

6 June 2023

Dear

Request for Information - ATISN 17458

Further to your request for information I can confirm we hold some of the information which you requested:

1. The number of recorded dead animals found on roads from January 2022 to 30 April 2023 – with the figures broken down by animal type.
2. Where (by road name) each recorded incident took place.
3. How many recorded dead animals were removed by the authorities after being reported.
4. How much money was spent per year for the removal of dead animals from the road.

We hold information for questions 1-2 and partial information for questions 3 & 4.

We hold some information about the reports of dead animals and their removal. We do not hold costs for when our Trunk Roads Agents remove dead animals from the Strategic Road Network and Motorways as this is not a requirement of our reporting system. However, in some instances our partner authorities will remove carcasses for us for which we may be charged, and this is the figure provided at Q4.

For questions 1 & 2 please see attached spreadsheet.

Q3. There were 144 reports of dead animals, and all were removed.

Q4. The costs incurred for the removal of dead animals was £2,340.79 but this is not directly linked to the number of reported dead animals at Q3.

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Welsh Government,
Cathays Park,
Cardiff,
CF10 3NQ or

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

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Yours sincerely