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Dear

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: Expenditure on Bovine TB.

Thank you for your request for information about the expenditure on bovine TB in Great Britain which we received on 29th October 2010. Your request has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, and I apologise for the delay in responding to your request.

As requested, please find the relevant information below:

Breakdown of bovine TB expenditure for GB (unless otherwise stated) 2009/10*

Expenditure Area	Expenditure Amount (£m) 2009/10*
Cattle Testing ¹	41.9
Compensation (England)	28.1
RBCT (England) ²	0
Surveillance activity by the VLA ³	6.2
Other research	8.9
HQ/Overheads (England) ⁴	1.9
Totals	87

* All information taken from the Oracle Financial System and is actual expenditure only which has been incurred in the specified financial year.

1. The cost of carrying out the testing of cattle for TB by arranging, assessing and monitoring tests, conducting investigations of incident herds and diagnostic testing by Local Veterinary Inspectors on behalf of Defra. N.B. These costs include Scotland and Wales (funded by Defra)

2. Figure does not include research into culling methods or the badger population survey (£709,400 in 2005-06 and £834,700 in 2006-07)

3. Surveillance activity undertaken by the VLA includes all Defra funded work carried out by the Veterinary Laboratories Agency relating to TB in cattle and badgers including the supply of Tuberculin

4. HQ/Overheads includes staff costs for veterinary advice and administration of TB Policy in England