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Dear [REDACTED]

**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: COPIES OF MINUTES OF GREYHOUND WORKING GROUP AND RESPONSES TO DEFRA CONSULTATION**

Thank you for your request for information about Defra's Greyhound Working Group, which we received on 27 June. We have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

In particular you asked the following: please provide any meeting minutes from the greyhound regulation working group and the responses from the DEFRA request for consultation regulation of greyhound tracks.

I enclose copies of the minutes of the Greyhound Working Group.

I am unable to provide you with copies of the responses to Defra's Consultation on the Welfare of Racing Greyhounds Regulations 2010 (30 April 2009 to 22 July 2009). This is because we received 2,451 responses and we have estimated that it would exceed the £600 limit to process and send this amount to you. This information is therefore withheld under section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (*Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit*). However, I attach a copy of Defra's summary of responses document which I hope will be of some use to you.

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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 me.

Yours sincerely

**Phil Alder**

## Annex A

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