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Dear [REDACTED]

## PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information about the non-statutory zoonoses disease surveillance report for 2016, which we received on 4 April 2017. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The information you requested and our response is detailed below:

"I was just looking through the Non-statutory Zoonoses disease surveillance report for 2016, and note that the canine figures are missing. The Leptosirosis section usually has the number of dogs infected with the various Lepto strains, but has been missed out for 2016.

Is there any chance of the figures please?

### First quarter of 2016

1744 serum samples from a range of species were examined. Of 206 canine sera, 32% and 12.6% were positive to *L. Canicola* and *L. Icterohaemorrhagiae* respectively, compared to 6.3% and 7.6% for the same quarter last year; of 565 bovine samples examined for *L. Hardjo bovis*, 17.2% were positive (12.4% in 2015); 42.1% of 118 porcine samples tested for *L. Bratislava* were positive (44.7% in 2015).

Other significant serovars noted included 14 dogs positive to *L. Bratislava*, 25 positive to *L. Copenhageni*.

### Second quarter of 2016

1451 serum samples from a range of species were examined during the quarter. Of 325 canine sera, 25.9% and 12.5% were positive to *L. Canicola* and *L. Icterohaemorrhagiae* respectively, compared to 6.8% and 1.0% for the same quarter last year; of 511 bovine

samples examined for L. Hardjo bovis, 13.3% were positive (28.4% in 2015); 35.2% of 142 porcine samples tested for L. Bratislava were positive (31.7% in 2015).

Other significant serovars noted included four dogs positive to L. Bratislava and nine positive to L. Copenhageni.

### **Third quarter of 2016**

1346 serum samples from a range of species were examined. Of 341 canine sera, 11.4% and 6.3% were positive to L. Canicola and L. Icterohaemorrhagiae respectively, compared to 25.9% and 12.5% for the same quarter last year; of 413 bovine samples examined for L. Hardjo bovis, 20.5% were positive (13.3% in 2015); 36% of 86 porcine samples tested for L. Bratislava were positive (35.2% in 2015).

Other significant serovars noted included 10 dogs positive to L. Bratislava, 18 positive to L. Copenhageni.

### **Fourth quarter of 2016**

1296 serum samples from a range of species were examined. Of 189 canine sera, 19.6% and 20.2% were positive to L. Canicola and L. Icterohaemorrhagiae respectively, compared to 11.4% and 6.3% for the same quarter last year; of 474 bovine samples examined for L. Hardjo bovis, 13.1% were positive (20.5% in 2015); 21.9% of 151 porcine samples tested for L. Bratislava were positive (36% in 2015).

Other significant serovars noted included:

- Canine - 5 x L. Australis, 13 x L. Bratislava, 19x L. Copenhagen, 2 x L. Ballum
- Cattle – 5 x L. Sejroe, 6 x L. Mini, 6 x L. Hardjo Prajitno, 6 x L. Hebdomadis, 2 x L. Copenhagen
- Equine - 1 x L. Canicola, 2 x L. Copenhagen, 1 x L. Bratislava, 1 x L. Icterohaemorrhagiae.

And could someone explain why canine figures were not included this year?"

The canine figures for Leptospirosis were documented in the first three Quarterly non-Statutory Zoonoses surveillance reports for 2016 but were inadvertently omitted from the joint Quarter 4/Annual Report. This was purely an oversight and every effort will be made to ensure the mistake is not repeated.

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Yours sincerely

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