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Dear Mr

Provision of requested information

Thank you for your requests enquiring about the number of animals tested and slaughtered in relation to Bovine TB, and also the costs of slaughter and compensation for these animals, which we received on 10th May and 23rd May 2009. Your requests have been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please find attached to the covering email for this letter, a table which contains all figures requested for the number of cattle tests, the number of animals slaughtered under Bovine TB measures, and the amount of compensation paid to farmers. We only have figures on the cost of cattle testing for the last three calendar years but have included a link to cattle testing expenditure by financial year for GB from 1998/99.

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If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. I also attach an annexe giving contact details should you be unhappy with the services you have received.

Yours sincerely

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Annexe A

Complaints

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request you may make a complaint or appeal against our decision within 40 working days of the date of this letter. Please write to Clive Porro, Head of Defra's Access to Information Unit at, Area1E 3-8 Whitehall Place London SW1A 2HH, who will arrange for an internal review of your case. Details of Defra's complaints procedure can be found at: www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/opengov/complain/index.htm.

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