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Dear

PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information about gamma interferon testing which Defra received on 1 June 2016. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The information you requested and our response is detailed below:

"What are the numbers of gamma interferon tests for bTB carried out in each of the bTB control areas, ie a) the High Risk Area, b) the Low Risk Area and c) the Edge Area of England for each of the years from 2009 - 2015 inclusive?"

Please see attached at Appendix 1 the numbers of gamma-interferon tests carried out between 2009 and 2015 for each of the bTB control areas.

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Yours sincerely

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Appendix 1 – The number of gamma-interferon tests carried out between 2009 and 2015 in each of the bTB control areas

Year	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	TOTAL (2009-2015)
High Risk Area	5923	2054	2833	6192	6866	7923	6328	38120
Edge Area	8112	2990	6767	14322	15623	49725	56806	154345
Lower Risk Area	4347	11230	6531	5603	11607	7888	11375	58581