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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thu 02 May 2013 19:32
To: PS/Lord de Mauley (Secretariat)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Meeting with BBKA 21.05.13

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your help today. This is to confirm the meeting set for **15.00 Tuesday 21 May at Nobel House** with Lord de Mauley. I will be accompanied by [REDACTED] of the [REDACTED]. Please advise Lord De Mauley of the points below on which we would like to focus in our discussions.

In addition to us giving a brief update on the broader issues affecting bees and beekeepers, we are keen to review with you the implications of the proposed restrictions on the use of neonicotinoids with reference to honey bees. We would like to learn the ramifications of, and how the restrictions will be imposed by the Commission together with your views on the changes in agricultural practices that may have to ensue, particularly with regard to the pesticides that farmers will still be able to use. We have asked repeatedly that a full impact assessment of the restrictions be carried-out and would like to know the Department's position on this.

We imagine that with the restrictions in place, it may not be possible to carry-out the field-based investigations of the impact of neonicotinoids that have been called for and look for your views on this.

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We would be very grateful to receive any information which you are able to share with us on the Commission's decision as and when available.

Kind regards

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