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{By Email}

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Dear [REDACTED]

PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information about avian influenza, which we received on 06 June 2021. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000.

The information you requested and our response is detailed below:

I would like to make a freedom of information request as follows:

“With regards to the avian influenza (bird flu) outbreak in the UK could you please provide the following information since November 2020

- a. The total numbers of birds culled per farm.
- b. The method used to cull the birds per farm.

As per question 1 but this time as a yearly breakdown since the year 2000”

See attached Appendix 1.

Please note:

- Accurate records prior to 2013 are not available and information was collated from incomplete historical documentation.
- Numbers of birds recorded are estimates
- No Avian influenza outbreaks occurred between 2009 - 2013, nor in 2018
- APHA do not hold this data for Northern Ireland cases, so the return does not include any cases in NI

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Yours sincerely

ACCESS TO INFORMATION TEAM

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Annex

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