



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

8 September 2017

Dear ,

ATISN 11509

Thank you for your request which I received on 5 September. You asked for:

- How many licences to kill badgers have been issued, in total, by Natural Resources Wales under the TB Eradication Plan?
- How many licences to kill badgers have been issued by Natural Resources Wales per county under the TB Eradication Plan?
- What are the start and end dates for each of these licences?
- What is the area of land covered by each of these licences?
- What is the total area of land covered by these licences?
- Can these licences be made public (redacted as necessary)?

Section 10(1)(c) of the Protection of Badgers Act 1992 (as amended) (“the Act”) enables the Natural Resource Body for Wales (in relation to Wales) to licence, for the purpose of marking, the taking and marking (with any specified marking device) of Badgers in any specified area.

On 14 October 2013, the Natural Resource Body for Wales (“NRBW”) and the Welsh Ministers entered into an Agency Arrangement, pursuant to section 83 of the Government of Wales Act 2006, which enables the Welsh Ministers to exercise the functions of the Natural Resource Body for Wales under section 10(1) of the Act in relation to Wales until 31 January 2020 (unless it is terminated prior to that date in accordance with the terms of that Arrangement).

The Welsh Ministers have also power conferred by section 10(2)(a) of the Act to licence the taking or killing of Badgers or interfere with their setts for the purpose of preventing the spread of disease.

The powers explained above have not been used to issue any licenses to kill badgers for the Wales TB Eradication Programme.

If you are dissatisfied with the Welsh Government’s handling of your request, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response. Requests for an

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

internal review should be addressed to the Welsh Government's Freedom of Information Officer at: Information Rights Unit, Welsh Government, Cathays Park, Cardiff, CF10 3NQ or Email: FreedomOfInformationOfficer@wales.gsi.gov.uk

Please remember to quote the ATISN reference number above.

You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office,
Wycliffe House,
Water Lane,
Wilmslow,
Cheshire,
SK9 5AF

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely,