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Dear [Redacted],

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: Badger cull costs

Thank you for your request for information of 28 October 2022 about badger cull costs. We have handled your request under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIRs).

The EIRs apply to requests for environmental information, which is a broad category of information defined in regulation 2 of the EIRs. Public authorities are required to handle requests for environmental information under the EIRs. They give similar access rights to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Your information request and our response are set out below.

Please could you supply the document with breakdown of costs for the figures below, that combine to make each years total.

Badger control costs	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Government costs (excl. police)	£6.3m	£3.1m	£1.8m	£2.4m	£2.6m	£2.1m	£2.2m	£2.2m

You may wish to note that the Badger Control Costs reports published annually on GOV.UK from 2015 to 2021 contain data on the previous year's (i.e., from 2014 – 2020) costs to government broken down into individual elements. Data on costs in 2013 are published in the reports for 2015 - 2017. All these reports are available at: [Bovine TB: government badger control costs - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk/government/badger-control-costs)

As the information you have requested is already publicly available and easily accessible to you in another form or format, regulation 6(1)(b) of the EIRs exempts Defra from providing a copy of the information with this response to your request.

Information disclosed in response to this EIRs request is releasable to the public. In keeping with the spirit and effect of the EIRs and the government's Transparency Agenda, this letter and the information disclosed to you may be placed on [GOV.UK](http://www.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.



We attach Annex A, explaining the copyright that applies to the information being released to you, and Annex B giving contact details should you be unhappy with the service you have received.

If you have any queries about this letter please contact me.

Yours sincerely

[Redacted]

Information Rights Team

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Annex A

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Annex B

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