

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO 2016-010

Your request has now been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act) and we provide our response below.

You asked:

This is a request for the policing costs for the badger cull in 2015 for Dorset.

Your request for information has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act) and our response is as follows:

The cost of policing the badger cull in Dorset for 2015 was £694,727.50, as published on the Dorset Police website:

<http://www.dorset.police.uk/default.aspx?page=4637>

The cost of the policing operation for the badger cull in Dorset was funded entirely by Defra. All costs were pre-approved, checked and audited by Defra.

Technically, this amounts to a refusal of this request under Section 21 of the Act – “Information Reasonably Accessible By Other Means”.