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Dear Ms Clarke

Access to information – Request No RFI 4379

Thank you for your request for the information detailed below which we received on 20 September 2018. Your request has been considered under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

You requested the following information and our response has been provided below:

Can you explain why the following licences have a post date of 3rd September for authorised personal?

- 3 Dorset letter dated 30 August**
- 4 Cornwall letter dated 30 August**
- 5 Cornwall letter dated 30 August**
- 6 Devon letter dated 30 August**
- 7 Devon letter dated 30 August**
- 12 Devon letter dated 31 August**
- 15 Devon letter dated 31 August**
- 17 Somerset letter dated 31 August**
- 18 Somerset letter dated 31 August**

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Yours sincerely

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