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Dear [REDACTED]

PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information about poultry which we received on 3 October. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The information you requested and our response is detailed below:

“Would it be possible to provide me with some information regarding the number of small scale poultry producers within 100 km of Strathaven?”

I would like to know the number of:

- Registered poultry producers in the local area

433

- The number who rear turkeys

51

- The number who APHA believe may have an interest in producing poultry for local retail trade”

Following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that the information that you have requested is not held by APHA as we do not record who we believe may have an interest in producing poultry for local retail trade.

In March 2013, the Great Britain Poultry Register was de-commissioned with APHA's SAM database becoming the repository for the recording of poultry data. SAM is APHA's internal database that records owner and animal information. Premises are now registered via the Great Britain Poultry Register Helpline that is maintained by

APHA's Specialist Service Centre (SSC) Cardiff who register, update and delete entries on the system. This information was taken from this system.

You must register poultry flocks of 50 or more birds that you own or are responsible for. They do not have to all be the same species. This applies even if a premise is only stocked for part of the year.

If you have fewer than 50 birds you do not need to register. You are, however, encouraged to register voluntarily.

In addition, APHA rely upon the poultry keepers to de-register.

Therefore the information taken from the register may not reflect an accurate figure of premises for the reasons stated above.

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If you have any queries about this letter, please contact the Access to Information Team at the email address below or postal address at the top of this letter.

Yours sincerely

ACCESS TO INFORMATION TEAM

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