



COVID-19 Response Weekly Report

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1. Status Summary

Key		
Symbol	Colour	Meaning
	Green	On track, no roadblocks, no significant delays anticipated
	Amber	Slow progression, some delays, some roadblocks present
	Red	Not progressing, on hold, significant delays

Focus Area	Sub-Focus Area	Last Week	→ This Week	Agency Responsible	Agency Comment on Status
Vaccine and Immunisation Programme	Purchasing and approvals			MoH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional agreement with Pfizer for 8.5 million doses announced on Monday 8 March Discussions underway regarding Pacific permissions and indemnities
	Population definition and sequencing			MoH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sequencing framework agreed at Cabinet on Monday 8 March. Public facing communications materials expected in the next week
	Distribution and inventory management			MoH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fourth drop of Pfizer received and ready for distribution as needed We continue to run dry run distribution tests for new DHBs and sites as they come online Programme focus on developing processes and technology to scale to more sites
	Health workforce			MoH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training is live and learning packages are being sent to vaccinators and administrators As at 8 March (end of day), 933 vaccinators have completed vaccine training
	Provider engagement			MoH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Daily engagement with DHBs, with regional 'account managers' in place to work through DHB service delivery and logistics plans for vaccinations Engaging with DHBs on service delivery models for Tiers 2 and 3 and general population
	Registration, appointment and immunisation			MoH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> COVID-19 Immunisation Register (CIR) went live as of 7am 16 February 2021 and is working well Next updates to CIR expected evening of 9 March to enable GP notifications, features to support planning for distribution and additional fields for medical events
	Post event			MoH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work continues for long-term pharmacovigilance solution uplift as programme scales
Elimination Strategy	Keep it out			MoH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Workforce is under significant pressure. Discussions ongoing with DHB CEs Constant review required across border settings, as global context continues to evolve Independent reviews concluding regarding any additional measures that could be put in place Air and Maritime Border Orders being updated
	Prepare for it			MoH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No barriers anticipated Review of Surveillance Strategy Underway
	Stamp it out			MoH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No barriers anticipated Initial advice on Alert Levels and increasing QR Code scanning provided
	Manage the impact			MoH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No barriers anticipated to broader programme Risks related to vaccine program outlined above

Focus Area	Sub-Focus Area	Last Week	This Week	Agency Responsible	Agency Comment on Status
MIQ Workforce	Administering vaccinations to MIQ frontline staff	●	●	MBIE MIQ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The vaccination of the MIQ workforce continues to progress as expected There remain a large number of vaccination records not linked to an employer which means we are unable to determine the actual uptake across the MIQ workforce. We continue to work with MoH to help identify and link these people so we can ensure any remaining people are provided with the opportunity to book in More information is included in the report
	MIQ security personnel transition to MBIE security workforce	●	●	MBIE MIQ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transition to an MBIE security workforce continues against plan Dependency on other streams of work can impact the status (e.g. Rostering and Payroll solution and Union discussions). Prerequisite activities need to land in order to move towards green
	Hotels moving towards living wage	●	●	MBIE MIQ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 14 facilities are paying the living wage with 3 looking to introduce it Of note, some hotel providers have indicated they will be seeking a rate increase in order to pay the living wage. Linked to renewing contracts. Discussions underway on how we can get this introduced
Operations	Capacity	●	●	MBIE MIQ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As at 9 March, we are projecting a peak usage of 4,305 rooms for the fortnight. Last Thursday and Friday a voucher release took place for approximately 100 additional rooms in Mar 2021. The demand on the MIAS site was overwhelming with 100,000 user sessions between midnight Thursday and midnight Friday. This was double the previous peak demand June and July 2021 spaces will be progressively released throughout this week to cover global time-zones and ensure users have multiple opportunities to access vouchers There is ongoing difficulty in synchronising flights between Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch. Management of this is ongoing
	Reducing Transmission Risk - Pullman hotel	●	●	MBIE MIQ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Now that the Pullman is empty, work has commenced on the remedial action The work has been split into three phases, with a review following the completion of phase one. We are exploring a possible option to partially fill the facility before all of the work has been completed
	Install enhanced security technologies	●	●	MBIE MIQ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 23 of 32 sites are complete (representing 64% of room capacity) and installation at all remaining sites are in-flight (2 additional sites expected to be complete this week) There may be issues with sourcing equipment from overseas. The risk is being managed by our vendor, s9(2)(b)(ii) Remaining installations are on track to be complete mid-Mar 2021
	Renewing contracts	●	●	MBIE MIQ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Formal contract discussions for the next renewal period (1st May 2021 – April 2022) are continuing this week. We are expecting to have met with all 32 hotel providers by end of this week.

Focus	Sub-Focus Area	Last Week	This Week	Agency Responsible	Agency Comment on Status
Large Group Arrivals	Olympians/Paralympians	●	●	MBIE MIQ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sport NZ is seeking confirmation of allocation for players going offshore for qualifiers and the team returning from the Games. They may also seek training while in MIQ, which cannot be confirmed until closer to arrival Groups will return from the Games from late July through to early Sept 2021. In addition, groups will be returning from qualifiers in the lead up to the Games from April until June 2021 The request for manual allocation is scheduled to be considered at the next Border Exceptions Ministerial Group meeting on 17 Mar 2021
	RSE workers	●	●	MBIE MIQ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The last group arrived on 6 Mar 2021 and is scheduled to exit MIQ on 20 Mar 2021
Safe Travel Zones	Cook Islands travel bubble (two way)	●	●	MFAT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> s7(b)(ii) This aspect has been taken up in a draft Cabinet paper provided to you this week
	Niue travel bubble	●	●	MFAT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On March 10, the Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee agreed to commence one-way QFT to New Zealand from Niue from Friday 19 March 2021. Officials will provide you with an Air Border Order exemption notice for signing on 11 March 2021 s7(b)(ii)
	Trans Tasman travel bubble	●	●	MFAT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> s6(a) Officials held preliminary talks with Australian officials last week about the role and composition of the Joint Committee. Officials propose to work towards finalising a flexible Arrangement with Australia to allow each side to decide its own responses to outbreaks in the bubble. s6(a) Officials will update Cabinet on progress on the Arrangement and the possibility of a unilateral approach in early April 2021. These aspects have been taken up in a draft Cabinet paper provided to you this week.

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2. Ministry of Health Weekly Report



2.1 Items to Note/Updates

2.1.1 Intensive Care Unit COVID-19 Clinical Working Group

This item informs you that the Ministry of Health is reconvening an Intensive Care Unit (ICU) COVID-19 Clinical Working Group (the working group) to finalise and seek sector agreement on a tool that was developed during 2020 for the prioritisation of ICU resources in COVID-19 pandemic overflow conditions.

