



Oliver Milman

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Dear Mr Milman

I refer to your request, received by the department on 12 June 2013, for access under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (FOI Act) to:

*"Information about the amount of palm oil, in tonnes, imported into Australia in the last five years"*.

There will be no charge for processing your request.

#### **Decision on access to documents**

I am authorised to make decisions under the FOI Act and my decision is set out below.

The department has in its possession two documents that fall within the scope of your request. I have decided that both documents are appropriate for release.

The Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics and Sciences (ABARES), a research bureau within the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, published import volumes for palm oil (in kilotonnes) for 2004-05 to 2011-12 at table 169, page 173, in the publication *Agricultural Commodity Statistics 2012*. This data was sourced from the Australian Bureau of Statistics. You are able to download a copy of the publication here:

[http://www.daff.gov.au/abares/publications\\_remote\\_content/publication\\_series/australian\\_commodity\\_statistics](http://www.daff.gov.au/abares/publications_remote_content/publication_series/australian_commodity_statistics).

ABARES has created a table for you, providing a further breakdown of palm oil import, in tonnes. It is available here: [http://adl.brs.gov.au/anrdl/metadata\\_files/pf\\_agcomd9abac\\_20130701\\_11a.xml](http://adl.brs.gov.au/anrdl/metadata_files/pf_agcomd9abac_20130701_11a.xml).

#### **Additional information regarding availability of commodity statistics**

ABARES produces a range of tools, models, data and metadata to help agricultural, fisheries and forestry industries make decisions with tools available through its website at <http://www.daff.gov.au/abares/data>.

Requests for agricultural statistical information not already available online at <http://www.daff.gov.au/abares/data> can be made by contacting ABARES via [info@daff.gov.au](mailto:info@daff.gov.au). A fee may be payable for processing requests.

#### **Publication of information in the FOI disclosure log**

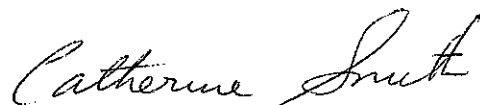
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this publication, subject to certain exceptions, including where publication of personal, business, professional or commercial information would be unreasonable.

Should you wish to discuss any issues arising from this letter then please contact the FOI section by telephone on 02 6272 3933 or email [foi@daff.gov.au](mailto:foi@daff.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Catherine Smith".

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