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3rd December, 1973.

Mr. Bruce Barclay M.P.
Parliamentary Undersecretary to Minister of Agriculture
& Fisheries,
Parliament Buildings,
WELLINGTON.

Dear Sir,

Further to previous correspondence and in response to your request made at the National Beekeepers Association Conference for a meeting between ourselves and the President of the N.B.A., this is to confirm that Mr. Ivan Dickinson and myself will be present in your Office at 11 a.m. on Monday 10th December, 1973.

I enclose herewith some extracts from the Authority's Accounts for the year ended 31/8/73, and also some comparative figures (on page 4) for the years ended 31/8/71 and 31/8/72.

In the past the Authority has put relatively modest amounts to reserves and paid to producers as much as possible, although it must be conceded that over the years these modest amounts have built up to a satisfactory figure in relation to the size of the industry and the turnover of the Authority.

The net increase in current assets in the 1973 year of \$531,055 (page 1) represents a huge increase for the size of the Industry, and in the eyes of suppliers to the Authority it represents funds earned by their honey and denied to them.

Should the current year's operations be as successful as last year then the amount available for appropriation could prove to be an embarrassment to the Authority should it be restricted by Government to a low payout, while at the same time losing the support of the beekeepers due to their inability to receive market returns for their product. The history of the Authority has been that its payout reflected market returns, with, in years of poor prices, no direct assistance from Government similar to the assistance other sections of primary production have had, e.g. Suspensory loans, sheep retent scheme, wool incomes frozen in producers names, voluntary income freeze, Government contribution to Wool promotion to name a few.