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Dear [REDACTED]

PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information about cross compliance inspections which we received on 7 March 2018. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The information you requested and our response is detailed below:

“Further to my previous FOI requests I now request the further following statistics which I understand APHA retains in record form:

1, For 2017, the number of Cross Compliance inspections of farms carried out by APHA in England (and Wales, Scotland if appropriate)

Please see Appendix 1 for the total number of Cross Compliance inspections carried out in 2017.

Cross compliance visits are defined as:

- Visits undertaken as part of the annual Risk/Random 1% audit selection.
- Visits undertaken for purposes of investigating welfare complaint allegations on premises where the farmer is also a claimant and the inspection discloses breaches, are classed as “Targeted cross compliant inspections”. They are included on the total number of cross compliant visits.

2, The number of inspections where breaches / non-compliances were identified, along with the Statutory Management Requirement (SMR) breached, the description of the breach(s) (e.g. as outlined in the Verifiable Standards documents), and the Severity of the breach(s)

Note please include an explanation of the breach description codes if they differ from the previous.”

Please see the Appendix 2 for data on breaches and non-compliances for 2017 inspections.

The spreadsheets can be filtered to show the country where the visit took place (England, Scotland or Wales), the criteria for which the visit was selected (Risk, Random or ‘Targeted’), the Statutory Management Requirement (SMR), and the breach section number and scores recorded against each non-compliance.

Please note: the data provided has been drawn from a bespoke database that was built some years ago. Information uploaded to and held in this database is not always extracted correctly onto the report, which can mean that visit result information may be missing. This is a recognised system issue that is being reviewed by APHA.

The SMRs for 2017 are marked SMR11 (non-suckled artificially reared calves), SMR12 (all pigs) and SMR13 (all farmed animals including calves and pigs).

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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

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Annex

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