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Our ref: FOI2023/05756  
20 April 2023

Dear [Redacted]

**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: Avian Influenza Compensation payments**

Thank you for your request for information of 21st March about Avian Influenza Compensation payments. We have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Your information request and our response are set out below.

“Q1: How much has the Government paid in compensation for birds culled for disease control in each of the years 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022?”

This information is not held by APHA.

Q2: How much has the Government paid in compensation for birds culled for disease control specific to bird flu in each of the years 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022?”

Country	Year				
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
England	72,262.24	7,758.00	1,550,445.51	4,320,035.56	37,086,232.13
Scotland	0	0	0	84,329.18	1,920,992.49
Wales	0	0	0	220,394.67	1,023,013.89

The information provided is for compensation paid in England, Scotland and Wales. For Information about those registered in Northern Ireland please contact DAERA at: <https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk>

APHA and Defra have continued to see high number of confirmed AI cases in the early part of 2023. Culling birds on an infected premises is one of the measures taken to prevent exotic disease spread. Compensation paid is in line with Government policy and regulations. Supporting bird keepers, the public and conservation bodies to manage these cases is the APHA’s main priority.

Information disclosed in response to this FOI request is releasable to the public. In keeping with the spirit and effect of the FOIA and the government’s Transparency Agenda, this letter and the information disclosed to you may be placed on [GOV.UK](http://GOV.UK), 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.

together with any related information that will provide a key to its wider context. No information identifying you will be placed on the GOV.UK website.

We attach an Annex explaining the copyright that applies to the information being released to you and contact details should you be unhappy with the service you have received.

If you have any queries about this letter please contact the Access to Information Team at the email address below.

Yours sincerely

**Access to Information Team**  
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## **Annex**

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