F-2013-00262 - Request for updated data used for a news article about discarded embryos

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Summary of request

The Authority was asked to provide data used for a Daily Mail article published on 31 December 2012, and that the data be updated.

To see the article concerned, please select the following link:

• Daily Mail article published on 31 December 2012(PDF 70KB)

HFEA response

While it is impossible for the HFEA to know for sure the data used as the basis for this article, it appear likely that it was this data as published in Hansard on 08 January 2013 (Column WA 26). This can be found at the following address:

http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201213/ldhansrd/text/130108w0001.htm#130108540 01758

Please see the table below for the updated version of this data. The data extract includes data from 1991 until 30 June 2012. Please note that any data released by the HFEA is subject to change in the future as the fertility sector submit updated data and as the HFEA continues in improving the quality of its database.

	Embryos frozen			Embryos discarded		Embryos implanted	
Embryos created	Embryos stored for the patients' use	Embryos stored for donation	Embryos stored for research	Embryos reported on the Treatment form as discarded	Embryos reported on the Gamete Movement form as being removed from storage and discarded	Embryos transferred	Gestational sacs observed
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