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Dear [REDACTED]

PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your clarified request for information about late Btb tests, which we received on 11 May 2017. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The information you requested and our response is detailed below:

“Please can you tell me how many farms/farmers during 2016

1. Were late with their cattle BTB testing
2. Were penalised for late testing
3. How many appealed their penalties
4. How much money were those fines/loss of subsidies”

Clarity was then sought on the country of interest:

“I require the information relating to England please”

Please see below the response to each numbered part of your request.

1. The number of TB tests that went overdue by one day or more in 2016 was 2721.
2. Following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that the information that you have requested is not held by APHA. This information is held by the Rural Payments Agency (RPA). We have forwarded this part of your request to them to respond directly.
3. There have been 108 appeals (received in 2016 and 2017) regarding late tests that were due in 2016.

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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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Annex

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