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**Our ref: RFI 6913**  
**Date: 14<sup>th</sup> November**  
**2014**

Dear

**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: Badger Cull Costs**

Thank you for your request for information, which we received on 25 September, about costs of the 2013 badger cull. We have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). I apologise for the delay in responding to you. This was due to the costs being finalised.

Your questions and the responses are below.

**1) Have you finalised all costs related to Badger Cull Pilots - Year 1?**

**And**

**2) If you haven't finalised all costs, when will they be finalised?**

**And**

**3) If you have finalised all costs, when will they be published?**

The costs of the first year of the two badger culls, including the pilot stage, were £6.3m. A breakdown of these costs is summarised overleaf. Separately, the local police forces incurred costs in response to those protesting against the two culls. These were announced in Parliament on 9 April 2014, and these indicative costs have now been confirmed.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmhansrd/chan151.pdf.bak>



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Licensing and compliance monitoring	£859,000
Humaneness monitoring, including post mortems	£2,628,000
Efficacy monitoring	£2,311,000
Advice and assessments	£389,000
Other costs, including equipment	£107,000
<b>Total cost</b>	<b>£6,294,000</b>

I attach Annex A, which explains the copyright that applies to the information being released to you.

I also attach Annex B giving contact details should you be unhappy with the service you have received.

If you have any queries about this letter please contact the address below.

Yours sincerely,

**Defra FOIA and EIRs Team**

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## **Annex A**

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## **Annex B**

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