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Dear [REDACTED],

**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: Ministerial Farm Visits**

Thank you for your request for information of 5 January 2026 about Ministerial farm visits. We have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Your information request and our response are set out below.

- 1. The number of farms visited by the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs since their appointment.*
- 2. The number of farms visited by the Minister of State for Farming since their appointment.*
- 3. For each visit, please provide the date and the county in which the farm is located.*

Secretary of State

Following a reasonable search of our recorded information we have managed to identify two farm visits. One visit took place on 25 September 2025, and the farm was in West Sussex, and the other was on 5 December 2025 in Buckinghamshire.

Minister of State for Farming

Following a reasonable search of our recorded information we have managed to identify three farms visited. The first visit took place on 22 September 2025 at a farm in Kent, the second visit took place on 6 October 2025 at a farm in Derbyshire and the third visit took place on 3 December 2025 at a farm in Shropshire.

Under our duty to advise and assist pursuant to section 16 of the FOIA, we should also make clear that the visits listed above have been identified through carrying out reasonable searches for any recorded information. The information above should therefore be seen as a reflection of the information we have managed to locate in a recorded format rather than an exhaustive list.

Information disclosed in response to this FOIA 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, 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 Annex A, explaining the copyright that applies to the information being released to you, and Annex B giving contact details should you be unhappy with the service you have received.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact us.

Yours sincerely

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## **Annex A**

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## **Annex B**

### Complaints

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