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Dear [REDACTED]

PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your clarified request for information which we received on 31 January 2018. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

The information you requested and our response is detailed below:

1. The number of peregrine offspring registered for each of the years 2015 to 2017 inclusive
2. The number of peregrine offspring issued with CITES export permits for those years
3. The number of peregrines born in the previous year or earlier issued with CITES export permits for those years (if it is not easily possible to separate birds of the year from older birds then a total figure will do)
4. The number of or peregrine offspring, that were not registered, which were issued with CITES export permits for those years.

Clarity was given as:

“The previous request only ran until 2014 and related to registration records only. Part 3 of my request (which links in with parts 2 & 4) relates to CITES export permits (not A10 certificates).

Part 2 - I am trying to find out how many pure peregrine offspring born in the years 2015 and 2017 inclusive were issued with CITES export permits in the year they were born

Part 3 - I am also trying to find out how many pure peregrines in total were issued with CITES export permits for those years – I presume this figure will be higher and will include birds born prior to the year of issue of the export permit (e.g. a bird born in 2012 and being issued with a CITES export permit in 2015).

Part 4 – I presume this is self-explanatory.”

The number of peregrine offspring registered for each of the years 2015 to 2017 inclusive:

2015= 718

2016= 780

2017= 781

The number of pure peregrine offspring born in the years 2015 and 2017 inclusive were issued with CITES export permits in the year they were born:

2015= 232

2016= 224

2017= 265

The number of pure peregrines in total were issued with CITES export permits for those years – I presume this figure will be higher and will include birds born prior to the year of issue of the export permit (e.g. a bird born in 2012 and being issued with a CITES export permit in 2015):

2015= 238

2016= 225

2017= 275

Notes on data:

The registrations include all new offspring issued with Article 10 certificates as well as new chicks issued under the provisions of the WCA, using the 'blue document' registration system.

In addition any specimen that is advertised so that the advert can only be viewed in third countries outside of the EU, or are bred solely for the purposes of export to third countries outside the EU, do not require an Article 10 to authorise commercial use.

Part 4 of your request has been withheld under section 12(1).

Section 12(1) of the FOIA allows us to refuse a request for information if we estimate that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit, which currently stands at £600, and equates to 24 hours of staff time.

It may be helpful to explain why your request would involve a significant cost. The information you have requested is held in a particular location and format. It is not held in a collective way to enable APHA to easily access it. We would need to manually interrogate 740 records.

In accordance with the Information Commissioner Office (ICO) guidance on section 12, APHA can confirm a representative sampling exercise has been carried out. This was for the information for 10 birds which took 34 minutes. The combined total time to check all 740 records would amount to approximately 42 hours. This is well in excess of the 24 hour limit set out in section 12(1), and therefore the information has been withheld.

The FOIA requires APHA to provide reasonable advice and assistance to those seeking to make such a request. In accordance with section 16 of the FOIA, we are required to give advice and assistance to enable you to narrow down your request so that it does not exceed the appropriate limit. You can do this by significantly reducing the time period of the request.

If you were to make a new request for a narrower category of information, it may be that we could comply with that request within the appropriate limit, although we cannot guarantee that this will be the case.

Information disclosed in response to this FOI request is releasable to the public. In keeping with the spirit and effect of the FOIA 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

ACCESS TO INFORMATION TEAM

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