

Question on Notice

No. 1442

Asked on 30 November 2022

MR M BOOTHMAN asked the Minister for Agricultural Industry Development and Fisheries and Minister for Rural Communities (HON M FURNER)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise, in table format (reported separately Gold Coast suburb and year) since 2015 (a) how many beehives are registered and (b) number of registered beekeepers?

ANSWER:

I am advised the information requested is held within the biosecurity register and released in line with the *Biosecurity Act 2014*. Information is provided at the Local Government Area level only in **Table 1** below.

Table 1 Total numbers of registered beekeepers and hives in the Gold Coast City Local Government Area from July 2016 to Dec 2022

Year	Total Number Registered Beekeepers	Total Number Registered Beekeeper Hives
2016	107	231
2017	283	1934
2018	402	2823
2019	435	2964
2020	566	5423
2021	691	5907
2022	753	6142

It is important to note that:

- information is based on the registrable biosecurity entity address which may not reflect the actual location of beekeepers and/or hives
- the term of registration is three years
- information prior to July 2016 is not easily accessible as it is in an older database.