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Our ref: FOI 2017/5600
Your ref:

Date: 12 June 2017

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 26 May 2017 requesting the following information:

"Please tell me how many Marmoset monkeys have been kill at Porton down in 2017, up until 21st May 17".

We are treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and we can confirm that some information in scope of your request is held.

However, Section 22 of the FOI Act (Information intended for future publication) has been applied because the information will be published at a future date as part of the annual return of numbers to the Home Office.

Under Section 16 of the FOI Act (Advice and Assistance), Dstl sends the numbers of animals that have been used in research to the Home Office on an annual basis in accordance with UK legislation. Each January, we report animal usage for the previous calendar year. The UK animal-usage figures for 2017 will be compiled by the Home Office at the end of January 2018 and published by the Home Office in July 2018 at the following link <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics>

The total number of non-human primates in Dstl's Annual Return to the Home Office for the calendar year 2016, which was compiled and reported in January 2017, was 116.

If you are not satisfied with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, 1st Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

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Yours sincerely,

Dstl Secretariat