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Dear Mr Turner,

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: BADGER CONTROL POLICY

Thank you for your email of 26 October in which you requested all relevant documents concerning the surveys of badger numbers in Gloucestershire and Somerset. You also asked when the count will be updated.

As you know, we have handled your request as a request for information under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIRs).

The methodology used for setting badger control target numbers for the pilot areas is in the public domain on the Defra website¹.

The document setting out how the estimates of the badger populations were derived from this methodology is enclosed.

In relation to updating the count next year, discussions are ongoing with regards to what can be used again in 2013 and whether any fieldwork needs to be repeated.

I attach Annex A giving contact details should you be unhappy with the service you have received.

Yours sincerely,

TB Programme

¹ <http://www.defra.gov.uk/animal-diseases/files/tb-strategy-cull-targets.pdf>



Annex 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 Mike Kaye, Head of Information Standards, Area 1B, Ergon House, Horseferry Road, London, SW1P 2AL (email: requestforinfo@defra.gsi.gov.uk) and he will arrange for an internal review of your case. Details of Defra's complaints procedure are on our [website](#).

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Please note that generally the Information Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have first exhausted Defra's own complaints procedure. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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