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Dear [REDACTED]

PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information which we received on 23 November 2020. Your request has been handled under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004(EIR).

The information you requested and our response is detailed below:

“Please provide the following information in relation to each of the following badger cull zones:

- Area 1 – Gloucestershire central
- Area 2 – Somerset central
- Area 3 – Dorset central
- Area 4 – Cornwall central
- Area 5 – Cornwall central
- Area 6 – Devon central
- Area 7 – Devon central
- Area 8 – Dorset central
- Area 9 – Gloucestershire central
- Area 10 – Herefordshire central

For the end of December each year from 4 years prior to the commencement of culling in each zone, to the end of 2019 inclusive, the number of herds which were not officially TB-free (i.e. herds with an open breakdown with OTF status suspended or withdrawn) due to a TB incident.”

These data are already published in a data supplement to the following report “Bovine TB in cattle: badger control areas monitoring report, 2013 to 2019”, which is found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/bovine-tb-incidence-of-tb-in-cattle-in-licenced-badger-control-areas-in-2013-to-2019>

Herds under restriction (because they are not officially tuberculosis free) on December 31st are reported in columns B and C on sheet 6 (Prev_calendar_year_central). Herds under restriction due to OTF-S incidents can be calculated by subtracting herds with OTF-W incidents from all incidents.

Please note that culling occurs in the autumn so calendar years are not coincident with cull years e.g. herds under restriction on December 31st will include many but not all herds under restriction when culling started in the autumn of the same year.

Information disclosed in response to this EIR request is releasable to the public. In keeping with the spirit and effect of the EIR and the government's Transparency Agenda, this letter and the information disclosed to you may be placed on 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.

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Yours sincerely

ACCESS TO INFORMATION TEAM

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Annex

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