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Dear Ben Arcand

**OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST**

I refer to your official information request on 23 October 2016 relating to the annual number of registered apiaries in New Zealand.

The numbers of registered beekeepers, apiaries and hives is reported on publicly as a part of the American Foulbrood Pest Management Plan (AFB PMP). Therefore, your request is refused under section 18(d) of the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) as the information is publicly available.

The most recent report, covering 2003 to present, can be found at <http://www.afb.org.nz/Websites/nzafb/images/Report%20to%202016%20Apiculture%20Annual%20General%20Meeting.pdf>. There is also an AFB PMP report for 1999 to 2003. Prior to the AFB PMP, records were published in the beekeeper magazine.

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Allan Kinsella'.

Allan Kinsella  
Director Systems Audit, Assurance and Monitoring