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REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2018/06484

I write in connection with your request for information received on 9th November. I note you seek access to the following information:

- 1. How many crimes of theft* involving sheep have been recorded over the last five calendar years (annual year, Jan-Jan)?**
- 2. What were the recorded outcomes/disposals of each of the crimes of theft involving sheep over the last five calendar years: 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 (annual year, Jan-Jan)?**
 - a) If possible, can you tell me how many of these crimes were referred to the CPS?**
- 3. What was the total number of sheep stolen over the last five calendar years where recorded (annual year, Jan-Jan)?**

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Following enquiries within the Constabulary please see our response below.

Response

Q1 – There was 1 reported crime involving theft of sheep in each of the calendar years 2014, 2015 and 2016. There were no reports of theft of sheep in 2017 and there have been none up to 30/11/2018.

Q2 – All 3 crimes had outcomes recorded as 'investigation complete no suspect'.

Q2a – None referred to CPS.

Q3 – 2014 – 1
2015 – 4
2016 - 2

The numerical data presented in this response is an un-audited snapshot of un-published data sourced from "live" systems and is subject to the interpretation of the original request by the individual extracting the data.

Should you have any further enquiries concerning this matter please do not hesitate to contact me quoting the above reference number.

Yours sincerely

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