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From: Ranald Munro [REDACTED]  
Sent: 11 October 2013 21:19  
To: [REDACTED] (Defra)  
Cc: [REDACTED]  
Subject: Re: [REDACTED]  
Attachments: Edinburgh University charitable status.txt

Dear [REDACTED]

We spoke at 18.15 about your response (below) to my email.

To avoid misunderstanding, this email records the salient points of that conversation:

- (1) I reaffirmed that the IEP would scrutinise and report upon the information collected during the 6 week period of the Pilots.
- (2) Consequently, deploying teams back into Somerset at this stage [REDACTED] was unnecessary and inappropriate because the Pilot in that area has already been completed.
- (3) I referred to paragraph 4 of my email which states clearly the Panel's view that "avoidance of data collected during extensions of culling is advised".

[REDACTED]

Kind regards,  
Ranald.

On 11/10/2013 16:13, [REDACTED] (Defra) wrote:

Ranald

Thank you. We will deploy the team back into Somerset to secure a complete set of data.

To clarify- I assume you also want to secure a complete set of matched pairs of PMs?

Also - we will need to rejig the timetable as we are now likely to incur delays in starting the analysis?

Happy to speak on telephone (blacberry number)

[REDACTED]

----- Original Message -----

From: Ranald Munro [REDACTED]  
To: [REDACTED] (Defra)  
Cc: [REDACTED]


Sent: Fri Oct 11 14:31:22 2013  
Subject: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]


I refer to your email dated 10/10/13 timed at 16.32, [REDACTED]

The Independent Expert Panel has an over-riding responsibility to consider the results of the Pilots in the light of the numbers of observations, post mortem examinations, matched pairs etc, that were decided upon before the Pilots began. These numbers represent the minimum numbers considered to be statistically sound for the purposes of the trials. Consequently, the core issue, from the Panel's viewpoint, is whether the requisite data were collected as laid down in the protocols. It is this information that will be scrutinised, and

reported upon, by the Panel.



More generally, avoidance of data collected during extensions of the period of culling is advised. These data will fall outside the original sampling design and will not be collected over the same period as the baseline data for other analyses.



On genetic sampling, the Panel advises that collection of these samples should continue throughout the entire duration of culling.

Kind regards,  
Ranald

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**From:** Ranald Munro [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 15 October 2013 13:51  
**To:** [REDACTED] (Defra)  
**Subject:** Re: RESTRICTED: [REDACTED]  
**Attachments:** Edinburgh University charitable status.txt

Thank you [REDACTED]  
Ranald.

On 15/10/2013 13:01, [REDACTED] (Defra) wrote:

Ranald,

Thanks for this. AHVLA will now stand the humaneness observation teams down and prepare the analysis of the data gathered up until last night. [REDACTED]

Ear tip sampling will continue beyond six weeks, but AHVLA will focus on preparing an analysis of these results up to the six weeks for the purposes of the report to be submitted to the IEP.

[REDACTED]

**From:** Ranald Munro [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 15 October 2013 12:13  
**To:** [REDACTED] (Defra)  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: RESTRICTED: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The primary task for the Panel is to scrutinise AHVLA's report on the 6-week Pilots. To maintain a consistent approach to use of the data from the two Pilot areas, it is appropriate that AHVLA produces a report based on the same methodology in both areas. Inclusion of data collected during the extended culling periods would, inevitably, delay the preparation of AHVLA's primary report. This is undesirable.

Should AHVLA decide to collect additional information during the extended culling period, it may then be in a position to write a second report covering these findings. However, should AHVLA [REDACTED] collect data from, and report on, the extended culling this information would need to be gathered using the same protocols as the Pilots and analysed with the same degree of rigour that was applied to the Report on the Pilots. Differing methodologies would complicate analyses and might undermine confidence in conclusions reached on the proportion of badgers killed during the combined Pilots and extended culling period.

Kind regards,

Ranald.

