



COVID-19 Response Weekly Report

11 February 2021

This COVID-19 Response Weekly Report is a new report which combines weekly COVID-19 related reporting from the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, and the New Zealand Customs Service.

We are taking an iterative approach, and intend to evolve this as the system matures, and to incorporate feedback.

It is anticipated that future reports will include further information from the New Zealand Customs Service and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

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1. Status Summary

Issue	Sub-Issue	●	●	●	Agency Responsible	Agency Comment on Status
Vaccine and Immunisation Programme	Purchasing & Approvals	●			MoH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No barriers anticipated Necessary agreements in place
	Population Definition & Sequencing		●		MoH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Status is improving, but timeline is tight having been brought forward ~2 weeks. Engagement with border agencies and employers underway through several fora
	Distribution & Inventory Management		●		MoH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complexity of requirements necessitates extensive risk management Pfizer distribution challenges actively being worked on with DHBs
	Health Workforce	●			MoH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DHBs have signalled workforce available for initial vaccinations and COVID-19 specific training starts next week
	Provider Engagement		●		MoH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tight timeframes for DHBs Plans with the sector being developed Resourcing being increased to support progress
	Registration, Appointment and Immunisation	●			MoH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> COVID-19 Immunisation Register on track for go-live next week. Service delivery under development with DHBs
	Post Event			●	MoH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Systems in place for first go-live Work underway 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. Constant review required across Border Settings, as global context continues to evolve.
	Prepare for it	●			MoH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No barriers anticipated Reviews and scenario planning conducted to support continuous improvement
	Stamp it out	●			MoH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No barriers anticipated Simulation exercises conducted to support continuous improvement
	Manage the Impact	●			MoH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No barriers anticipated to broader program Risks related to vaccine program outlined above

Issue	Sub-Issue	●	●	●	Agency Responsible	Agency Comment on Status
Reducing Transmission Risk	Pullman hotel		●		MBIE MIQ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Awaiting results of the Pullman hotel review to determine when we can safely reopen the facility. Joint advice, from MoH and MBIE, due to the Minister on Friday regarding reopening decision
Large Group Arrivals	Men's Australian Cricket team	●			MBIE MIQ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On track. No issues reported to date
	Women's Rugby World Cup	●			MBIE MIQ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On track. Letter to NZR drafted & scheduled to be sent in time to meet NZR deadlines, subject to Ministerial approval
Security and Enhancement Programme	Install enhanced security technologies		●		MBIE MIQ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subject to the reliability on the delivery of equipment from overseas. There have been some slight delays and this is being managed by the vendor. Accessibility to sites. The vendor is working at pace across the remaining sites, however, the Pullman Hotel incident has highlighted that if a site is 'locked down' installation work is halted (delayed). All installations expected to be complete late February 2021 – mid March 2021
	MIQ security personnel transition to MBIE security workforce		●		MBIE MIQ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Operations and Security Manager on track to commence February/March 2021 MBIE Security Officer workforce requires technical solution to administer 24/7 rostered workforce – working with AVSEC to receive payroll as a service offering Wellington security officer interviews complete week of 9 February 2021
Safe Travel Zones	Cook Islands travel bubble (two-way)		●		MFAT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NZ technical experts in Cook Islands providing assistance to Health Ministry Briefing to Minister by 22 Feb on Cooks readiness work for two-way QF travel s7(b)(ii)
	Niue travel bubble		●		MFAT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NZ considering information on Niuean border settings and health capacities Agencies to discuss whether a technical visit to Niue is required to achieve assurances for commencement of one-way quarantine-free travel from Niue to NZ Advice to be provided to the Minister
	Trans-Tasman travel bubble		●		MFAT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Talks resumed with Australians; NZ contingency planning work continuing s6(a) s6(a)

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

2. Ministry of Health Weekly Report



2.1 Items to Note/Updates

2.1.1 Transmission in Managed Isolation and Quarantine Facilities

This item provides you with a summary of COVID-19 transmission that has occurred in Managed Isolation and Quarantine Facilities (MIQF) to date.

Since 26 March 2020, there have been approximately 105,000 people through our 32 MIQF, with approximately 5,500 people currently in these facilities. There are approximately 6,000 staff at the border and in our MIQFs working to keep New Zealanders safe. The Ministry of Health has been working closely with the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) and other agencies throughout the response to ensure these workers are protected from COVID-19. Protecting our frontline staff continues to be a top priority in the ongoing effort to eliminate COVID-19.

The Ministry of Health continues to review measures that are in place at the border and in MIQF to stop the spread of COVID-19. This includes infection protection control measures and regular testing of border/MIQF staff.

