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Dear [REDACTED]

PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information on statistics regarding Gamebirds which we received on 18 January 2019. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI).

The information you requested and our response is detailed below:

"I would like to specifically request the statistics with regards to gamebirds, total number of premises and birds, in England, Scotland and Wales for the years 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017. I would also like 2018"

Please find the figures you have requested detailed below.

The information from the SAM database on poultry numbers is the average population of poultry. This is the information passed to the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) when a premises initially registers.

The 'Number of Birds' is the number of birds in total (birds not flocks) and is based on the usual stock numbers recorded on APHA systems. This number is provided by the poultry keeper upon registration, and can vary over the year(s).

The criteria used to extract this data excludes any premises and/or flock that have a usual stock number recorded as 'none' or 'zero'.

The number of premises, however, is different to the number of birds because a premises (CPH) can have several flocks. The APHA Poultry Register records details of flocks as submitted by poultry keepers.

The 'Poultry Register' that you refer to has not been in existence since 2014 when APHA was formed. APHA do not hold historical records on SAM as it is a system that is updated on a regular basis and this makes it impossible to record historical statistics.

The Animal and Plant Health Agency is an Executive Agency of the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs working to safeguard animal and plant health for the benefit of people, the environment and the economy.

England

	Num of
Duck	4,071,748
Partridges	8,408,854
Pheasant	20,778,041

Wales

	Num of
Duck	66,490
Partridges	183,840
Pheasant	821,129

Scotland

	Num of
Duck	119,977
Partridges	967,388
Pheasant	3,347,983

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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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