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Dear [REDACTED]

PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information poultry numbers which we received on 05 February 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 am enquiring whether the APHA has information and data sets on the number of registrations of owners keeping less than 50 birds (poultry).'

Here are the figures:-

Poultry < 50 birds Keepers + Owners = 18,686

Chicken < 50 birds Keepers + Owners = 15,402

Our classification of poultry not only includes chickens but also others e.g. duck, goose, turkey. Our classification of keepers being the ones who actually look after the livestock and owners being the ones who are the actual owners. The figures above refer to how they were registered on our systems as either a keeper or an owner.

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/owner 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'.

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Yours sincerely

ACCESS TO INFORMATION TEAM

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Annex

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