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Request: OIA-1308

Original LGOIMA Request:

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1. According to the Waitaki District Council bylaws, keeping beehives in an urban area requires a permit. How many people have applied for a permit to keep bees in the last 5 years? Please break this down by year.
2. How many people have been approved a permit to keep bees in an urban area in the last 5 years. Please break this down by year.
3. How many beehives are in urban areas currently?
4. If bees are a threat or a nuisance, the council has the ability to remove or relocate beehives. How many beehives have been removed or relocated in the last 5 years? Please break this down by year.
5. What happens to the beehive if it is removed?

Official LGOIMA Response:

Council Officers have reviewed your request and have compiled the below answers in red.

1. According to the Waitaki District Council bylaws, keeping beehives in an urban area requires a permit. How many people have applied for a permit to keep bees in the last 5 years? Please break this down by year.
Zero for all five years
2. How many people have been approved a permit to keep bees in an urban area in the last 5 years. Please break this down by year.
See #1
3. How many beehives are in urban areas currently?
Unknown
4. If bees are a threat or a nuisance, the council has the ability to remove or relocate beehives. How many beehives have been removed or relocated in the last 5 years? Please break this down by year.
Refer to #1
5. What happens to the beehive if it is removed?
We would work with the owner to find a suitable location.