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Dear [REDACTED]

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: Avian Influenza culling figures

Thank you for your request for information of 5th July about Avian Influenza culling figures. APHA have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Your information request and our response are set out below.

“How many captive birds have been culled in the current H5N1 outbreak which began in October 2021 to the present date?”

For clarity: The dates I would like you to provide information about are from 1 October 2021 to the current date. This would include the first UK reported outbreak of H5N1 on October 27 2021 and the most recent to date on July 2 2023.”

The total number of captive birds culled in the current H5N1 outbreak in England, Scotland and Wales from 26/10/2021 to 02/07/2023 = **5,673,304 birds**

Please note this culling data is subject to change following final reconciliation of paperwork.

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Yours sincerely

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