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Dear Andrew Frazer

OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

I refer to your official information request on 10 January 2020 relating to data on the number and locations of beehives registered in New Zealand.

You specifically requested:


1. *Does the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) hold data on the numbers and locations of beehives that are registered in New Zealand?*
2. *If the Information contains identifying information which may disclose personal information, meaning it can't be released, can the information be provided in a summary format.*

MPI does not hold specific information regarding hive ownership records or any register of individual hives, other than information on the export registration process (which is publically available on the MPI website: <https://www.mpi.govt.nz/growing-and-harvesting/honey-and-bees/>). Your request is therefore refused pursuant to section 18(e) of the Official Information Act 1982 as a document containing the information requested does not exist.

Beekeeper Hive registrations are conducted through the Management Agency National American Foulbrood Pest Management Plan. I encourage you to contact this agency directly as they may hold the information you require. Their website can be accessed through the following link: afb.org.nz/

You have the right under section 28(3) of the OIA to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this response.

Yours sincerely



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