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To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs to provide details of (i) the number of reports of dead badgers which have been received through the Badgerline phone number or email; (ii) of those badgers tested, to provide the number that tested positive for bovine Tuberculosis; and (iii) the geographical areas where those badgers were found, for each of the past five years.

The numbers of badgers reported, numbers tested, and the numbers of those tested which were positive, in each of the five years requested, are provided below. These figures are subdivided by year and by Divisional Veterinary Office area. Summary figures have also been provided (Annex A)



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Annex A

	Dead Badgers Reported through the Badgerline Phone Number or Email 2016 - 2020														
	R= Reported T = Tested P = Positive														
Divisional Veterinary Office	2016			2017			2018			2019			2020		
	R	T	P	R	T	P	R	T	P	R	T	P	R	T	P
Armagh	32	25	0	27	24	1	83	72	5	59	52	11	37	30	2
Ballymena	15	14	2	17	16	5	24	19	3	19	16	3	25	23	5
Coleraine	60	52	6	51	48	7	49	36	7	30	27	6	30	25	3
Dungannon	59	48	9	47	45	12	46	42	11	41	38	6	27	22	6
Enniskillen	15	11	3	21	20	5	17	14	4	18	15	1	11	9	5
Mallusk	30	23	1	23	20	1	38	33	5	19	14	1	29	24	1
Londonderry/Strabane	9	6	1	8	7	1	20	18	0	7	6	2	11	11	2
Newry	82	65	11	68	65	15	96	75	14	58	54	7	45	38	4
Newtownards	79	67	16	71	68	10	115	88	11	47	40	8	46	36	3
Omagh	33	28	7	28	27	8	43	36	12	20	16	4	22	19	1
Totals	414	339	56	361	340	65	531	433	72	318	278	49	283	237	32

Year	Number reported	Number tested	Number positive
2016	414	339	56
2017	361	340	65
2018	531	433	72
2019	318	278	49
2020	283	237	32