



Our Ref: ATIC2400

[Redacted]
{By Email}

11 May 2021

Dear [Redacted]

PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information about the horse assistance scheme which we received on 04 May 2021. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000.

The information you requested and our response is detailed below:

“We are requesting under the Freedom of information act information on the current usage of the Movement Assistance Scheme for horses shipping from GB to Northern Ireland.

We are requesting a monthly breakdown since 1st January 2021 to the current date under the number of horses assisted on this scheme and currently the amount of Government expenditure on this scheme.”

Please see below monthly breakdown since 1 January 2021 to 30 April 2021 for horses assisted on the Movement Assistance Scheme for export from GB to Northern Ireland, and the amount of Government expenditure on this scheme.

Month	Total number of Certifications invoiced	Total certification fees on invoices
Jan-21	14	£4,286.08
Feb-21	85	£31,967.43
Mar-21	114	£36,831.82
Apr-21	213	£73,085.33

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If you have any queries about this letter, please contact the Access to Information Team at the email address below. During the current Coronavirus outbreak, our offices will be closed.

Yours sincerely

ACCESS TO INFORMATION TEAM

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Annex

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