

Date/Dyddiad: 6 April 2020

Dear

ATISN13865 TB Eradication in Wales

Thank you for your request which I received on 12 March 2020 about 'the number of badgers that have been vaccinated against TB in Wales over the last three years' and 'the cost of vaccinating the badgers'. The response is below.

- **The number of badgers that have been vaccinated against TB in Wales over the last three years**

Due to a non-supply of BCG vaccine in 2017, no badger vaccination was carried out in that year.

For 2018 and 2019, the total number of badgers vaccinated as part of the Welsh Government grants is 620.

For 2018 and 2019, the total number of badgers vaccinated as part of the Badger Trap and Test operations is 177.

- **The cost of vaccinating the badgers**

Vaccination was not carried out in 2017 as explained in the previous question.

For 2018 and 2019, the total cost to Welsh Government in grants is £186,681.86.

It is not possible to specifically allocate a cost to the vaccination only part of the Badger Trap and Test operations, as the vaccination is just one part of the wider programme in this instance. However, for 2018 the total cost to Welsh Government for the Badger trap and test operations is £395,802.10.

The cost of the 2019 operations has not yet been finalised but will be published in the 2019 report.

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Cardiff,
CF10 3NQ

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Wilmslow,
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SK9 5AF.

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Yours sincerely