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Dear

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: TB Strategy Review

Thank you for your request for information of 11 December 2018 about the TB Strategy Review. We have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

The information you requested and our response is detailed below.

1. *“Details of persons to whom the Review Team spoke in the course of undertaking the Review; and*

We confirm that Defra does hold the information that you have requested, but we have decided that the information should be withheld under sections 40(2) and 40(3A) of the FOIA as the information constitutes personal data relating to persons other than you. These sections exempt personal information from disclosure if that information relates to someone other than the applicant, and if disclosure of that information would breach any of the data protection principles in Article 5(1) of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

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2. *Numbers of reactors to TB tests on herds within the Gloucester and West Somerset control areas in each of the three years preceding the start of culling and annually thereafter (distinguishing between reactors to skin tests and reactors to blood tests).”*

Please see Annex C attached.



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If you have any queries about this letter please contact me.

Yours sincerely

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Annex A

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Annex B

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