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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 culling statistics, which the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) received on 3 January 2023. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000.

The information you requested and the response is detailed below:

“The number of birds that were culled on the premises of commercial poultry farms in response to Avian Influenza outbreaks in East Lindsey, Lincolnshire, for the following calendar years: 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022.”

| Year | Number of Birds Culled |
|--------------|------------------------|
| 2018 | 0 |
| 2019 | 0 |
| 2020 | 0 |
| 2021 | 379,100 |
| 2022 | 115,732 |
| Total | 494,832 |

You also requested information about Avian Influenza compensation payments, which was received by Defra on 3 January 2023. This request was passed to the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) to respond. The request has been amalgamated with the request that APHA received on the same day.

“The amount of money that was granted to poultry farmers in the UK under the bird flu compensation scheme, and how many farmers received payments under the scheme, for the following calendar years: 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022.”

APHA is an Executive Agency of the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and also works on behalf of the Scottish Government, Welsh Government and Food Standards Agency to safeguard animal and plant health for the benefit of people, the environment and the economy.

The amount of compensation paid to UK poultry farmers can be found in the table below.

| Year | Compensation paid |
|--------------|--------------------------|
| 2018 | £88,972.03 |
| 2019 | £7,758 |
| 2020 | £253,550.71 |
| 2021 | £2,604,082.52 |
| 2022 | £41,508,803.70 |
| Total | £44,463,166.96 |

The number of payments made to UK farmers can be found in the table below.

| Year | Number of payments |
|--------------|---------------------------|
| 2018 | 6 |
| 2019 | 1 |
| 2020 | 5 |
| 2021 | 28 |
| 2022 | 251 |
| Total | 291 |

N.B This is the number of individual Payees only. The number of individual Infected Premises (IP's) is likely to be more.

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Yours sincerely

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Annex

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