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{By Email}

Our Ref: ATIC1072

3 May 2017

Dear [Redacted]

PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information about lion trophies which we received on 11 April 2017. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The information you requested and our response is detailed below:

“I would like, under the Freedom of Information Act, to request a copy of all correspondents related to the import of Lion Trophies to the UK between January 2015 and March 2017.

Specifically, I would like to know

- What trophies were imported
The information for 2015 is available on GOV.UK via the following link:
https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/555390/ATIC0932.pdf
As the information is reasonably accessible to you by other means, it is exempt from disclosure under section 21 FOIA.

Please see below the number of import permits, in relation to hunting trophies for lions – “*Panthera leo*”, brought into the United Kingdom, and what they consisted of, for 2016 and 1 January to 31 March 2017:

Year	Number of import permits	What they consisted of
2016	5 – all ‘Returned used’ *	2 trophies consisting of a pedestal mount backskin, skull and tail 1 skin and full cape 1 skull 1 skin

1 January to 31 March 2017	0	N/A
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*‘Returned used’ is confirmed imports.

- When they were imported
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Please see the table above for the years these imports took place for the remaining period in your request.

- Where they were imported from
In 2015 the countries of export were Tanzania and South Africa.

In 2016 the countries of export were Tanzania and South Africa.
- Who imported them.”
Information on who imported the lion trophies and the correspondence in relation to these imports are withheld under Section 40(2) read in conjunction with 40(3)(a)(i) of the Freedom of Information Act (2000).

Section 40

Some of the information contained within the requested documents has been withheld under section 40(2) read in conjunction with 40(3)(a)(i) (third party personal data) of the FOIA as the information constitutes personal data relating to a third party. Section 40(2) read in conjunction with 40(3)(a)(i) of the FOIA provides that personal data relating to third parties is exempt information if disclosure would breach the Data Protection Act 1998 (DPA). This is an absolute exemption and does not require a Public Interest Test.

APHA consider that disclosure of this information is likely to breach the first data protection principle in Schedule 1 of the DPA, which relates to the fair and lawful processing of personal data, in two ways. First, disclosure would not constitute ‘fair’ processing of the personal data, second, disclosure would not satisfy any of the conditions for data processing set out in Schedule 2 to the DPA. Therefore, we have concluded that this information is exempt from disclosure under section 40(2) of the FOIA.

Information disclosed in response to this FOI request is releasable to the public. In keeping with the spirit and effect of the FOIA and the government’s Transparency

Agenda, this letter and the information disclosed to you may be placed on GOV.UK, together with any related information that will provide a key to its wider context. No information identifying you will be placed on the GOV.UK website.

I attach an Annex which explains the copyright that applies to the information being released to you and contact details should you be unhappy with the service you have received.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact the Access to Information Team at the email address below or postal address at the top of this letter.

Yours sincerely

ACCESS TO INFORMATION TEAM

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Annex

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