

East Lothian Council

EIR Ref: 2018/543243

I would like to request some information under the Freedom of Information Act about weed killer products used by the council. I wish to ask the following questions:

- Does the council use any garden/environmental products that contain glyphosate? If so, what are they?

Round up
Round up pro-advantage
Nomix Glymark
Nomix Blade

- Does the council use Roundup or RangerPro weed killer from company Monsanto? If so, which products?

Round up
Round up pro-advantage

- How much has the council spent on these items in five years? (Separated by each year and product)

Please refer to Appendix I overleaf.

- Does the council have immediate plans to discontinue use of the Roundup and RangerPro weed killer products or any other products mentioned? If so, why?

No – it is not operationally feasible due to cost and staff resources if the same quality of service is to be achieved.

It may help to explain that Freedom of Information legislation only applies to information which is held or recorded by a public authority. It does not apply to views, opinions, intentions or questions which simply require a yes/no answer. In view of this, some of the questions asked are not technically valid for the purposes of this legislation as they are not requests for specific recorded information that East Lothian Council may or may not hold.

In order to assist you, however, colleagues have addressed the questions posed to the best of their knowledge. For future reference, a link to the "Tips for Requesters" page of the Scottish Information Commissioner's website has been provided which you may find useful:

<http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/YourRights/Tipsforrequesters.aspx>

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Appendix I

Year 2017/18
Round up pro-advantage,
Nomix glymark
Nomix Blade
£11,500

Year 2016/17
Round up,
Round up pro-advantage,
Nomix glymark
Nomix Blade
£11,500

Year 2015/16
Round up,
Nomix glymark
Nomix Blade
£11,100

Year 2014/15
Round up,
Nomix glymark
Nomix Blade
£10,800

Year 2013/14
Round up,
Nomix glymark
Nomix Blade
£10,600