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Dear

### PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for the information detailed below which we received on 17 January 2017. Your request has been considered under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

Your request has been broken down into the specific questions asked and our responses are beneath each one:

1. I see from Reference 1 that in 2016 it is stated that 3000 badgers were removed from Dorset\_8. Is this an exact number or an estimate?

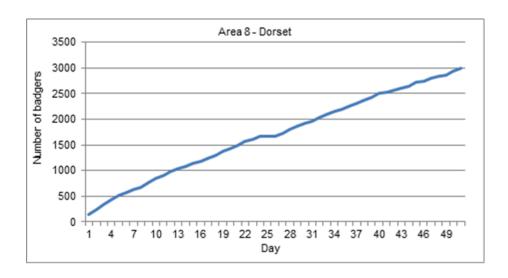
Yes, for Area 8-Dorset, exactly 3000 badgers were removed.

2. How many of the badgers submitted in 2016 in each of the ten zones were road kill?

None of the badgers submitted as culled badgers were road kill.

3. I see that in Reference 3, documents are listed which show a graph for each of the 3 cull zones depicting the accumulated number of badgers culled against time. If such a graph has been published for Dorset\_8 in 2016, please point me to the document. If such a document does not exist and if you can, please send to me a table so I can plot such a graph.

The graphs mentioned were not published in 2016, however the graph for Area - 8 Dorset as requested is provided below.



4. In the 3000 culled in Dorset\_8, is it known how many were female and how many were male? If so, what are these 2 numbers?

Of the total number of badgers removed, the sex of each animal was not recorded, therefore, EIR exception 12(4)(a) – information not held, applies.

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Yours sincerely

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