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#### PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information about badger culling, which APHA received on 31 October 2022. Your request has been handled under the Environmental Information Regulations (EIR's) 2004.

The information you requested and the response is detailed below:

"I would like to know, please,

- 1. Of the 578 badgers killed under Natural England license in Hampshire in 2021, how many carcasses were tested for bTB?
- 2. Of the 578 badgers killed under Natural England license in Hampshire in 2021, how man carcasses tested positive for bTB?"

No culled badgers from this area were tested in 2021

3. What percentage of badgers culled under Natural England license in 2022 will be tested for bTB?"

In 2022 there is no set percentage of all culled badgers that needs to be tested, however testing of badgers will take place in three cull areas in 2022.

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Yours sincerely

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## Annex

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