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{By Email}

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Dear

PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information on visible lesions which we received on 17 July 2018. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI)

The information you requested and our response is detailed below:

'How many of the Bovine animals from UK farms under the TB eradication policy as a result of failing the skin test or Gamma Interferon blood test show visible lesions at slaughter?'

After clarity which we received on the 18 July 2018 the period for the report was defined as 'results for the base calendar year January-December 2017'.

| | VL | AL | Total |
|--------------------|----|--------|-----------------|
| Skin Test Gamma | | 2 4 | 11,454 586 |
| | | | 12,040 ===== |

VL – Visible Lesions AL – Atypical Lesions

Atypical lesions are defined as:

- Common locations but different colour. Eg greyish
- Common locations but different consistency. eg purulent, watery.
- Lesions at other locations, particularly if found without lesions in the common locations, eg liver only, submandibular only, prescapular only, mesenteric only.

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Yours sincerely

ACCESS TO INFORMATION TEAM

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Annex

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