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{By Email}

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Dear

PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information regarding live testing of traps which we received on 3 May 2020. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI).

The information you requested follows on from a previous request, reference ATIC1810, in which you asked for information regarding live testing of DOC and Tully traps; and relevant data relevant to the testing of traps by APHA under the Spring Traps Approval Order. Our response to your current request is detailed below:

"thank you for the information provided under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI) with regard to the live testing of DOC and Tully traps with regard to stoats and grey squirrels.

To update this could you kindly provide the corresponding data for the period 1st Sept2019 to 1st May.2020 n respect of the following traps:-

1. Perdix PX-3

Kindly elucidate on the following::

a) The number of individual traps that has too be provided by the applicant to enable the tests to be conducted.

APHA can confirm that 10 individual traps were provided.

b) Is a corresponding number of tunnels required?

No tunnels are required. The trap does not come with a tunnel as part of the design and it is down to the end user to make sure the trap is set to the conditions on the Spring Trap Approval Order.

c) The anticipated time scale involved in scheduling and conducting the tests.

This work is totally reliant on availability of stoats (i.e. ability to capture them).

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- 2. Victor M205 with shroud
- 3. KaMate reverse bait trap

This information is not held by APHA as we are not aware of current plans to test either the Victor M205 with shroud or the KaMate reverse bait trap.

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Yours sincerely

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Annex

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