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Dear [REDACTED]

PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information about licences for circuses which we received on 25 September 2018. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI).

The information you requested and our response is detailed below:

“My name is [REDACTED] and I am a primary school teacher in South Wales, teaching year 4 children. Our topic is The Greatest Showman and as part of this topic we have been debating the use of wild animals in circuses. I would like to demonstrate how it is becoming less popular now to include animals for entertainment purposes.

Please could you provide us with information as to how many licenses have been applied for / successfully awarded since the introduction of the licensing ruling which I believe was in 2011?”

The Welfare of Wild Animals in Travelling Circus (England) 2012 Regulations came into force in 2012, the first licenses were issued in March 2013. There have been two licenses issued in each year since. Details of the current licenses of those two circuses have been issued to Circus Mondao and Peter Jolly’s Circus. We received an application from another circus in 2015 and 2017, but this circus was refused a license both times.

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Yours sincerely

ACCESS TO INFORMATION TEAM

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