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{By Email}

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Dear

PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information on terestrial farm inspections which we received on 17 June 2020. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI).

The information you requested and our response is detailed below:

This was a follow on request from our response to ATIC2028 and our subsequent response to ATIC2041. You have now requested:

The number of Scottish inspections (of terrestrial farms), broken down only by year for 2013 to 2019.'

The table below shows Scottish data for 2013 to 2019. This reflects the total number of farms receiving at least one inspection.

Year	Total number of farms receiving welfare inspections by APHA
2013	390
2014	320
2015	330
2016	314
2017	323
2018	283
2019	435

These figures include welfare inspections carried under EU requirements for Basic Payment Scheme claimants as well as responses to complaints.

APHA is an Executive Agency of the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and also works on behalf of the Scottish Government, Welsh Government and Food Standards Agency to safeguard animal and plant health for the benefit of people, the environment and the economy.

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Yours sincerely

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Annex

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