I am making a formal request under the provisions of the above legislation for the details of any plans or proposals which since 1st August 2009 have been or are being made by AFBI or by any contracted third party at the request of AFBI, whether current, on-hold or discontinued, which involve the veterinary testing of badgers (*Meles meles*) in the wild in Northern Ireland for scientific research purposes, or involve the taking and killing of badgers from the wild in Northern Ireland for the purposes of veterinary testing and / or scientific research.

I request the following details to be released for each such project:

- The stated aims of the plan or project and any stated hypotheses;
- Full details of the survey methodology employed to establish and analyse baseline population data;
- The total number of animals to be trapped, tested and released;
- The total number of animals to be trapped and killed;
- The methods proposed for the selection, trapping, sedation and killing of animals;
- Details of all proposed pre-mortem and non-lethal veterinary tests to be performed on each animal;
- Details of all proposed post-mortem veterinary tests to be performed on each animal;
- The proposed start and end dates for all field-based and laboratory-based activity;
- The anticipated timeframe for data analysis, reporting and publication;
- The details of any applications for licenses or consents to take and/or kill badgers for the purposes of scientific research in Northern Ireland submitted by or on behalf of AFBI or any contracted third party to any government department or agency in Northern Ireland, Great Britain or the European Union and the details of any such licenses or consents granted or refused;
- Full budget proposals and the anticipated public expenditure on each such project.