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American Foulbrood National Pest Management Plan

Governance Report Apiculture New Zealand (Inc)

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Highlights Report

1. 2024/25 levy and Budget Consultation

The Management Agency undertook consultation with beekeepers on a proposal for the American Foulbrood Beekeeper Levy for 2024/25 levy to remain the same at \$40 per beekeeper, with an increase of 25 cents from \$1.70 per colony to \$1.95 per colony.

The consultation was run from the 06 October 2023 and consultation closed on 20 October 2023. (<https://afb.org.nz/levy-consultation/>).

A total of 74 submissions were received: 70 of these were completed on SurveyMonkey, either online or by post. 30 submitters were in favour of the proposed levy rates and 30 were against. Two emails and two written submissions were also received.

All submissions have been analysed and considered by the Management Agency Board, who have decided to progress with the proposed levy rates.

The Management Agency will notify the 2024/25 rate of levy in December 2023 on the website and through emails.

2. Annual report 2022/23

The 2022/23 Annual report was prepared and delivered to the Minister of Biosecurity on 30 October 2023. A copy of the Annual report can be found here: <https://afb.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/AFB-22-23-Annual-Report.pdf>

3. Certificates of Inspection (COI)

A total of 4,301 non-DECA holders were informed of the requirement to complete a Certificate of Inspection on 9 August 2023. As of 31 October 2023, 570 Certificates of Inspection had been completed, up from the 470 COIs completed in the same period the year before.

COI reminders (email, SMS) were sent on 4 September, 5 October, and 19 October. Weekly email reminders will continue to be sent out during November.

Management Agency 2023/24 Activity Report	Jun-23	Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23	Oct-23	Nov-23	Dec-23	Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24	Apr-24	May-24	Total
# HiveHub portal logins	1,793	2,206	2,682	3,631	8,312								18,624
# 0800 AFB PMP phone calls	520	706	458	269	310								2,263
Outgoing	160	350	212	101	139								962
Incoming	360	356	246	168	171								1,301
# Help and support cases opened	966	391	384	474	924								3,139
# Help and support cases closed	953	382	348	433	798								2,914
Apiary Coordinators	628	211	11	340	697								1,887
Administrator	294	155	74	3	3								529
Operations Managers	29	16	17	30	25								117
General Manager	2	0	0	0	0								2
# New Beekeeper Registrations	13	8	25	51	76								173
# Beekeepers Deregistered	235	128	97	91	118								669
# BK Employees granted HiveHub access	3	4	4	7	3								21
# New Apiary Registrations	183	123	217	264	806								1,593
# Apiary Deregistrations	623	541	477	360	520								2,521
# Colony Returns Completed	1,102	42	0	0	0								1,144
# ADRs Completed	1,268	177	12	4	2								1,463
#COIs completed	3	1	32	157	377								570
# Training Course Participants	63	58	100	62	86								369
# Class-Room Full Course + Test Participants	12	16	36	18	37								119
# Online Full Course +Test Participants	12	11	19	13	13								68
# Class-Room AFB Refresher Participants	8	12	26	20	27								93
# Online AFB AFB Refresher Participants	31	19	19	11	9								89
# DECAs Approved	23	26	92	54	60								255
#Hobbyist	19	20	83	44	59								225
#Commercial	4	6	9	10	1								30
# AFB Notifications Reviewed	132	103	239	289	282								1,045
Northern Region	61	74	120	142	150								547
Southern Region	71	29	119	145	132								496
# Apiaries Inspected	321	74	298	394	416								1,503
# Surveillance	153	39	285	339	378								1,194
# Unregistered Apiary	22	2	19	10	19								72
# Default COI	119	29	9	0	2								159
# High Risk Beekeeper	18	1	18	22	15								74
# Monitoring Compliance with s122 Notice	0	1	0	0	0								1
# s128 Action on Default	9	2	1	0	2								14
# S119	0	0	2	2	0								4
#S25 Beehives posing Risk			4	21	0								25

Key Statistics as of 6 November 2023

Registered beekeepers	9,103
Registered apiaries	56,510
Colonies on registered apiaries	587,208
2023 ADRs submitted by 1 June	8,359 (87.7%), compared to 71.7% the previous year
Total 2023 ADRs submitted (including late submissions after 1 June 2023)	8,554
# Registered Beekeepers with DECA	5,052 (55.5%)

The beekeeping industry is continuing to contract. From November 2022 until November 2023:

- The number of registered beekeepers declined from 9,902 to 9,103.
- The number of registered apiaries declined from 60,932 to 56,510.
- The number of colonies on registered apiaries decreased from 718, 587 to 587,208.

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