Composition of the working group will reflect the Ministry of Health's obligation to honour Te Tiriti o Waitangi partnership principles as well as multidisciplinary clinical expertise. It is intended that a New Zealand national guideline/tool be provided for equitable ICU prioritisation that provides consistency of practice across the country, while taking into account local circumstances.

The working group will be initially split into two streams, one clinical, and one on the social determinants of health, and how to operationalise equity principles alongside the clinical prioritisation criteria that are already in use.

Next steps

Invitations to nominate members to the working group will be sent to stakeholder groups. Stream 1 (ethics and equity) will meet on 16 April 2021 and 21 May 2021. Stream 2 (clinical) will meet on 14 May and 28 May 2021. Following these meetings, the working group will convene together to finalise the guideline/tool.

2.1.2 Publication of Fortnightly COVID-19 Disease Indicator Summary Reports

The Ministry of Health intends to release two fortnightly COVID-19 disease indicator summary reports (indicator reports) on the Ministry's website covering the period from 29 January 2021 to 25 February 2021.

These reports were developed based on the recommendations in the Rapid Audit of Contact Tracing for COVID-19 in New Zealand and provide an end-to-end view of the public health response to COVID-19 for cases and close contacts.

We have received feedback from the offices of Hon Chris Hipkins and Hon Dr Ayesha Verrall, which has been incorporated into the reports.

The key points of interest for these reports are:

29 January to 11 February 2021

- This reporting period involves one community case who was isolating as a close contact at the time of notification. As a result, this case has no associated close contacts and some indicator metrics have no data available.
- The community level indicator C001- Time from first symptom to test sample taken for positive cases is below target for this period, however this does not accurately reflect the performance of the system because the time between the symptom onset date and test sample taken date for the positive result for the case was five days. The case was tested as a close contact on days 1 and 3 after becoming symptomatic and returned a negative result for each test. They were tested again on day 5, and at this point returned a positive result.

- There were 27 cases in managed isolation and quarantine facilities (MIQF) during this period.

12 February 2021 to 25 February 2021

- This reporting period includes 11 community cases (cases A – J) related to the February 2021 South Auckland cluster and associated close contacts.
- Indicators S001 – Time from exposure to contact isolation/ quarantine, S002 – Time from case first symptom to contact isolation / quarantine, and C001 – Time from first symptom to test sample taken for positive cases are low due to the delayed identification of initial cases following symptom onset.
- The key contact tracing indicator of 80 percent of close contacts to be in isolation or quarantine within 48 hours of case notification to a public health unit is at 87 percent for this period.
- There were 32 cases in MIQF during this period.

Next steps

The report will be released on the Ministry of Health's website in the week commencing 15 March 2021.

2.2 Policy/Programme Updates

2.2.1 COVID-19 Vaccine and Immunisation Programme

Phase 1 vaccine rollout

As at 10 March 2021, 17,973 people have received their first dose of the vaccine. Of those vaccinated, ten percent are Māori, ten percent are Pacific, and 22 percent are Asian. Vaccinations took place over a total of 44 sites across Northern, Midland, Central and Southern DHBs since the start of the vaccine and immunisation programme.

In the week commencing 6 March 2021 there will be an effort to increase vaccination capacity in South Auckland to vaccinate household contacts of border workers and healthcare workers more quickly. There has been considerable Māori and Pacific engagement in the design of this project to ensure it is accessible and encourages wide uptake.

COVID-19 vaccination and immunisation programme team

An Operations Centre is now up and running to manage the Phase 1 vaccine rollout. This week, the design and build side of the programme is continuing to work on the design of vaccination events and building the required technology systems for the wider population rollout.

Purchase of additional Pfizer vaccine doses

An additional agreement was signed with Pfizer last week for 8.5 million additional doses of the vaccine. These doses are expected for delivery in Quarters 3 and 4 this year and will make the Pfizer vaccine the main vaccine used in New Zealand's immunisation programme.

Provision of vaccines to Polynesia

Associate Minister of Health Hon Aupito William Sio and the Ministry of Health engaged in discussions with Polynesian partners last week. Individual country planning is now underway and will be detailed in a Cabinet paper later this month.

Equity

Work is underway on the Disability Strategy and a framework for supported decision-making and informed consent.

Next steps

We will provide you with a further update in the next Weekly Report.

2.3 Technical Advisory Group: Update

COVID-19 Vaccine Technical Advisory Group meeting

The key items that were discussed at the COVID-19 Vaccine Technical Advisory Group (CV TAG) meeting on 2 March 2021 were:

- vaccination during pregnancy
- vaccine deployment during an outbreak
- concomitant delivery of COVID-19 vaccine and other vaccinations, such as tetanus or influenza
- observation time after vaccination
- vaccination of children.

CV-TAG made the following recommendations:

1. Concomitant delivery of COVID-19 vaccine and other vaccinations: CV TAG recommended amending current advice of waiting two weeks between vaccinations as this may be resulting in unnecessary delays in vaccination. They are proposing softening the wording so that vaccinators know that concomitant delivery is acceptable.

The proposed wording is as follows:

- If it is not practicable to keep a two-week gap between vaccines, then do not delay.
 - If a live vaccine has been administered, wait a month before giving a COVID-19 vaccine but if not practicable, then do not delay.
 - If a COVID-19 vaccine is administered first, then maintain a two-week gap before any other vaccines.
2. Observation time after vaccination: Currently, the CV TAG recommends 30 minutes observation time for everyone, but this is difficult to implement and causing delays. CV TAG recommends changing the observation time to 20 minutes, to be in line with other New Zealand vaccinations, and 30 minutes for rural areas and people with a history of allergic reactions.

Technical Advisory Group meeting

The key item that was discussed at the TAG meeting on 5 March 2021 was Alert Level options.

