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Dear [REDACTED]

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: Badger Cull Licences

Thank you for your request for information about Badger Cull Licences, which we received on 22 September. We apologise for the delay with your information request. We are currently experiencing a high number of EIRs/FOIA requests making it difficult to respond within the deadlines and the Department is taking action to address this issue. We have handled your request under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIRs).

The EIRs apply to requests for environmental information, which is a broad category of information defined in regulation 2 of the EIRs. Public authorities are required to handle requests for environmental information under the EIRs. They give similar access rights to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Your questions and the responses are below.

(1) What date and time did the 6 week licence to commence badger culling in both Gloucestershire and Somerset begin in 2014?

And

(2) What date and time does the 6 week licence allow culling to continue till in 2014 assuming that an extension is not granted to that licence?

Operations in each area under the licences issued to each culling company commenced from midday on Monday 8th September and closed on Monday 20th October.



In keeping with the spirit and effect of the EIRs, and in keeping with the government's Transparency Agenda, all information is assumed to be releasable to the public unless exempt. Therefore, the information released to you will now be published on www.gov.uk together with any related information that will provide a key to its wider context. Please note that this will not include your personal data.

I attach Annex A which explains the copyright that applies to the information being released to you.

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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