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Llywodraeth Cynulliad Cymru
Welsh Assembly Government

14 April 2011

Dear xxxxxxxxx

Request for Information – reference 5005

I am writing in respect of the request for information you sent to the Freedom of Information Officer on 23 March 2011 where you asked for the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000:

In relation to the Intensive Action Area for the years 1998 to 2010:

1. The number of herds under movement restriction due to TB;
2. the number of animals slaughtered under bovine TB control measures;
3. the total number of cattle herds; and
4. the total number of cattle.

In my letter of 24 March 2011, I explained that information on the Intensive Action Area prior to 2004 is not held by the Welsh Assembly Government. I also explained that information in relation to points 1 and 3 is already published on the Welsh Assembly Government's website.

The remaining information concerning the number of animals slaughtered under TB control measures (point 2) and the total number of cattle in the Intensive Action Area (point 4) is provided below:

Point 2: We hold figures covering the years 2005 to 2010 for slaughter animals within the Intensive Action Area and are sourced from TBIS payment records for animals valued from 1 January 2005 to 31 December 2010 as at mid-Jan 2011. They exclude animals with incomplete records on TBIS. It is expected that the number of animals valued in 2010 will increase as more complete records become available in subsequent data extracts:

2005	692
2006	749
2007	948
2008	1,725

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Office of the Chief Veterinary Officer
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2009	1,528
2010	850

Point 4: As of 1 June 2010 there were 46,651 cattle on farms with herds in the Intensive Action Area.

If you believe that I have not followed the relevant laws, or you are unhappy with this response, you may request an internal review by writing to:

Rory O'Sullivan
Director – Rural Affairs
Welsh Assembly Government
Cathays Park
Cardiff
CF10 3NQ

When dealing with any concerns, we will follow the principles set out in the Assembly Government's Code of Practice on Complaints which is available on the Internet at www.wales.gov.uk or by post.

You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. Normally, however, you should provide us with an opportunity to undertake an internal review before you complain to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
Tel: 01625 545 745
Fax: 01625 524 510
Email: enquiries@ico.gsi.gov.uk

Also, if you think that there has been maladministration in dealing with your request then you may make a complaint to the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales who can be contacted at:

Public Services Ombudsman for Wales
Ffordd yr Hen Gae
Pencoed
Bridgend
CF35 5LJ

The request you sent me contains personal data about you - for example, your name and address. I will only use this personal data in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998 to deal with your request and any matters which arise as a result of it. I will keep your personal data and all other information relating to your request for three years from the date on which your request is finally closed. Your personal data will then be disposed of securely.

I will be happy to advise and assist you further with this request. My contact details are at the foot of this letter.

Any information released under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 or Environmental Information Regulations 2004 will be listed in the Assembly Government's Disclosure Log (at www.information.wales.gov.uk).

Yours sincerely

TB Team
Office of the Chief Veterinary Officer