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Dear Chris Pook

OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

I refer to your official information request of 5 March 2013, which requested information as to the amount of neonicotinoid insecticide that is used annually in New Zealand. Your request covered the following points:

- Information on what amounts of Acetamiprid, Clothianidin, Dinotefuran, Imidacloprid, Nitenpyram, Thiacloprid, and Thiamethoxam are used annually in New Zealand;
- amounts for the last ten years in units of mass or volume as well as the concentration of the active ingredient; and
- if this information was not available, then you wished to know how these insecticides are licensed for import and what import licenses have been awarded in the last ten years and for how much of each of the seven insecticides listed above.

The regulatory oversight of neonicotinoid based pesticides is managed by both the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) under the Agricultural Compounds and Veterinary Medicines (ACVM) Act and the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) under the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms (HSNO) Act. Each Act manages different risk areas with the HSNO Act managing occupational health and safety and environmental impacts (including eco-toxicity e.g. bee toxicity). The ACVM Act manages trade, animal welfare and agricultural security and residues in food crops.

The EPA places controls on pesticides to minimise bee toxicity issues from the use of pesticides.

In addition to the above, regional councils under the Resource Management Act can set rules on the use of pesticides under regional air quality plans.

Neither MPI nor EPA collects information on amount of neonicotinoid used in New Zealand, or the frequency of use.

Information on the registration process of pesticides including imported products can be found at <http://www.foodsafety.govt.nz/industry/acvm/about/> and the public register for veterinary medicines, agricultural chemicals, and vertebrate toxic agents can be found at <https://eatsafe.nzfsa.govt.nz/web/public/acvm-register>.

Thank you again for your request.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Julie Collins', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Julie Collins
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