2.4 Recent Communications Issues and Activities

As at 8 March 2021

Date	Activity	Lead agency	Comms material	Ministerial involvement
6 Mar 21	Section 70 notice published	Health	Update to Ministry website https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-response-planning/covid-19-epidemic-notice-and-orders	No
15 Mar 21	Pullman hotel/MIQF reopening	Joint Health and MBIE	Communications plan in development, including draft statement for Minister's office TAG will meet on 10 March 2021 to determine next steps	Yes

3. Managed Isolation and Quarantine Weekly Report



3.1 Top Items to Note

3.1.1 Vaccinations update

- MIQ RIQ Leads continue to work closely with DHBs on logistics as the rollout progresses to ensure our workforce are receiving booking invites and are available to attend.
- We are running two webinars for our workforce this week to encourage uptake by providing the opportunity for staff to get more information and ask questions.
- Data and reporting challenges are currently preventing a large number of vaccinating records being linked to an employer, so it is challenging to understand where uptake is low across the system – we are working with Ministry of Health to get the records linked so we are able to identify our workforce uptake.
- The round of 2nd doses will begin next week. Ministry of Health has the lead on this.
- Stakeholder engagement is occurring as needed (e.g. unions and hotels).

3.1.2 Unaccompanied minors in MIQ

- There has been recent interest by the Ombudsman's Office and the Office of the Children's Commission about children staying in Managed Isolation and Quarantine facilities (MIQFs).
- On 7 Mar 2021, The Children's Commission released the report "Children's Rights in the COVID-19 Response", which covered, inter alia, how children's rights are being upheld and monitored in MIQFs. In addition, The Ombudsman carried out a follow up "visit" (via zoom) of the s9(2)(c) on 3 Mar 2021. The s9(2)(c) is where unaccompanied minors returning to New Zealand are predominantly located. This was further to a physical visit to the s9(2) in Dec 2020.
- We are working closely with the both the Children's Commission and Ombudsman's Office on children in MIQFs. In advance of any recommendations from the Ombudsman's Office, MIQ continues to develop a programme of work to ensure that MIQ meets its obligations under the MBIE Child Protection Policy, and the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, including the development a Welcome Pack for children, further enhancing children's access to education and IPC approved play resources as well as exercise areas.
- MIQ is also streamlining the process where legal guardians or approved caregivers are able to enter MIQFs to join an unaccompanied child or young person. In the situation where unaccompanied children are under 14 years, with no legal guardian or caregiver able to join them, we are working on strengthening this process and engaging with Oranga Tamariki.

3.1.3 MIQ Business Continuity Plan

- We are continuing to strengthen our business continuity planning based on a review by BECA of our critical operational functions, including MIQ Ops, RIQCCs, MIFs and support functions carried out by external organisations.
- Work has also begun on a Facility Outage Plan (FOP). The objective of the FOP is to enable re-allocation of returnees across regions at short notice.
- MIQ are included in the overall MBIE Incident Management Response.

3.1.4 MIQ Assessment

- The Chief Executive of the Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment has commissioned an assessment of the Managed Isolation and Quarantine (MIQ) facilities and operating model. The terms of reference have been shared with your office.
- The assessment is examining the end-to-end efficiency of the Operating Model, specifically the operational roles (cross agency) involved in the management of the facilities, front line, support and management functions.
- The assessment is currently being undertaken by two external reviewers (Murray Jack and Katherine Corich). A draft report for comment is expected this week.

3.1.5 Estimates production

- For Budget 2021, MBIE MIQ will be seeking your approval on the financial and non-financial details of MIQ related COVID-19 Response appropriations that will be published on Budget Day. These will be included in the Supplementary Estimates of Appropriation 2020/21 and the Estimates of Appropriation 2021/22.
- Timelines for the work are yet to be confirmed by Treasury, but MBIE is working on presumption that Budget Day will be, at the earliest, 20 May 2021. On that basis a briefing on the Estimates will be provided to you for approval and submission to the Minister of Finance in approximately the week of 12 Apr 2021.
- Following Budget Day, the Estimates Examination Hearings will be undertaken for various portfolio Ministers. MBIE will be in touch with your office about the preparations for this process – this will involve around 150 written questions for response and your appearance at a Select Committee in Jun 2021.

3.2 Policy Update

3.2.1 Extending MBIE funding for Air New Zealand aircrew self-isolation

- On 3 Feb 2021, we provided you, the Prime Minister and the Minister of Finance with advice on the funding arrangement for the self-isolation of Air New Zealand aircrew [briefing 2021-2009 refers], following your 15 December 2020 request to Air New Zealand that its aircrew returning from higher-risk routes self-isolate in a hotel.
- We recommended that MIQ cover the cost of Air New Zealand's contract with the hotel as an interim measure until 14 Mar 2021, and noted that we would provide further advice at the end of February/early March on a longer-term arrangement (once the public health position on aircrew self-isolation was clearer). You agreed to this approach on 10 Mar 2021.
- As the current interim arrangement was due to end this week, MBIE has extended the funding of Air New Zealand's self-isolation hotel to no later than 30 Apr 2021. This will allow the Ministry of Health to complete its work on Air New Zealand's self-isolation settings and higher-risk travel routes, and for Ministers to agree to a long-term arrangement; or for MIQ to explore alternative options for funding and operating a facility for aircrew (e.g. an aircrew MIF with dedicated appropriation).
- s9(2)(b)(ii), s9(2)(ba)(i)



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3.3 Large Group Arrivals Update

Summary of approved group arrivals as at 9 Mar 2021

Group	Date of Arrival	Pax Numbers	Comments
RSE Workers	6 Mar 2021	2,000	The last group arrived from Vanuatu on 6 Mar 2021 and are scheduled to exit MIQ on 20 Mar 2021. A total of 2,012 of the initial 2,000 approved RSE workers have entered New Zealand as at 6 March. The total MIQ places utilised to facilitate entry of 2,012 workers was 2,025 MIAS vouchers issued. This total includes rooms unable to be re-allocated due to cancellation/no-show travellers on the day. The industry is still seeking additional allocation to make up for workers that did not travel at the last minute. A lessons learnt review will be completed once the final cohort has departed MIQ.
Cricket - Australian Women's	13 Mar 2021	29	Training exemption approved. Team scheduled to arrive 13 Mar 2021 via international charter flight direct into Christchurch.
Refugees quota re-start - Cohort 1B	16 - 20 Mar 2021	44	35 pax scheduled to arrive on 16 Mar 2021. An additional 9 pax are scheduled to arrive on 20 Mar 2021. Cohort to absorb additional 9 pax as emergency cases, accounting for delays from previous cohort.
Olympic Athletes	29 Mar - 25 Apr 2021	41	Returnees from Tokyo Olympic qualifying events. Various return dates.
Refugees quota re-start - Cohort 2	5 - 9 Apr 2021	70	Arrival and Cohort details to be confirmed.
Rocket Lab	Early May 2021	14	TBC
Refugees quota re-start - Cohort 3	24 - 28 May 2021	70	Arrival and Cohort details to be confirmed.

