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Dear Neil

Thank you for your Written Assembly Questions that were tabled for answer on 19 February.

I was unable to answer all your questions immediately because the data you had requested was held by the Animal and Plant Health Agency. I have now received this data and my answers are below.

WAQ77894 - Since the introduction of the policy of enhanced measures for persistently infected/chronically infected herds, how many individual herd action plans have identified infection from wildlife on the farm as being a likely driver of the disease?

60 action plans have identified infection from wildlife on the farm as being a likely driver of the disease. No Action Plan has identified a herd where badgers are the only driver for the disease. Please refer to the response to WAQ77900.

WAQ77895 - Since the introduction of the policy of enhanced measures for persistently infected/chronically infected herds, how many individual herd owners have been invited to participate in the Welsh Government's badger trap and test policy?

9 herd owners have been invited to participate.

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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.

WAQ77896 - Since the introduction of the policy of enhanced measures for persistently infected/chronically infected herds, how many individual herd owners have accepted the invitation to participate in the Welsh Government's badger trap and test policy?

9 herd owners have accepted the invitation.

WAQ77897 - Since the introduction of the policy of enhanced measures for persistently infected/chronically infected herds, how many individual herd owners have declined the invitation to participate in the Welsh Government's badger trap and test policy?

None have declined.

WAQ77898 - Since the introduction of the policy of enhanced measures for persistently infected/chronically infected herds, how many individual herd action plans include a specific action or specific aim to carry out badger surveys on the farm to identify the location of badger setts, latrines and runs?

There are 37 holdings where the case vet has requested a badger activity survey.

WAQ77899 - Since the introduction of the policy of enhanced measures for persistently infected/chronically infected herds, how many badger surveys have been commissioned, how many have been completed and has the information been provided/shared with the herd owner?

19 badger activity surveys have been completed and the results shared with the herd owner.

Your two remaining questions, WAQ77902 and WAQ77903, are being considered under The Environmental Information Regulations and I will be in contact with you again regarding these.

Regards
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