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By email: [Redacted]

Our ref: EIR2021/04385
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Dear [Redacted] ,

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: Numbers of Badgers Culled

Thank you for your request for information of 16 February 2021 about the numbers of badgers culled. 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.

"I have been corresponding with [Redacted] about the cull of badgers spreading to Leicestershire.

I asked for figures of the number of badgers culled so far and a breakdown of the figures by year and county. [Redacted] told me that there has not been an FOI on this since 2013. So I am now requesting you to provide me with these figures (see *) from when the cull began to the present day."*

The information that you have requested is publicly available from the following links:

2020 - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/bovine-tb-summary-of-badger-control-monitoring-during-2020/summary-of-2020-badger-control-operations>

2019 - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/bovine-tb-summary-of-badger-control-monitoring-during-2019/summary-of-2019-badger-control-operations>

2018 - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/bovine-tb-summary-of-badger-control-monitoring-during-2018>



2017 - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/bovine-tb-summary-of-badger-control-monitoring-during-2017>

2016 - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/bovine-tb-summary-of-badger-control-monitoring-during-2016>

2015 - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/bovine-tb-summary-of-badger-control-monitoring-during-2015>

2014 - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/bovine-tb-summary-of-badger-control-monitoring-during-2014>

2013 - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/pilot-badger-culls-in-somerset-and-gloucestershire-report-by-the-independent-expert-panel>

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

We attach an annex 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

InformationRequests@defra.gov.uk

Annex

Complaints

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request you may make a complaint or appeal against our decision under section 17(7) of the FOIA or under regulation 11 of the EIRs, as applicable, within 40 working days of the date of this letter. Please write to [Redacted], Head of Information Rights via email at InformationRequests@defra.gov.uk and he will arrange for an internal review of your case. Details of Defra's complaints procedure are on our website.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, section 50 of the FOIA and regulation 18 of the EIRs gives you the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) for a decision. Please note that generally the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have first exhausted Defra's own complaints procedure.

The ICO's offices are currently closed so please visit their website on how to contact them during this period, here:

<https://ico.org.uk>

Additionally if you wish to make a complaint to the ICO please use the following link:

<https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/official-information-concerns-report/official-information-concern/>