3.4 Upcoming Communications Issues and Activities

As at 8 Mar 2021

Date	Activity	Lead Agency	Comms Material	Ministerial Involvement Y/N
Mar 2021	Pullman report	MoH	Reactive information	N
Mar 2021	CDHB survey of MIF workers underway January – to be released nationally	Canterbury District Health Board		N
Late Mar 2021	Nuie travel to NZ – TBC	MoH	Reactive material	

Date	Activity	Lead Agency	Comms Material	Ministerial Involvement Y/N
Late Mar 2021	Cohort and room allocation changes - TBC	MIQ	TBC	
16 Feb – 20 May 2021	Refugees arrive in New Zealand (4 groups arriving)	MIQ	Bespoke group communication (i.e. welcome pack)	N
24 Feb – May 2021	Ruby Jones 'Thanks from Iso' exhibition to be displayed in Beehive (followed by CH, HAM & ROT)	MIQ	Proactive communications and engagement	TBC
25 Mar 2021	MIQ Fee increase implemented from 25 Mar 2021	MIQ/Ministry of Education	Proactive communications and engagement	N
1 Apr 2021	Emergency Allocation changes - TBC	MIQ	Proactive communications and engagement	N

3.5 Fees

3.5.1 Invoicing

- The table below shows the number of invoices issued up to 7 Mar 2021. These relate to people who arrived in managed isolation up to 21 Feb 2021, noting that invoices are issued after the two-week stay.
- Not all of those identified as 'potentially liable' will receive an invoice.
- The 'Invoices to be confirmed' column includes temporary visa holders and others who require further contact to confirm their liability. It also includes people who are in contact with us about waivers. These people will not be invoiced until their enquiry or application has been resolved.
- Invoices are due 90 days from the date on the invoice and are sent 'per room'.

	People potentially liable for charges	Rooms potentially needing invoice	Waivers approved	Invoices to be confirmed	Invoices sent	Paid #	Paid (\$NZD)	Unpaid 0 – 90 days	Overdue
Maritime	1,018	196	0	0	196	101	\$339,506	70	25
Aircrew	1,959	153	0	67	86	32	\$281,295	49	5
All other arrivals	26,597	20,243	2,590	8,857	8,796	3,387	\$11,114,582	4,483	926
Total	29,574	20,592	2,590	8,924	9,078	3,520	\$11,735,383	4,602	956

3.5.2 Waivers

- The table below breaks down the waiver application information between 11 Aug 2020 and 7 Mar 2021. The numbers below relate to all waiver applications; waivers can be applied for before, during and after an individual has stayed in managed isolation. The 'waivers approved' in the table above are a subset of the total waiver applications which have been approved; they relate to people who have left managed isolation and would otherwise have now been due to receive an invoice.

	Waiver applications received	In progress	Total completed	Total undue financial hardship applications	Total special circumstances applications	Approved waiver applications		Declined waiver applications	
						Financial Hardship	Special Circumstances	Financial Hardship	Special Circumstances
Total	4,545	101	4,444	528	3,916	72	3,471	456	445

3.6 Emergency Allocation Applications

- 2,811 applications have been processed since 30 Oct 2020.
- 232 applications were received in the week ending 7 Mar 2021 and 199 applications were processed.
- From the applications processed in the week ending 7 Mar 2021, 73% of the applications were approved.

Emergency Allocation Applications	Weekly Totals	Year to Date Totals
	1 Mar 2021 to 7 Mar 2021	30 Oct 2020 to 7 Mar 2021
Approved	145	1,450
Declined	54	1,361
Applications processed*	199	2,811

*This number does not reflect applications declined at triage stage, rather incomplete applications, or applications not submitted within 14 days of intended departure.

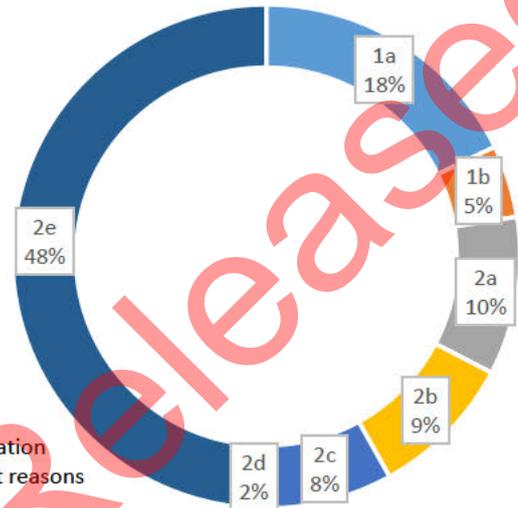
Total Rooms Approved	147
Rooms Allocated in MIAS	123
Cancelled by the applicant	0
Awaiting flight details or MIAS registrations from the applicants to complete the room allocation process	24

Approvals by Category

- The below chart represents the weekly breakdown of approvals by different categories within the emergency allocation process from 14 Dec 2020 to 7 Mar 2021.

Chart 1: 66% of Applications were approved under 2e and 1a

This pie chart represents the total breakdown of approvals by the different categories within emergency allocation from 14 December 2020 to 07 March 2021. MIQ can provide information relating to categories for the time period after 14 December, as this is when reliable data reporting became possible.



Emergency allocation categories:

- 1a - NZ citizen or resident with serious risk to health
- 1b - To provide care and protection to a child
- 2a - NZ citizen or resident to provide critical care for a dependant
- 2b - Critical worker for delivering a critical public or health service
- 2c - NZ citizen or resident unable to legally remain in their current location
- 2d - Travel required for National security, interest or law enforcement reasons
- 2e - NZ citizen or resident to visit a close relative who is dying

Chart2: Category 2e and 1a continue to be the most prevalent for applications and approvals.



3.7 Resolutions Update

- Data from the Complaints and Feedback Customer Management System for the week 2 Mar to 8 Mar 2021 is as follows:

Week	Received	Awaiting more information	Processing	Unassigned	Resolved
23 Feb 2021 – 1 Mar 2021					
Complaints	235	52	27	7	197
Improvements	1	0	0	0	1
Compliments	5	0	0	0	5
Total	241	52	27	7	203

- Average number of complaints received each week since the start of MIQ is 115. For the last 4 weeks the average is 156 per week.
- The oldest non ombudsman complaint in the system is from 25 Feb 2021 and all complaints outside of our 5 working day KPI are being actively worked on.
- This week we have received 235 new complaints and have resolved 197 complaints. 63% (148 out of 235) of these complaints were regarding MIAS/vouchers/special allocations. The complaints became increasingly aggressive after the issues with the MIAS system occurred on Friday.

