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Hello

Apologies again for taking so long with this but I had to piece together information which has not been as straightforward as I had initially thought. I have had to deal in financial years to best align spend with the number of tests completed and as you will see the most reliable data is from 2003/04 onwards. Our testing is carried out by DARD staff (mainly <<March Request Table of figures.doc>> TVOs and VOTs) and Private Veterinary Practitioners (PVP) so to give you an overall cost per test I have combined the total animals tested by both groups and the money spent on testing. The figures should be reasonably accurate but not absolute. We do not have costings for TVOs/VOTs prior to 2003/04 because of the accounting system in use at that time therefore the figures provided are only for PVPs.

The number of animals for which compensation is paid will include reactors, negative contacts and gamma interferon animals and again our systems have changed so the earlier the data the greater the margin of error.

The 08/09 test figures and costs are not yet finalised but if you need them I will send them on when they become available

I hope this meets your requirements, let me know if you have any queries.

Regards

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