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Dear [REDACTED]

## PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your clarified request for information about the Great Britain Poultry Register which we received on 8 April 2016. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The information you requested and our response is detailed below:

“I am interested in gaining further detailed information of the location of premises and birds published in the Great Britain Poultry Register (GBPR) Statistics report. The background data for the special distribution maps would be good, or is it possible to request data from the poultry register containing a more detailed spatial allocation than on country level which is provided in the report?”

Clarity was then sought:

“I would like to request information on poultry population or poultry premises on the level of Local Authority per the latest year possible (between 2013-2016)

If this information could also include which type of poultry that would also be much appreciated.”

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.

The register exists at the time a report is run on our SAM database and cannot cover a particular period of time, for example from 2013 to 2016.

The Animal and Plant Health Agency is an Executive Agency of the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs working to safeguard animal and plant health for the benefit of people, the environment and the economy.

Please see Appendix 1 attached for the report run on our SAM database as at 14 April 2016. This shows the number of birds recorded by APHA and is broken down to Local Authority level and species.

The information taken from the register is a snapshot in time, in this case data as of the 14 April 2016. It may not reflect an accurate population of birds in each Local Authority because APHA rely upon the poultry keeper to update their flock numbers.

Information disclosed in response to this FOI request is releasable to the public. In keeping with the spirit and effect of the FOIs and the government's Transparency Agenda, this letter and the information disclosed to you may be placed on GOV.UK, together with any related information that will provide a key to its wider context. No information identifying you will be placed on the GOV.UK website.

I attach an Annex which explains the copyright that applies to the information being released to you and contact details should you be unhappy with the service you have received.

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

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