

Animal Health Act 1981: Expenditure and Prosecutions – 2016

Return of expenditure incurred and prosecutions taken under the Animal Health Act 1981, and incidences of Notifiable Disease in imported animals for the year 2016.

Annual return made under section 80 of the Animal Health Act 1981

This statutory return is required to be made and laid before Parliament in accordance with Section 80 of the Animal Health Act 1981 and includes data relating to Scotland only.

A separate report has been compiled by the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) and the Welsh Government for their respective functions.

This return is compiled from information supplied to the Scottish Government and while every effort is made to ensure its accuracy, this cannot be guaranteed.

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Prosecutions under the Animal Health Act 1981 in 2016

There were no prosecutions in 2016.

Compensation paid for animals slaughtered to prevent the spread of animal diseases in 2016

Type of Disease	Amount
Bovine tuberculosis	£331,498
Less receipts from salvage of carcasses	£36,005
Total Net Compensation Paid	£295,493
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Avian Influenza	£44,221

Notes: All figures have been rounded up to the nearest pound.

Number of imported animals found to be affected by a notifiable disease in 2016

Legislation	Type of Animal	Number	Point of Origin	Type of Disease	Methods of Disposal
The Tuberculosis (Scotland) Order 2007	Bovine	4	Northern Ireland	Bovine Tuberculosis	Slaughter

Formal enforcement actions under the Animal Health Act 1981 and other animal health and welfare legislation by local authorities in 2016

Convictions achieved under the Animal Health Act 1981 and other animal health and welfare legislation

Relevant Act, Order or Regulation	Nature of offence	Result (when known)	Decision (including imprisonment, fine etc.)
Animal Health & Welfare (Scotland) Act 2006	Failed to care for animals appropriately or seek veterinary advice as soon as reasonably practicable.	Reported to Procurator Fiscal	Pending
The Cattle Identification (Scotland) Regulations 2007	Failed to notify Scottish Ministers of the death of an animal		
Animal Health & Welfare (Scotland) Act 2006	Failed to provide a wholesome diet in adequate quantity.	Reported to Procurator Fiscal	Time barred
The Cattle Identification (Scotland) Regulations 2007	Failed to care for animals Allow immature heifers to breed Failed to apply ear tags within 20 days of birth		
Animal Health and Welfare (Scotland) Act 2006	Unnecessary suffering	Reported to Procurator Fiscal	Marked as No Proceedings by the Procurator Fiscal Marking Office
Disease Control (Interim Measures) (Scotland) Order 2002	Standstill breach	Reported to Procurator Fiscal	Time barred

Number of visits and enforcement action taken

Category	Subcategory	Number of visits	Oral or Written Advice	Written Notification Warnings	Formal written Notices	Reported to Procurator Fiscal	Other
Welfare (see note 1)	Farm	1772	202	44	2	5	1
Welfare	Transport	1045	58	28	1	1	0
Welfare	Market	561	242	27	0	0	0
Traceability	Identification, Movement, and Records	967	175	54	3	0	1
Biosecurity (see note 2)	Farm and Transport	761	27	5	1	0	0
Biosecurity	Market	159	5	1	1	0	1
Animal By-Products and Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies (TSE)	Visits and interventions	277	48	33	2	1	2

Notes:

1. This is the number of welfare visit undertaken which were programmed, part of planned interventions, or projects, or in response to complaints
2. This is the number of visits where biosecurity has been considered separately, outwith a general market or farm visit.

Number of complaints, service requests and livestock animals inspected

Category	Total
Number of animal health and welfare complaints made to Service (see note 1)	625
Number of service requests made to Service (see note 2)	1032
Livestock animals inspected (see note 3)	828,185

Notes:

1. This is the number of requests or complaints received which have required action or investigation by local authority animal health and welfare officers.
2. This figure includes request for service from consumers (not complaints), businesses and other agencies.
3. This is the total number of animals which were inspected or assessed in markets and other premises or holdings. This will include animals inspected for fitness, identification or health at markets and does not require that an examination takes place.

Summary of alternative enforcement interventions taken

- Scottish Markets and Sales;
- Royal Highland Show;
- Regional Agricultural Shows;
- Joint Visits with SSPCA and APHA, Pony clubs, NFUS, AgriScot, Transporters, Vet Practices, Knackery, and Hunt Kennel; and
- Puppy Imports

Notes: Alternative interventions are recorded to highlight additional work and areas covered. This may include attendance at agricultural shows, NFUS meetings; joint initiatives with APHA, police, Scottish Government Rural Payments and Inspections Division (SGRPID); leaflets and information etc.

Key Performance Measure

High Risk Visits

Average of high risk programmed visits inspected	95 %
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Notes: This is the figure for High Risk agricultural premises visited by local authorities but also includes visits that have not been carried out as a result of these premises being visited by APHA staff as part of their pre-planned visit plan. As a result this prevents penalising local authorities who are using a joined-up approach to prevent double visits by different enforcers for similar purposes.

Definitions

Oral or Written advice: There is little difference whether the advice is written or oral. If it is advice and for enforcement purposes, should be grouped together. This would also be useful as it gives an indication of the level of complaint businesses.

Written correspondence or warnings: This indicates that there is a need for improvements following the intervention of animal health and welfare officers. This includes all letters and written notifications issued by the officer or the service which require improvements or actions to be taken.

Formal written notices: This should include any formal statutory Notices which are issued under the Animal Health Act 1981, or other animal health and welfare Regulations or Orders.

Reported to Procurator Fiscal: We should record the number of cases reported to Procurator Fiscal as this is not the same as the prosecution reports. There may well be cases which are not progressed by the Crown or they may issue a fiscal warning. It would be helpful to determine this as it will provide an overview on the work of Wildlife and Environmental Crime Unit.

Other: This includes Notices issued by the Sheriff including disposal orders in terms of livestock seizures.



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