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Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

Dear

Request for Information – ATISN 14365

I wrote to you on 5 October regarding your request for information. You asked for the following information regarding dead animals found on the road network managed by the Welsh Government and the Trunk Road Agents, for the period of 1 June 2019 - 13 September 2020:

1. The count and types of animals found on each road split by species (dog, badger, cat etc.)
2. The volume of reports by month split by road name and animal type
3. Animals removed from roads split by geographic region and animal type for the period
4. The volume of reports not responded to, split by region and animal type.

Please let me know if this is not an accurate description of what you have asked for.

I can confirm we hold some information captured by your request. The Welsh Government holds information for questions 1 and 2. Please note, due to restrictions imposed by Covid-19 and the move to homeworking we have not collated road kill information as we would normally, since March 2020.

For your first two questions, please see information appended at Annex A for deceased animals.

We do not hold information for question 3, however, we have been informed that our Agent (the North and Mid Wales Trunk Road Agent)'s Partner Authorities have been instructed to clear 26 deceased animals from the network and the breakdown of animal type is included in the second spreadsheet attached. Please see Annex B - IRIS Record – Deceased Animals.

For your final question, I can confirm that no information is collected or stored relating to reports not responded to, however, records may be held by the individual Local Authorities who have a duty under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 to remove deceased animals.

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 internal review should be addressed to the Welsh Government's Freedom of Information Officer at: Information Rights Unit, Welsh Government,



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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.

Cathays Park, Cardiff, CF10 3NQ or Email: Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales.
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