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Dear

Re: Environmental Information Regulations - Information Request

We refer to your request for information dated 21 December 2018 which we have dealt with under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR).

You have asked to provide the recent data from 2013 onwards regarding Sire ID on calf passports.

Please find the information requested in the table below:

Cattle Births in Great Britain Jan 2013 to December 2017

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
No of Births	2,573,369	2,616,423	2,693,229	2,702,782	2,648,588
No of Births where Sire Eartag populated *	638,451	731,468	834,904	941,841	987,301
No of Births where Sire Eartag not populated	1,934,918	1,884,955	1,858,325	1,760,941	1,661,287
% of Births where Sire Eartag has been populated	24.81%	27.96%	31.00%	34.85%	37.28%

^{*}Please note, data is up-to-date as at 2 January 2018, not all births for December 2017 will have been reported as keepers have 27 days to report cattle births.

If you are not happy with the way we have handled your request, you can ask for an internal review. These requests should be submitted in writing within two months of the date of receipt of

the response to your original request and should be addressed to the Information Rights Team at the Rural Payments Agency, North Gate House, 21-23 Valpy Street, Reading, RG1 1AF or alternatively email your request for a review to irt@rpa.gsi.gov.uk

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Please note that generally the Information Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have first exhausted RPA's own complaints procedure. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

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