Overview of in-facility transmission

Seven events of COVID-19 transmission have occurred in our MIQF, and there were ten cases relating to these seven confirmed events. This is summarised in the table below and, as agreed with your office in the week commencing 1 February 2021, is now publicly available on the Ministry of Health's website (<https://www.health.govt.nz/news-media/media-releases/4-cases-covid-19-managed-isolation-0>).

Event	Date	Number of guests infected by source	Number of staff infected by source	Detected	Likely transmission
Rydges Auckland: hotel worker	16 Aug 2020	0	1	Community	Facility
Jet Park Auckland quarantine: healthcare worker	12 Sep 2020	0	1	Community	Facility
Crowne Plaza Christchurch: returnees	18 Sep 2020	1	0	Community	Facility
Sudima Christchurch Airport: international mariners	23 Oct 2020	0	2	Community (staff)	Facility
Jet Park Auckland quarantine: Defence worker	6 Nov 2020	0	1	Community	Facility
Pullman Auckland: SA variant	22 Jan 2021	3	0	Community	Facility
Pullman Auckland: UK variant link to Australian flight	26 Jan 2021	1	0	Facility	Facility

Next steps

The Ministry of Health will continue to work with MBIE and other agencies to strengthen MIQF and protect our workers from transmission.

The Ministry of Health and ESR will continue to monitor cases in MIQF on a weekly basis, to actively seek out any transmission within these facilities.

The Ministry of Health’s website will be kept up to date with in-facility transmission details, to keep the public well informed.

Deputy Director-General	Sue Gordon, Deputy Chief Executive, COVID-19 Health System Response, s9(2)(a)
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2.2 Policy/Programme Updates

2.2.1 COVID-19 Operational Determination for use of N95/P2 Particulate Respirators across MIQF

With new variants of SARS-CoV-2 emerging from the Republic of South Africa and the United Kingdom, Infection Prevention and Control (IPC), MIQ, and Science and Technical Advisory groups alongside the All of Government response team to COVID-19 have identified additional IPC strategies to further prevent transmission across and between the workforce and guests within MIQF.

The IPC guidance change affects MIQF staff who have close interactions with returnees in either a managed isolation facility or a managed quarantine facility (including dual purpose facilities).

The change to the guidance is that all MIQF staff who are unable to maintain physical distance should wear N95/P2 respirators, including healthcare workers, drivers and those escorting guests.

The change to the guidance went live on 3 February 2021.

Several factors have prompted the change into extending the use of PPE, particularly N95/P2 particulate respirators, including:

- Emergence of the new B.1.1.7 variant strain is suggestive there is increased transmissibility of this strain. However, there is no current evidence to suggest that it causes more severe disease or increased mortality.
- Increased protection of staff working in MIQF when close contact in confined spaces with returnees is unavoidable.
- Increased localised supply of N95/P2 particulate respirators to some MIQFs indicating variations in use between facilities.
- Growing evidence of the ability of this virus to potentially transmit to others via aerosolised particles. There is concern that the virus, SARS CoV-2, may be spread by the airborne route, such as with measles and pulmonary tuberculosis. In some circumstances, such as closed spaces with poor ventilation, airborne transmission is more likely to occur via the inhalation of these small respiratory droplets that remain suspended in the room air for longer periods of time.

Alongside the guidance change a further decision was made to standardise products and access to PPE for MIQFs. This included ensuring a transition from current ordering arrangements via district health boards (DHBs), to direct supply from the Ministry of Health’s central supply. This provides a standardised platform from which to monitor use and access to verified and agreed PPE by the various workers (Health, Defence, Police) within MIQF.

This guidance change was made following conversations the IPC technical advisory subgroup and the clinical and operational governance group, who both supported these changes.

Next steps

We continue to work with the maritime sector on PPE use through the maritime IPC guidance, which is currently being reviewed.

We will continue to monitor PPE requirements and use directly with MIQF.

Deputy Director-General	Sue Gordon, Deputy Chief Executive, COVID-19 Health System Response, s9(2)(a)
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2.2.2 COVID-19 vaccine and immunisation programme

Walkthrough event with health sector and border agencies

A walkthrough event for the end to end rollout of the COVID-19 vaccine took place on 9 February 2021 at the Ministry of Health. A number of delivery partners were involved, including border agencies, DHBs, IMAC, All of Government, members from the Immunisation Implementation Advisory Group (IIAG), and other government agencies.