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4. Border Executive Board Report



4.1 Key Issues Being Considered by the Executive Board

4.1.1 Border Executive Board Meeting

- The Border Executive Board will hold its regular meeting on 11 March 2021. Topics on the agenda include:
 - Vaccination of the border workforce
 - Reconnection with the world
 - Update on 2021 strategic approach to the “Keep it Out” pillar
 - Overview of work on the Travel Health Pass work programme which focuses on the role of traveller health certificates in facilitating travel in and out of New Zealand
 - Digital declarations – outlining a proposed scope, work package, resourcing, and governance approach to oversee and deliver a Digital Border.

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5. New Zealand Customs Service Weekly Report



5.1 Items to Note/Updates

5.1.1 Pre-Departure Testing

- For the period 1 Mar 2021 to 7 Mar 2021, one infringement and one warning were issued:
 - 2 Mar – Passenger warned as no date of birth or passport number on PDT Certificate.
 - 3 Mar – s9(2)(a) was issued an infringement as they had no evidence of PDT on arrival. Passenger did produce a document at passport control that was in a foreign script. A Customs officer translated the document presented which showed it had no relevance to PDT. The passenger then claimed to have no knowledge of PDT requirements. Enquiries have been undertaken with Air New Zealand to follow up on the check-in process for this passenger in s9(2)(a).

Passengers:

	Date	1 Mar	2 Mar	3 Mar	4 Mar	5 Mar	6 Mar	7 Mar	Week Total	%
	Total Passengers	315	644	275	372	290	538	434	2868	
	Passengers subject to PDT	261	282	118	269	205	238	271	1644	63.2%
Primary Actions (Passport Control)	Test Certificate Verified	250	254	109	241	174	222	246	1496	91%
	Exemption Verified	9	13	3	12	8	6	10	61	3.7%
	Referred to Secondary Area	2	15	6	16	23	10	15	87	5.3%
Secondary Area Actions	Compliant	2	14	5	16	23	10	15	85	97.7%
	Warned	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1.15%
	Infringement	0	0	1	0		0	0	1	1.15%
	Prosecution	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Crew:

	Date	1 Mar	2 Mar	3 Mar	4 Mar	5 Mar	6 Mar	7 Mar	Week Total	%
	Total Crew	97	134	114	151	99	115	75	785	
	Crew subject to PDT	38	84	40	56	43	61	23	345	44%
Primary Actions (Passport Control)	Test Certificate Verified	38	84	40	56	43	61	23	345	100%
	Exemption Verified	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Referred to Secondary Area	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Secondary Area Actions	Compliant	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Warned	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Infringement	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Prosecution	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

6. Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade



6.1 Vaccines

6.1.1 EU vaccine export restrictions

- The EU last week chose not to override the Italian Government's decision to block the export of 250,000 AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccines to Australia. The move will have limited practical impact given Australia plans to begin manufacturing the AstraZeneca vaccine locally this month. Nevertheless, while Australia's public response has to date been muted, we s6(a) Signs are that the export restriction will be extended until June. The restrictions have had no impact so far on New Zealand's supply of Pfizer, which is manufactured in Belgium, but officials continue to monitor the issue very closely.

6.1.2 Equitable access

- WTO Members continue to debate a proposed waiver of intellectual property (IP) rules in relation to COVID-19 vaccines and other medical products (TRIPS waiver). Civil society groups – notably Oxfam and its Peoples Vaccine Alliance – have been vocal supporters of the waiver as a solution to constrained global supply of COVID-19 vaccines. While the concerns raised by South Africa, India and others may be valid, the debate obfuscates other barriers to scale up, and equitable access more generally, which are being discussed and addressed in other fora. New Zealand has made clear it is ready to continue discussions on the proposal but we are concerned about the impacts it would have on innovation and investment and have questions about why existing TRIPS flexibilities to address public health emergencies are not being utilised. New Zealand remains open to engage in discussion on any proposals to ensure greater scale-up of manufacturing capacity. Consistent with this New Zealand has agreed to co-sponsor a Canadian proposal in the WTO that sets out an alternative approach to IP access issues whereby the WTO would coordinate with the WHO and industry to: identify unused production capacity; facilitate licensing arrangements; and identify any trade-related barriers to scale-up. We hope closer collaboration between the WTO and WHO will help us better understand how IP settings impact manufacturing scale-up and, as a consequence, equitable access to vaccines globally.

Advice received by the Minister for COVID-19 Response is available through the following links: covid19.govt.nz/alert-levels-and-updates/proactive-releases/ and www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/advice-provided-ministers

10. Official Information Act Requests

10.1 Ministry of Health

Date due	Requester	OIA Request	Status
13-Nov-20	s9(2)(a)	All records in the possession, custody or control of Hon Chris Hipkins describing the isolation of a SARS-COV-2 virus, directly from a sample taken from a diseased patient, where the patient sample was not first combined with any other source of genetic material (i.e. monkey kidney cells aka vero cells; lung cells from a lung cancer patient)	At Minister's office
11-Mar-21	s9(2)(a)	The advice given to the Minister and correspondence around compulsory mask use, including on public transport and planes and the compulsory use of QR codes from 1 August until 15 December 2020	At Minister's office
16-Mar-21	s9(2)	Information about recent changes to WHO criteria for the PCR testing, and copies of any analysis and actions in response. Information about PCR testing methodology. Copies of information given to PCR test recipients Copies of protocol used for testing the Papatoetoe family of three who recently tested positive, their results, and all your email and other correspondence and advice received about options for managing these cases	In progress
22-Mar-21	s9(2)(a)	Documents regarding a national database to support the roll out of the COVID-19 vaccine, between 1 January 2020 and 15 February 2021	In progress
23-Mar-21	Chris Bishop	Copy of advice referenced in WPQ 197 (2021) and WPQ 198 (2021)	In progress
31-Mar-21	s9(2)(a)	All information in relation to conspiracy theories or misinformation in relation to New Zealand's response to COVID-19	In progress
6-Apr-21	Chris Bishop	Copy of advice referenced in WPQ 3483 (2021)	In progress

6-Apr-21	Chris Bishop	A copy of Cabinet Paper "Additional Item: COVID-19 and MIQ: Update" on 26 January 2021	In progress
7-Apr-21	s9(2)(a)	All correspondence relating to the tender process for saliva testing	In progress

10.2 Managed Isolation and Quarantine

Note: Any OIA highlighted in **bold** is a new addition from the previous report.

