



Llywodraeth Cynulliad Cymru
Welsh Assembly Government

29 May 2009

Dear Mr

Request for Information – Reference 3345

I wrote to you on 8 May 2009 following your request for information sent to the Freedom of Information Officer.

In your e-mail of 3 May 2009 you asked for the following information for each year from 1998 to 2008 (inclusive):

- The number of animals for which there has been a requirement to carry out a bovine TB test.
- The cost of cattle testing.
- The number of animals which were slaughtered.
- The compensation paid to farmers for these slaughtered animals.

You subsequently clarified that this was correct on 8 May 2009.

Information on the number of animals for which there has been a requirement to carry out a bovine TB test and the number of animals which were slaughtered from 1998 to 2008 (inclusive) can be located at:

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/animalh/tb/stats/county.htm>

and;

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/animalh/tb/stats/detailedstats.htm>

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Please note: When interpreting these statistics, the caveats at the following link should be taken into account: <http://www.defra.gov.uk/animalh/tb/stats/usingstats.htm>

The cost of cattle TB testing for the 2005/06 to 2008/09 (inclusive) financial years can be seen in **Table 1**. This includes the costs of Official Veterinarians (OV) undertaking both routine and non-routine tests and Animal Health staff costs. This information has been provided by Animal Health, and I regret they do not readily hold information for the costs of cattle testing prior to 2005/06.

	OV testing costs	AH staff costs	Total cost
2005/06	£2.7m	£2.8m	£5.5m
2006/07	£3.0m	£2.9m	£5.9m
2007/08	£3.2m	£3.4m	£6.6m
2008/09	£3.9m	£4.4m	£8.3m

Table 1: The cost of cattle TB testing for the 2005/06 to 2008/09 (inclusive) financial years.

The information you requested on the compensation paid to farmers for animals slaughtered from 1998 to 2008 (inclusive) can be seen in **Table 2**. These statistics were extracted from data sets held by the Welsh Assembly Government, and is only available by financial year. I regret that we do not have information available for compensation expenditure prior to the 1999/2000 financial year.

Year	Compensation Paid
1999/2000	£1,304,000
2000/01	£1,792,000
2001/02	£2,366,000
2002/03	£8,882,000
2003/04	£10,299,000
2004/05	£9,808,000
2005 /06	£13,627,000
2006/07	£11,642,000
2007/08	£15,973,000

2008/09	£25,337,031*
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Table 2: Compensation paid to farmers for animals slaughtered because of bovine TB from 1999 to 2008 (inclusive) by financial year. * The figure given for 2008/09 financial year may change slightly due to the accrual of expenditure to this period.

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).

If you believe that I have not followed the relevant laws, please contact me to request a first stage review. If, after that, you are still not satisfied you may request a second stage review by the Assembly Government. When dealing with any concerns, we will follow 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 pursue the matter through our internal procedure before you complain to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
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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
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Bridgend
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Yours sincerely

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