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Dear

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: CVO Job Description

Thank you for your request for information about the Chief Veterinary Officer job description in relation to the Government's policy on Bovine TB and Badger control in England, and in particular the advice that was given by the Chief Veterinary Officer on 4 October 2013 relating to applications for culling licenses in two pilot zones to be extended, which we received on 26 November, 2013. We have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Please see enclosed the CVO's job description:

UK/Defra chief spokesperson on animal (terrestrial and aquatic, excluding bees) health and welfare issues. Responsible for the totality of veterinary professional input to animal health and welfare policy, helping to shape policy across England and throughout Great Britain/UK, influencing its delivery through the Animal Health and Veterinary Laboratories Agency and others. Lead the Defra/England response to outbreaks of exotic animal diseases. Representation of the UK in the EU and internationally, negotiating on behalf of the UK Government. Advice and assurance on the programmes necessary to control, and, where appropriate, eradicate disease. Head of Profession for all veterinary surgeons in the Government's employment.

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Yours sincerely

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