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Dear [REDACTED],

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: Movement Assistance Scheme

Thank you for your email of 30th March about Movement Assistance Scheme referring to APHA's letter of 30th March requesting clarification and closing your earlier request.

Your information request and our response are set out below.

"We are requesting under the Freedom of information act information on the current usage of the Movement Assistance Scheme for horses shipping from GB to Northern Ireland.

We are requesting a monthly breakdown since 1st April 2021 to and including December 2022 (totalling 21 months in total)."

APHA wrote to you to seek some clarity on your request and received the following on the 30th March 2023:

"You may answer the question as part of your reply to this email that why when the same question was asked in the same format under your ref ATIC2400 and included in this email that you were able to provide full details in a reply received on 11th May 2021 by the Access to Information Team."

Within APHA's clarity request, the response reference ATIC2635 was included indicating the difference to that request and your current one. This current request did not show what information you wanted in a monthly breakdown. Previously it had been 'of total costs paid direct to OV vets under this scheme'. This is the reason clarification was sought and the request closed.

In your response, you have not provided what information you require in a monthly breakdown. However, on this occasion APHA have concluded it is the same information you have requested previously.

We have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

The information requested can be found in the tables below:

Year 2021		
Month	EHC Count	Total (NET)
Apr	50	£18,475.57
May	10	£2,326.18
Jun	36	£10,222.40
Jul	101	£35,463.84
Aug	127	£38,820.92
Sep	229	£65,192.83
Oct	303	£96,378.13
Nov	146	£42,775.61
Dec	255	£83,925.58
Grand Total	1257	£393,581.06

Year 2022		
Month	EHC Count	Total (NET)
Jan	117	£36,259.14
Feb	276	£51,932.02
Mar	148	£38,683.56
Apr	87	£20,864.97
May	271	£71,950.36
Jun	167	£57,777.86
Jul	196	£66,508.18
Aug	197	£48,944.71
Sep	361	£119,382.57
Oct	310	£99,758.39
Nov	375	£114,966.37
Dec	276	£77,621.19
Grand Total	2781	£804,649.32

The information provided is correct at the time of this response and some data may have changed since your previous requests ATIC2400 and ATIC2635 for the following reasons:

- New Invoices were received and the data entered on to the database (the figures will go up).
- Credit Notes received and entered on to the database to reflect actual Export Health Certificate (EHC) cost (the total net figures will do down).

- Internal Audit (Quality Assurance) highlighted duplicate EHC data which is created via Export Health Certification Online (EHCO). If there are changes to an EHC or updates made, then a duplicate is created. Duplicates are removed from our database therefore the figures will do down (if data was entered twice).

EHCO is a system Registered Official Veterinarians (OV) and Trader use to track and update certifications. Individuals must be registered to claim via Movement Assistance Scheme (MAS).

The database is made of two parts – Part1: data is pulled from the EHCO system we use to verify each EHC claim made by a trader – Part2: APHA enter data extracted from an invoice (i.e. net EHC cost).

Credit notes are issued to APHA by the supplier due to incorrect information being provided on the invoice which need cancelling or if the EHC did not pass the verification.

Internal Audits are carried out on all data entered into the database daily to ensure manually entered data is accurate (hence why the figure changed since previous requests for information).

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

Yours sincerely

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Annex

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