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Dear [REDACTED]

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: BADGER CULL PILOT COSTS - YEAR 2

Thank you for your request for information, which we received on 3 August 2015, about:

- 1) Whether all costs related to Badger Cull Pilots for Year 2 have been finalised;
- 2) If they haven't been finalised, when they will be finalised; and
- 3) If they have been finalised, when they will be published.

If all costs have been finalised, you also asked for the following breakdown to be provided:

- a) Police Costs
- b) Licensing and compliance monitoring
- c) Humaneness monitoring, including post mortems
- d) Efficacy monitoring
- e) Advice and assessments
- f) Any other costs, including equipment

We have handled your request under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIRs).



Please see tabled answers below to your questions concerning the finalised badger cull costs for year 2 (2014). For comparative purposes, we have also provided year 1 costs (2013):

Costs to Defra	2013	2014	<u>Badger Cull Costs for Years 1 and 2</u>
Licensing and compliance monitoring	£859,000	£1,036,000	
Humaneness monitoring, including post mortems	£2,628,000	£1,515,000	
Efficacy monitoring	£2,311,000	£17,000	
Advice and assessments	£389,000	£294,000	
Other costs, including equipment	£107,000	£205,000	
Total cost	£6,294,000	£3,067,000	

	2013	2014
Policing	£3,524,000	£1,392,000

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

If you have any queries about this letter please contact the address below.

Yours sincerely,

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Annex A

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