On 14/10/2013 17:09, [REDACTED] (Defra) wrote:

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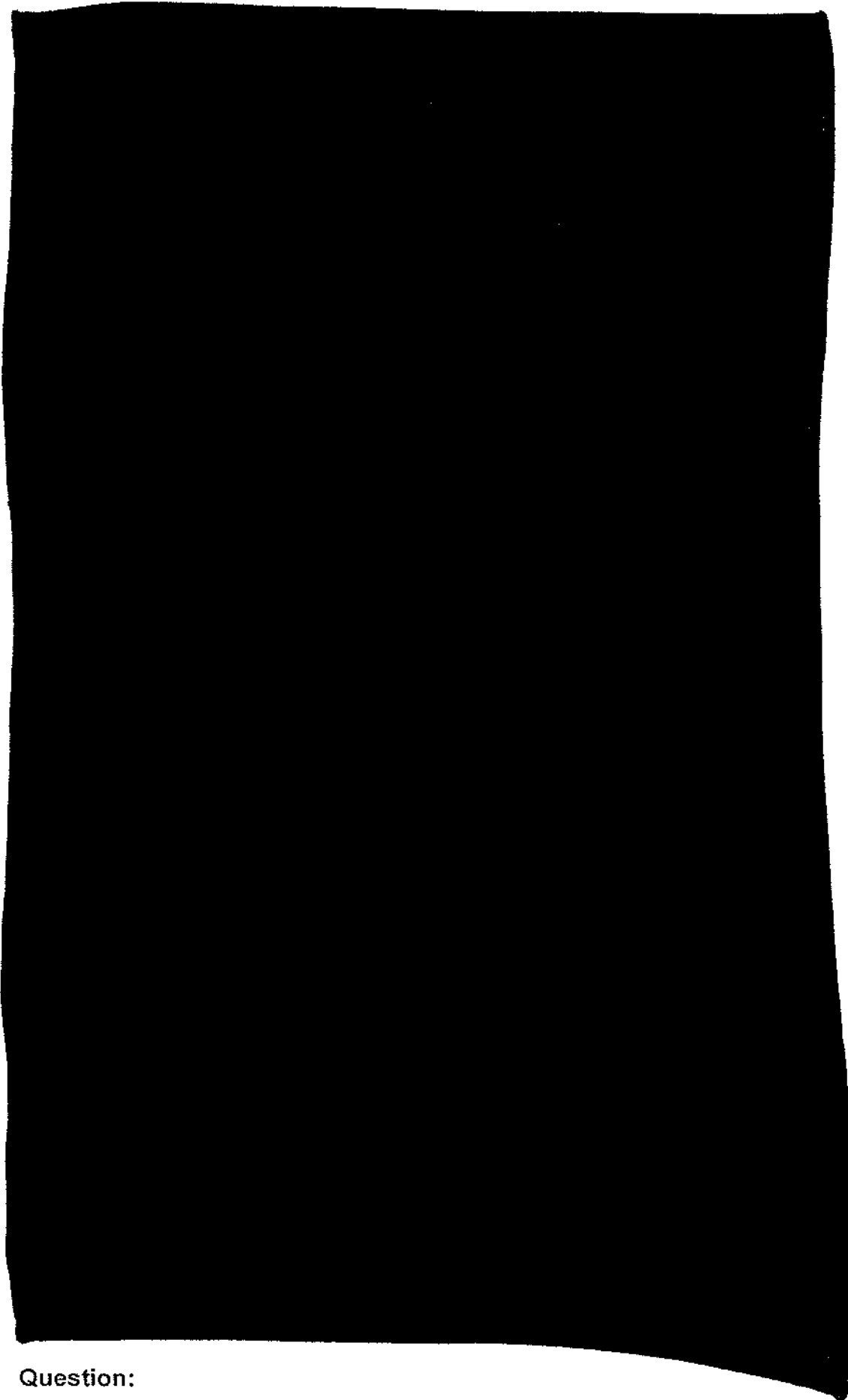
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**Question:**

**Based on the above information on progress, are you still content for AHVLA to close down the field observations and [REDACTED] PM facilities after tomorrow 15 October and to proceed to**

consolidate the acquired data for analysis? Your advice in your emails timed 14.31 and 21.19 on Friday 11 October indicated that continuing beyond the 6 weeks in each cull zone was unnecessary, and we plan to proceed as advised.

I have advised AHVLA that ear tip data should be analysed for the period up to 6 weeks for the purposes of the IEP assessment of efficacy, but we will continue collecting ear tips for the purposes of a further post-6 week analysis that we will need to carry out at a later stage

Look forward to hearing from you

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