Date due	Requestor	OIA Request	Status
1 Sep 20	s9(2)(a)	All docs etc. for MIQ charges policy incl. for treaty obligations & BORA	Overdue
23 Oct 20	s9(2)(a)	MIQ infection prevention audit report, docs, etc. re staff testing, ops, etc	Under review
10 Nov 20	s9(2)(a)	All concerns / issues raised by MBIE regarding the proposed COVID-Card	Under review
14 Dec 20	s9(2)(a)	Correspondence with INZ re applications by athlete/sporting organisations	Under review
23 Dec 20	s9(2)(a)	Complaints lodged by residents of managed isolation facilities	Under review
25 Jan 21	Dr Shane Reti (MP)	Pre-flight testing for returnees to NZ, specifically regards Russian seamen	Gathering Information
1 Feb 21	s9(2)(a)	Number gone through managed isolation and number of who have paid	Under review
1 Feb 21	s9(2)(a)	Number gone through managed isolation and number of who have paid	Under review
5 Feb 21	s9(2)(a)	Information on room upgrades at MIQ facilities	Drafting
16 Feb 21	s9(2)(a)	Copy of any incident reports or their equivalent about MIQ bubble breaches	Minister's office
24 Feb 21	s9(2)(a)	MIQ contracts re supplying buses/coaches for transport to/from MIQs	Under review
2 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	Further questions in response to 2021-2022 re: MIQ spaces for America's Cup	Minister's office
9 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	Copy of application made by Stamford Plaza hotel to be MIQ facility	Gathering information

Date due	Requestor	OIA Request	Status
9 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	Questions related to billing of MIQ spaces	Scoping
9 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	MIQ data regards capacity/occupancy as well as special allocation requests	Minister's office
10 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	Info relating to Ricardo Menéndez March and MIQ slot	Scoping
10 Mar 21	Chris Bishop	Green MP Mr Ricardo Menendez March MIQ application	Scoping
10 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	MP's return to New Zealand through the MIQ system	Scoping
10 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	Numbers of nurses, doctors and immigration staff working at MIQ facilities	Drafting
10 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	Explanation of consultation with overseas residents re MIQ allocation	Gathering information
11 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	Correspondence from Jan Logie to MBIE relating to Ricardo Menéndez March	Scoping
11 Mar 21	s9(2)	Info relating to the MIQ Allocation System	Gathering information
11 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	Info relating to MIQ spots available over past 3 months	Gathering information
11 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	List of amendments made to MIQ facilities/hotels paid for by Government	Scoping
11 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	Information on the 'Who's on Location' MIQ System	Minister's office
12 Mar 21	s9(2)	Managed isolation requests handled personally by the CEO	Minister's office
12 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	Arrivals at MIQ by country and number testing positive from 1/8/20 - 1/2/21	Under review
12 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	Analysis on MIQ decision to only open up spaces three months out	Minister's office
12 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	MIQ for maritime arrivals; email communications	Under review
12 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	How many complaints about MIAS system to MIQ	Under review
12 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	MIQ - exemptions under Category Class 2C for returning NZ citizens	Gathering information
12 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	Comms and information between Maritime and MBIE	Drafting

Date due	Requestor	OIA Request	Status
12 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	MIQ - Exemptions for emergency allocations for citizens returning home	Gathering information
12 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	Returning citizens that are seafarers to MIQ	Minister's office
12 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	MIQ hotel(s) allocated to the passengers arriving off flights into Auckland	Drafting
12 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	Numbers regarding Emergency Allocation requests for MIQ	Minister's office
15 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	Questions relating to MIQ exemptions between 01/03/20 and 03/01/21	Gathering information
16 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	MP Menendez-March's application for MIQ and his partners visa application	Scoping
17 Mar 21	s9(2)	Decision makers decisions on complaint CAF-002761-G1C1	Gathering information
17 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	Report describing the required modifications to the Pullman building	Scoping
18 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	What qualifies for 'Seriously ill' & Waiver assessment & checklist form	Scoping
18 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	Request for data and figures for no. of people working in MIQ facilities	Scoping
18 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	Family and domestic violence incidents that has occurred at MIQ	Gathering information
18 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	Process that guides the allocation of MIQ hotels to particular flights	Drafting
18 Mar 21	s9(2)	Reasons why Ms Lucinda Baulch is being unlawfully detained at MIQ	Gathering information
18 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	Subsequent advice from meetings with iwi about MIQ facilities	Gathering information
19 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	How many stayed in NZ MIQ & now in system w/ Aussie passports or are aussie	Gathering information
19 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	Transcript of 7/01/21 Grand Millenium incident & corr etc ricardo march MIQ	Scoping
18 Mar 21	s9(2)	How many people entered MIQ and have not been released back into society	Scoping
19 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	Recent audit of Bay Plaza Hotel for Fitness of Purpose for use as MIQ	Scoping
19 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	Information COVID quarantine patients transport from 13 July 2020	Drafting
22 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	Confirmation letter of son's MIQ dates/hotel & destination once departed	Scoping

Date due	Requestor	OIA Request	Status
22 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	No. of available, used/filled & not filled spaces in MIQ 1/11/20 to 22/01/21	Gathering information
23 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	Cost of keeping Aussie woman in MIQ for 28 days due to refusal of test	Scoping
23 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	MIQ info re extended stays due to refused test	Scoping
23 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	Breakdown of MIQ paid vs not paid & comparison of cost vs. money collected	Scoping
24 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	All Memos etc re advice to MIQ for controls around guest interactions	Scoping
24 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	Over the past 12 months, how many people have arrived into MIQ from Aussie?	Scoping
24 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	Stamford Hotel occupancy rate as MIQ facility, and revenue	Drafting
25 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	Complaint about Managed Isolation and Quarantine	Scoping
25 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	Amount paid by returnees/amount owed/amount overdue for stays at MIQ	Scoping
25 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	No. of returnees billed more than once for MIQ stays	Scoping
25 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	All docs re COVID contact tracing card trial at Bay Plaza in Welly 7/12/20	Scoping
28 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	No. in MIQs, positive cases through MIQs, hospital/ICU admissions & deaths	Scoping
29 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	Documents about the 7 January incident at the Grand Millennium MIQ	Minister's office
29 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	Encounter between a hotel staff member at the Millenium Hotel & a guest	Minister's office
29 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	Corr etc re 'Bedroom encounter' MIQ staff/returnee incident incl. notes	Minister's office
29 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	Complaints at MIQ - Workers who has been dismissed and reasons at MIQ	Under review
29 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	Docs etc re face mask correspondence re MIQ staff 'Bedroom encounter'	Minister's office
29 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	MIQ H&S policies and plans, hazard Identification & H&S Reporting	Gathering information
30 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	Why has MIQ costs for temporary visa holders been increased	Scoping
30 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	A price breakdown of all services involved in the \$5520 fee for border MIQ	Scoping
30 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	Number of workers currently under contract working in MIQ	Scoping

