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By e-mail:[Redacted]

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Dear [Redacted] ,

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: Thérèse Coffey's visit to the Royal Highland Show

Thank you for your request for information of 28 June 2023 about the Secretary of State for Defra's visit to the Royal Highland Show. We have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Your information request and our response are set out below.

I understand that the Secretary of State for Food and Farming, the Rt Hon Thérèse Coffey MP, visited the Royal Highland Show at Ingliston in Edinburgh on 22 June 2023. In relation to this visit I would be grateful for the following information:

A breakdown of Ms Coffey's travel itinerary to and from the Royal Highland Show, outlining the major modes of transport, and focusing specifically on the following:

- *Did Ms Coffey use public transport for her journey, for example, train; and if so start and end stations.*

The Secretary of State used public transport, travelling by plane from Paris to Edinburgh.

- *Did Ms Coffey travel by air, and if so, was this with a registered airline or on an RAF flight.*

The Secretary of State travelled by air from Paris to Edinburgh on a registered airline, as she was returning from a leader-level global finance summit in Paris. She then travelled by air from Edinburgh to London on a registered airline after visiting the Royal Highland Show.

- *If an RAF flight, please provide start and end points and the aircraft type.*

The Secretary of State did not use an RAF flight.

- *Was Ms Coffey accompanied on her journey by any Department for Environment Food & Rural Affairs ministers, and if so, who.*

No.

- *Was Ms Coffey accompanied on her journey by any other Cabinet Minister.*

No.

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If you have any queries about this letter, please contact the address below.

Yours sincerely

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Annex A

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