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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 Avian Influenza culling and compensation payments which the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) received on 16 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:

“I would like to make a Freedom of Information request on the subject of payments paid under The Animal Health Act 1981 in compensation for owners of birds infected with Avian Influenza from October 2021 to present. I would like to know the total number of birds culled, the total amount of compensation paid, and the total cost of that part of the clean-up process undertaken by the APHA and therefore paid from public funds.”

APHA have broken this request down into the three separate asks –

Total Number of Birds Culled 01/10/2022 to 25/01/2022 across GB – **4,793,319**

Total Amount of Compensation paid to owners following a confirmed case of AI across GB since October 2021 - **£46,451,076.40** including awaiting payment. **£44,169,710.00** excluding awaiting payment.

APHA do not hold the figure for the cost of the clean-up process. This information is not held by APHA as it forms part of a larger budget which is not broken down to that level of detail.

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Yours sincerely

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## Annex

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