Date due	Requestor	OIA Request	Status
30 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	Risk management programme for each and every premis used for MIQ	Scoping
30 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	Pullman report: Govts plan to avoid hiding evidence of fixable problems	Scoping
30 Mar 21	@AllCultsAreBad	Correspondence relating to granting The Wiggles spots in MIQ	Drafting
31 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	Covid 19 positive numbers for arrivals each month into NZ MIQ	Scoping
31 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	Propaganda that returnees see inside MIQ facilities	Scoping
31 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	Has this lady paid for all 28 days of the cost of her being in MIQ?	Scoping
31 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	Correspondence to grant The Wiggles MIQ spots	Drafting
1 Apr 21	s9(2)(a)	Info relating to Christchurch Regional Isolation and Quarantine centre	Scoping
1 Apr 21	s9(2)(a)	Information regarding Australia lady who is MIQ Mecure Wellington	Scoping
1 Apr 21	Chris Bishop	All documents relating to Trev Pontings declined then accepted application	Drafting
6 Apr 21	s9(2)(a)	Documents about Tom Abercrombie and other families MIQ exemption request	Drafting
7 Apr 21	s9(2)(a)	all info re MIQ officials ministerials advice on 570 fishing crew exemption	Drafting
9 Apr 21	s9(2)(a)	Documents relating to the MIQ emergency application for Trevor Ponting	Drafting
12 Apr 21	s9(2)(a)	Info between the wiggles an event managers for entering MIQ	Drafting
20 Apr 21	s9(2)(a)	What advice was given/research conducted regards alternative MIQ options	Drafting
22 Apr 21	s9(2)(a)	All 2020 corr with SeaLord, Independent fisheries & Maruha Nichiro	Gathering information

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10.3 COVID-19 Group

Date due	Requestor	OIA Request	Status
9 Mar 21	s9(2) ()	I'm making this enquiry to determine the differences between the Covid-19 Response Unit business unit established as a response to the Roche/Simpson report and the earlier Covid-19 Group business unit established 1 July 2020. If you could please help me understand: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The roles and responsibilities of the new unit compared to the old unit •Who the Deputy Chief Executive, COVID-19 Group (established 1 July) reports to and who the leader of the new business unit will report to, or if this will be the same •The terms of reference of the unit established 1 July •The terms of reference of the unit established in response to the Roche/Simpson report 	Drafting
10 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	Re this DJ Macsen video (see link) - was it taxpayer funded? If so, please provide a breakdown of the costs. https://www.newshub.co.nz/home/entertainment/2020/12/ashley-bloomfield-safetymessage-remix-a-hit-at-rhythm-and-vines-festival.html	QA
10 Mar 21	s9(2) ()	All advice, briefings, reports, memos, and emails regarding the Unstoppable Summer: A COVID-19 Public Service Announcement video, between 20 November 2020 and 10 January 2021 · Cost breakdown of the video (including , but not limited to, total cost, production costs, and how much was spent on collaboration with DJ Macsen)	QA
11 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	Please respond in your capacity as Prime Minister. I wish to know how many cycles are being applied to PCR tests in this country. For your assistance, I quote from the FDA of the USA. What exactly are the parameters being applied for testing here. Are they standardised, and if so, at how many cycles. Thank you. FDA: "...a specimen is considered positive for 2019-nCoV [virus] if all 2019-nCoV marker (N1, N2) cycle threshold growth curves cross the threshold line within 40.00 cycles ([less than] 40.00 Ct)."	Send
15 Mar 21	Unknown	One: The Cabinet paper and associated minute related to the decision to move the Auckland Region to COVID-19 Alert Level 3 and the rest of the country to Alert Level 2 on 14 February 2021. Two: A copy of Cabinet's National Resurgence Response Plan for COVID-19. Three: A copy of each of: -The COVID-19 Weekly Situation Update produced in the period 7-14 February 2021 -The COVID-19 Weekly Monitoring Report produced in the period 7-14 February 2021	Drafting
16 Mar 21	s9(2) ()	I would like to request, pursuant to the Official Information Act, all documents and communications, provided to and created by the Prime Minister's office, regarding variant or 'super-strains' of the Covid-19 virus since November 1, 2020 and the date of this request.	QA
19 Mar 21	s9(2)	I would separately like to ask for advice received by the Ministry, correspondence and reports within the Ministry, and advice provide by the ministry, including to the minister, on the question of allowing masks to be removed on urban public transport services, to allow consumption of onboard sold alcohol and refreshments.	Drafting

Date due	Requestor	OIA Request	Status
19 Mar 21	s9(2) ()	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- how many communications staff were employed by the the COVID-19 AoG Response Group since its establishment.- how many of these are employed on a contract basis?- how many of these staff are employed to deal with the media, how many with public engagement, and how many deal with internal comms?- what are the salary bands of communications staff ?- how many staff are tasked with handling and delivering OIA requests?	QA
19 Mar 21	Bishop	<p>Under the OIA I seek all briefings received by you since you obtained your Ministerial warrants relating to pre-departure testing for travellers to New Zealand.</p> <p>I also seek briefings relating to your announcements of "Extra (day zero or day one) tests" see https://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/additional-covid-19-tests-returnees-higher-risk-countries</p>	Drafting
23 Mar 21	s9(2)	<p>I am very interested in the government Covid-19 strategy</p> <p>Please could you provide the following information:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) information to show how the NZ Covid 19 response including strategy and messaging was developed and who was involved in this including messaging such as "stay home- stay safe", and messaging that the Covid vaccine is "safe and effective"2) where expertise was sourced, including internal govt and external sources3) any international strategic, communications etc advice used to develop NZ Covid-19 strategy and messaging .4)the budget for external advice and actual expenditure to date.	Scoping
23 Mar 21	s9(2) ()	<p>Please disclose any advice and reports you have received concerning the possibility of undetected community transmission of Covid-19 in New Zealand since February 2020.</p>	Scoping
26 Mar 21	s9(2) ()	<p>This afternoon at her press briefing with Dr Ashley Bloomfield, the Prime Minister stated that "Covid kills people". The Prime Minister then stated that the lockdown measures were to save lives.</p> <p>Please provide copies of any documents providing a evidentiary foundation (and upon which the Prime Minister or her advisors relied) for the Prime Minister's implied assertion that lockdown measures save lives.</p> <p>Please also provide any documentation that identifies how many lives lockdown measures have saved/will save in New Zealand.</p> <p>Lockdown measure could be broadly defined as non-pharmaceutical interventions such as restricting movement and human-to-human interactions etc. I understand saving lives to mean preventing deaths that would not otherwise have occurred.</p> <p>Such documents might include (but would not be limited to):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- advice and/or reports from the Ministry of Health in respect of the ability for lockdown measures to save lives; and- scientific studies/articles demonstrating the ability for lockdown measures to save lives. <p>Requests for official information must be processed within 20 working days of receipt of the request. In respect of this request the relevant period concludes on 29 March 2020.</p>	Drafting

