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Dear [REDACTED]

1. Thank you for your email and attached letter dated 27 January 2018 which requested information from UK Anti-Doping ('UKAD') pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the Act'). Specifically, your request was as follows:

*Could you tell me how many athletes in the UK:*

*(1) have been randomly tested for prohibited substances in the last 3 years*

*I would be really grateful if the results could be split between in-competition and out-of-competition and grouped by their highest ranking in the UK in their field.*

2. On 29 January 2018, UKAD sent you an email to clarify your request. The same day, you responded to our email confirming that your reference to "athletes" was a reference to athletes participating in "track and field...(athletics)".

#### **Information held by UKAD**

3. UKAD confirms that it holds information regarding the number of athletes participating in athletics that have been randomly tested by UKAD for prohibited substances in the last three years. The data that UKAD holds differentiates between in-competition and out-of-competition testing. However, UKAD does not hold data with respect to the ranking of athletes in the sport of athletics that it has tested.

#### **Information provided in response to your request**

4. The table below provides details of the number of random tests carried out by UKAD in the sport of athletics for the respective time periods. Please note the following regarding the data in this table:
  - a. The meaning of a "test" in this context is any attempt to test a single athlete. If multiple samples (blood and/or urine) are collected from an athlete in a single Sample Collection Session, this is counted as two successful tests. If the athlete is not located or unavailable for testing, this is defined as one unsuccessful test attempt, regardless of the number of planned samples to be



collected from that athlete. Therefore, the below table includes both successful and unsuccessful test attempts.

- b. The meaning of a “random” test is any test that has not been recorded by UKAD as ‘pre-selected’; ‘pre-selected’ means the athlete to be tested is specifically named.
- c. The number of tests relate to the number of tests conducted in the sport of athletics only. This includes tests conducted by UKAD on its own behalf and on behalf of other anti-doping organisations.
- d. UKAD records these figures for high-level tracking purposes only. Therefore, they should be regarded as an estimate.

Tests conducted by UKAD in the sport of athletics where athlete not pre-selected			
Time period	Number of out-of-competition tests	Number of in-competition tests	Total number of tests
1 April 2015 to 31 March 2016	14	182	196
1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017	0	140	140
1 April 2017 to 31 January 2018	0	96	96

- 5. For your information, UKAD makes available on its website quarterly reports on its testing program. These reports include the number of tests conducted on behalf of each International Federation and/or National Governing Body and contain a breakdown of the number of tests conducted by sport, including athletics. Please note that, with respect to athletics, the relevant bodies are the IAAF-AIU (International Association of Athletics Federations’ Athletics Integrity Unit) and UKA (United Kingdom Athletics). The reports also confirm how many of the tests conducted were in-competition and how many were out-of-competition.
- 6. The most recent quarterly test report published by UKAD is for the period July to September 2017 inclusive, being the second quarter of 2017/2018. This report (and previous quarterly reports for the period 2009 onwards) are available on UKAD’s website here: <https://www.ukad.org.uk/anti-doping-rule-violations/quarterly-reports-on-testing-programme>.

**Your rights**

- 7. If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original request and should be addressed to: Philip Bunt, Director of Business Services, UK Anti-Doping, Fleetbank House, 2-6 Salisbury Square, London EC4Y 8AE. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any further communications.

8. If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:  
Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely,



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