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Dear [REDACTED]

**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: Horse passport issuing organisation audit costs**

Thank you for your request for information, which we received on 15 January, about how many Horse Passport Issuing Organisations (PIOs) have been audited and how much has been spent in total on the audit. We have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

The information you requested is as follows:

- 28 audit results of English PIOs so far received by Defra;
- And the cost as at 20 January is £18,573. Please note that all English PIOs are being audited, so this is not the full and final cost.

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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,

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## Annex A

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