Date due	Requestor	OIA Request	Status
29 Mar 21	s9(2) ()	...all documentation pertaining to the [COVID-19] response and recovery efforts that your organisation has been involved in 2020.	Drafting
29 Mar 21	s9(2)	Please could you provide the following information about responsibility for and funding of Covid 19, "safe and effective" experimental vaccines and related media strategies and campaigns. 1) How much has been budgeted for Covid strategy and communications? 2) the media report aloink below indicated \$21m has been spent on Covid communications strategy and advertising by 30 June 2020. Please provide information to show the basis of that figure and all Covid strategy, PR and advertising spending since then by the NZ government 3) please provide information to show the source of funds uses for the above, including any income, donations or loans to assist with any of the above 4) please provide information to show who in government is responsible for the accuracy of information provided by the government to the public of NZ whether via government publications, media or other methods. Please include the relevant government department/s and the officers who are responsible whether due to law, government policy or other basis. https://i.stuff.co.nz/business/industries/123212411/government-spends-20-million-on-covid19-advertising-campaign-delivered-at-breakneck-pace Thank you and kind regards	Drafting
31 Mar 21	s9(2) ()	This is a formal request for access to general records, made under the Official Information Act. Description of Requested Records: All studies and/or reports in the possession, custody or control of The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet describing the purification of "SARS-COV-2" said to have caused disease in humans (via maceration, filtration and use of an ultracentrifuge; also referred to at times by some people as "isolation"), directly from a sample taken from a diseased human, where the patient sample was not first combined with any other source of genetic material (i.e. monkey kidney cells aka Vero cells; fetal bovine serum). Please note that I am not requesting studies/reports where researchers failed to purify the suspected "virus" and instead: <ul style="list-style-type: none">•cultured an unpurified sample or other unpurified substance, and/or•performed an amplification test (i.e. a PCR test) on all the RNA from a patient sample or from a cell culture, or on genetic material from any unpurified substance, and/or•sequenced the total RNA from a patient sample or from a cell culture or from any unpurified substance, and/or•produced electron microscopy images of unpurified things. For further clarity, please note I am already aware that according to virus theory a "virus" requires host cells in order to replicate, and I am not requesting records describing the replication of a "virus" without host cells.	Scoping

Date due	Requestor	OIA Request	Status
		<p>Further, I am not requesting records that describe a suspected "virus" floating in a vacuum; I am simply requesting records that describe its purification (separation from everything else in the patient sample, as per standard laboratory practices for the purification of other small things).</p> <p>Please also note that my request is not limited to records that were authored by The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet or that pertain to work done at/by The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet. Rather, my request includes any record matching the above description, for example (but not limited to) any published peer-reviewed study authored by anyone, anywhere, ever that has been downloaded or printed by The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet and possibly (but not necessarily) relied on as evidence of a disease-causing "virus".</p> <p>If any records match the above description of requested records and are currently available to the public elsewhere, please provide enough information about each record so that I may identify and access each one with certainty (i.e. title, author(s), date, journal, where the public may access it). Please provide URLs where possible.</p> <p>Format:</p> <p>Pdf documents sent to me via email; I do not wish for anything to be shipped to me.</p> <p>Relevance</p> <p>PM Jacinda Ardern recently Spoke: "This virus can mean life or death, this is a virus that kills"</p> <p>Since PM Jacinda Ardern is claiming the viruses exist, causes disease, and can kill, then this request MUST be responded to by her. She needs to substantiate her own claims.</p> <p>I have already sent these requests to other scientific organisations such as ESR so there is no need to forward this request. PM Jacinda should have access to this information as she has clearly made these bold claims on video. PM Jacinda is responsible for answering to her own claims.</p> <p>Complexity</p> <p>Please Note, this is not a complex request nor is it a request that will generate too many records to search through. I have already done a preliminary record search through Google Scholar and have read many scientific papers on this subject. I have not found any responsive publicly available scientific records including records referenced and published by the USA CDC. I already have a response (#20-02166-FOIA) from the CDC from November where no records were found. MOH/ESR responded back in August 2020 (REF: H202005599) with no records. So I would expect this request to be answered within the normal response time.</p>	
14 April 21	s9 (2)	<p>I am writing to request the following three items:</p> <p>One: Copies of all COVID-19 Weekly Situation Updates from August to October 2020 inclusive.</p> <p>Two: Copies of all COVID-19 Weekly Monitoring Reports from August to October 2020 inclusive.</p> <p>Three: Copies of these two Cabinet papers and their associated minutes:</p> <p>Cabinet paper #1: "Responding to new cases of COVID-19 in the community" from July 2020</p> <p>Cabinet paper #2: "Implementing a rapid response to COVID-19 cases in the community and refinements of COVID-19 Alert Level settings" from August 2020</p>	Drafting

10.4 New Zealand Customs Service

Note: Any OIA highlighted in **bold** is a new addition from the previous report.

Date due	Requester	OIA Request	Status
8 Mar 21	s9(2)	Requests the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• a copy of the Border Executive Board's Terms of Reference• a copy of the Venter Consulting report: "Review of COVID-19 Border Measures – Tranche One (Aviation)"• documents that explain Customs' strategies to mitigate and respond to "risk at the maritime border of the impending arrival of small craft during the yacht season".	Extended
8 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	Requests the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• various questions regarding the number of private yachts and small craft arriving in New Zealand since the Maritime Border Order (No 2) came into effect• all communications between Customs and the company Xerra Earth Observation Institute since the beginning of October 2020.	Extended
22 Mar 21	Simon O'Connor MP	Any and all reports, briefings, memos, analysis, advice, cabinet papers and any other information the New Zealand Customs Service has received in relation to the rapid Covid-19 immunity testing currently being developed by Orbis Diagnostics and IDEMIA.	In progress

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