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Dear [Redacted],

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: INSPECTIONS OF CIRCUSES USING WILD ANIMALS

Thank you for your request for information about the inspections of those travelling circuses that are still using wild animal acts, which we received on 18 August 2014. As you know, we have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

I enclose below the information requested:

- Number of inspections carried out on an annual basis of circuses that have wild animals

Any circus licensed under the Welfare of Wild Animals in Travelling Circuses (England) Regulations 2012 will be subject to at least three inspections a year by a Defra appointed veterinary inspector. At least one of these inspections will be at winter quarters, at least one inspection will be whilst the circus is on tour and at least one inspection will be unannounced. Further announced or unannounced inspections may be undertaken in response to changes in a circus' stock list or complaints received, for example.

- Last inspection at Peter Jolly's circus

Peter Jolly's Circus was most recently inspected on 25 June 2014. The inspection was a routine unannounced inspection.

- Inspections carried out since October 2013

There was one inspection each of the two travelling circuses licensed to use wild animals in October 2013. Since then, the same two travelling circuses have each been subject to two inspections, including one routine unannounced inspection each.



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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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