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Dear Chris Pook

OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

I refer to your email of 9 April 2013 requesting information relating to amounts of neonicotinoid pesticides that have been imported into New Zealand over the last ten years, broken down into application type.

This is to advise that the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) does not collect this information. MPI would only collect such information in relation to the risk areas managed under the Agricultural Compounds and Veterinary Medicines Act. There are few instances where we would currently collect such information. The one area where we collect this information is antibiotic sales of veterinary medicines for the specific purpose of managing antibiotic resistance.

The only other government department which routinely collects information on imported goods is the New Zealand Customs Service. However, the information they collect may not be sufficiently detailed on types of pesticides being imported.

Your request for this information is therefore refused under Section 18(e) of the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), as the information does not exist.

You have the right under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of our decision to refuse your request. A request must be made in writing to:

The Ombudsman
Office of the Ombudsmen
PO Box 10 152
WELLINGTON

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Debbie Morris'.

Debbie Morris
Director – Systems Support & ACVM