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Dear [REDACTED]

### **REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: Poultry statistics**

Thank you for your request for information of 25th August about Poultry statistics. APHA have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Your information request and our response are set out below.

"I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from the APHA.

Please can you provide me with:

- 1/ The total number of currently registered premises in Great Britain with turkeys, which have at least 50 birds
- 2/ The total number of currently registered premises in Great Britain with ducks, which has at least 50 birds.
- 3/ The total number of currently registered premises in Great Britain with any type of geese, which has at least 50 birds.
- 4/ The total number of currently registered premises in Great Britain with any type of quail which have at least 50 birds.
- 5/ The total number of currently registered premises in Great Britain with any type of pullet which have at least 50 birds.

Please additionally provide me with detail of each of these holdings:

a/ Country, b/ business type (farm/company etc), c/ county the livestock unit is in, d/ stock numbers of kept, e/ animal purposes (meat, eggs etc), f/indoor/outdoor and g/ husbandry system, intensive/free-range etc."

Please see appendix 1 attached. There are two pages on this spreadsheet with the requested totals and then the more detailed information.

In relation to Q5, please note that APHA have a category for chicken not pullet only.

It is only compulsory to register flocks of poultry of over 50 birds with APHA. Owners/Keepers can voluntarily register flocks of less than 50 birds. To find out more about the registration of birds visit the GOV.UK website for information here: [Poultry \(including game birds\): registration rules and forms - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/poultry-registration)

The information provided are the livestock numbers provided by the owner/keeper upon registration. As part of the registration process, APHA ask the owner/keeper what their usual stock numbers are, and this is recorded in the APHA database. It is the responsibility of the owner/keeper to keep APHA informed of any number changes.

Any blank entries is because the information was not recorded at the time of registration and APHA have not been informed since of any changes by the owner/keeper.

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An Annex is attached which explains 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 or postal address at the top of this letter.

Yours sincerely

**Access to Information Team**

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## **Annex**

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