protection, development and conservation of forests and the management of the Forest Service estate. Payments under European Union or Nationally Funded Programmes including the Common Agricultural Policy and disallowance, payments to district councils and other approved delivery bodies and other expenditure on activities that are required as a result of the United Kingdom's exit from the European Union. Expenditure on enforcement activities, contingency planning and exercising, digital services, administration costs,

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compensation payments, governmental response to the coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic, UK COVID-19 Inquiry activities; associated non-cash items.

*Annually managed expenditure*

Expenditure arising from:

Creation and movement in provisions; revaluations due to change in market value; depreciation; net spend of Arm's Length Bodies (ALBs).

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