



Our ref: FOI 2020/00999
Your ref:

Date: 19 February 2020

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 22 January 2020 requesting the following information:

"I am writing to make a request, under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, for information held by the Defence Science and Technology Laboratory (DSTL) which relates to animal research conducted under ASPA (Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986.)

- Please provide me with the number of animals used, the species of those animals and the number of procedures conducted at Dstl, under ASPA, in 2019.
- Please could you also provide me with the purposes of these procedures, as well as the number of procedures for each purpose.

I am not seeking any information regarding people, places or intellectual property".

We are treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm information in scope of your request is held.

The information you have requested can be found below.

Table showing the number of animals and number of procedures, by species, for 2019

Animal species	Number of animals	Number of procedures
Mice	1328	1328
Pigs	49	49
Marmosets	48	58
Rats	56	56
Hamsters	9	9
Total	1490	1500

Table showing the number of procedures, by primary purpose, for 2019

Procedure primary purpose	Number of procedures
Basic Research	1193
Translational / Applied Research	307
Total	1500

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance

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Yours sincerely

Dstl Secretariat