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[REDACTED]  
{By Email}

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Dear [REDACTED]

## PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information about the Movement Assistance Scheme, which APHA received on 17 August 2021. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

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.”

This request was responded to under reference number ATIC2400.

“Please can we request a similar request under the Freedom of Information for the latest figures from May 2021-July 2021 (3 Month period).

Please can we also request under the Freedom of Information Request the 6mth period from Jan2021-July 2021 the number of CHEDAs for importation into both Belfast & Larne, and if at all possible it be broken down to individual ports. Please note, this is for CHEDAs for Live Horse Imports.

Further to this, please can we request a total number of horses exported from the Port of Belfast & Larne for this same period. (I appreciate you may be aware this figure is not accurate as the vast majority of horses have not knowlgy being inspected, however, we would request you send the figures you have for public record.”

Please see below monthly breakdown since 1 May 2021 to 31 July 2021 for horses assisted on the Movement Assistance Scheme for export from GB to Northern Ireland,

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and the amount of Government expenditure on this scheme. Please note some invoices may not have not been paid yet.

<b>Month</b>	<b>Total number of Certifications invoiced</b>	<b>Total certification fees on invoices</b>
<b>May-21</b>	119	£42,457
<b>June-21</b>	76	£29,034
<b>July-21</b>	37	£9,866

APHA do not hold data for CHEDAs for importation into Belfast and Larne as we only hold data for imports through GB Border Control Posts (BCP). You would need to ask DAERA (Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs – Northern Ireland) to see if they hold this data. DAERA can be contacted here:

<https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/>

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Yours sincerely

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