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Dear [REDACTED]

PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information about beehives in Cornwall in 2015 which we received on 17 April 2018. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

The information you requested and our response is detailed below:

'How many honey bee hives/colonies were registered with Bee Base in Cornwall in 2015 and what is your estimate for the additional number of unregistered hives'

As at 31 December 2015 we had one thousand and forty one (1,041) bee keepers registered with five thousand five hundred and thirty eight (5,538) colonies.

N.B. We do not have an estimate of how many unregistered colonies there may be.

The information above was taken from BeeBase which is the APHA National Bee Unit website. It is designed for bee keepers and supports Defra, Welsh Government and Scotland's Bee Health Programmes and the Healthy Bees Plan, which sets out to protect and sustain our valuable national bee stocks.

When referencing 'bee population numbers', we are specifically referring to 'registered' honey bee colonies.

When referencing 'bee keeper numbers', we are specifically referring to 'registered' honey bee keepers.

BeeBase is a voluntary registration system, the data is only representative of those bee keepers and colonies registered and the information is dependent upon bee keepers updating their records.

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Yours sincerely

ACCESS TO INFORMATION TEAM

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