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Dear [REDACTED]

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: Carbon Footprint

Thank you for your request for information of 15 January 2020 about carbon footprint. We have handled your request under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIRs).

The EIRs apply to requests for environmental information, which is a broad category of information defined in regulation 2 of the EIRs. Public authorities are required to handle requests for environmental information under the EIRs. They give similar access rights to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

The information you requested and our response are detailed below.

- *What is the carbon footprint under scope 1 and 2 of the GHG protocol for the Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs*

You have listed a number of organisations under your request, however Defra can only respond on behalf of those that are the same legal entity, which are the Animal & Plant Health Agency (APHA), Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science (Cefas), Rural Payments Agency (RPA) and the Veterinary Medicines Directorate (VMD).

“Our carbon performance can be found in the final annex of our Annual Report and Accounts (Annex 2: Commentary on Sustainable Performance) which is available from the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/defras-annual-report-and-accounts-2018-to-2019>

As the information you have requested is already publicly available and easily accessible to you in another form or format, regulation 6(1)(b) of the EIRs exempts Defra from providing a copy of the information with this response to your request.



- *What is the timeframe for transitioning to net zero?*

We are supporting the Government's transition to net zero by 2050.

- *Who is responsible for leading the transition?*

Tamara Finkelstein, our Permanent Secretary, is responsible for our sustainability performance of which carbon is a part.

Information disclosed in response to this EIRs request is releasable to the public. In keeping with the spirit and effect of the EIRs and the government's Transparency Agenda, this letter and the information disclosed to you may be placed on [GOV.UK](https://www.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.

We attach Annex A, explaining the copyright that applies to the information being released to you, and Annex B giving contact details should you be unhappy with the service you have received.

If you have any queries about this letter please contact me.

Yours sincerely

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Annex A

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