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Dear [REDACTED]

PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information about the importation of bumble bees which we received on 10 July 2017. Your request has been handled under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

The information you requested and our response is detailed below:

“Do you have access to comparable statistics for the importation of bumble bees. I have figures for Queen Honey Bees or Honey Bee nucleus colonies imported from the EU into England, Scotland and Wales (NBU) see attachment”

Clarification was sought and received on 10 July 2017

“Approximate numbers of the imported bumble bees from 2013 would be great”

Bumble bee imports 2013 to 7 July 2017

Year	Total Consignments	Total Quantity	Total Packages
2013	346	1234	800
2014	258	-	-
2015	229	48690	15150
2016	259	250341	19942
2017 (to 07/07/2017)	192	51097	11692

APHA only have consignment numbers for 2014, and not the quantity imported. The data comes with the caveat that the ‘Total Quantity’ and ‘Total Packages’ columns are a direct transcription from the Trade Control and Expert System (TRACES) import certificates which can be very objective dependant on which member states is completing it; for example, some will refer to individual bees in a package and others will simply quote the number of packages.

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Yours sincerely

ACCESS TO INFORMATION TEAM

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Annex

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