The session was a valuable mechanism for identifying any areas for improvement and, as a result, the focus for this week will be on making the required updates and finalising the end to end process and sharing standard operating procedures with DHBs. A follow up walkthrough of the updated processes will be run next week.

Health sector and DHB engagement

Communications are regularly being shared with DHBs and the wider health sector. This week you and Hon Andrew Little will write to the DHB board chairs to confirm the role of DHBs and to reiterate the importance of the COVID-19 vaccine and immunisation programme.

The Ministry of Health provided feedback to each DHB on their delivery plans last week and is engaging on these plans through daily meetings with DHBs.

In addition to the weekly health sector newsletters, dedicated weekly primary care webinars will commence from next week to support primary care with information to ensure that they are well prepared for phase 2 and 3 of delivering the vaccine.

Border workforce engagement

Daily meetings have commenced with representatives from the border workforce sector, including both employers and employees. Regular communications have increased over the past week as we approach delivery and work with them to ensure smooth delivery to the border workforce.

Next steps

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

Deputy Director-General	Sue Gordon, Deputy Chief Executive, COVID-19 Health System Response, s9(2)(a)
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2.2.3 Technical Advisory Group: Update

The Technical Advisory Group did not meet in the last week. As a result, there are no recommendations or advice to report on this week. We will provide you with further updates.

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2.3 Upcoming Publications

Vaccination Data Standard

Formal Title: HISO 10087:2021 COVID-19 Vaccination Data Standard

Proposed date of publishing: 12 February 2021

Context: This standard has been developed to support safe and effective vaccination for COVID-19 in New Zealand. The standard provides a set of data element specifications covering the essential information that is required around the COVID-19 vaccination process. This includes the identification of the patient, the vaccine provider (individual and place), the particular vaccine product, its administration and details of any adverse reactions. There is expected to be limited media interest in this development. However, there will be significant interest from health sector participants in this undertaking. The adoption roadmap for this standard is initially for systems managed by the Ministry. The Ministry will have resources to answer questions about the standard and support the adoption.

Contact: Shayne Hunter, Deputy Director-General, Data and Digital, s9(2)(a)

Proactively Released

3. Managed Isolation and Quarantine Weekly Report



3.1 Top Items to Note

3.1.1 Pullman Update

- With the Pullman managed Isolation facility being empty, we are undertaking the necessary improvements to ensure we can get it back online and respond to the various reviews that have occurred recently.
- The Ministry of Health Technical Advisory Group has provided some initial advice around improvements which we are responding to in advance of it opening. They will then confirm they are satisfied that it can re-open.
- A joint MOH/MBIE MIQ briefing will be provided to your Office on Friday 12 February which will outline what we've learnt, what we've done in response and the risk (if any) associated with re-opening.

3.1.2 Report Back on Managed Isolation and Quarantine (MIQ) Accommodation Cost Savings

- In December 2020, Cabinet directed MBIE to report to the Minister for COVID-19 Response and the Minister of Finance on progress on MIQ accommodation cost savings by early 2021 [MIQ Operating Model and Funding Cabinet paper - CAB-20-MIN-0511]. That paper sought funding to fully resource the MIQ operating model for 18 months, including costs of accommodation, transport, food, security, and health and wellbeing services.
- The current contracts with hotels were due to expire by the end of December 2020 which meant that MBIE had to renew the contracts with the MIQ accommodation providers in good faith before the funding was secured. This meant contracts were renewed with all existing suppliers at the same rates. The contracts are negotiated on a three month basis reflecting the need to implement changes quickly and the next round is set for April 2021.
- With funding secured and a likelihood that we may require some form of MIQ in place for some time, we can explore negotiating longer term contracts (such as 12 months). This may result in some rate reductions. However, these savings may be offset by the ongoing roll out of facility staff receiving the living wage, and compensating providers for increased costs from changing managed isolation requirements.
- The ability to negotiate is also constrained by the limited viable accommodation stock that meets our criteria. Officials are in the process of reviewing the suitability of our accommodation criteria and we will report back to you by 4 March 2021. The outcome of this work may mean we will need to explore alternative accommodation supply options.
- There is likely to be cost savings shortly in the wider MIQ system. For example, MBIE is currently revising the contracts with transport and air charter providers. Officials will keep Ministers regularly updated on MIQ finances.

3.1.3 Security Enhancement Programme Update

CCTV and Associated Technologies Roll-out

- 18 sites are complete and 14 sites are in the process of being implemented.

- Work has recommenced at the Pullman Hotel – estimated completion is 13 February 2021.
- All remaining sites are still on track to be complete by late February – mid-March 2021, subject to reliability on the delivery of equipment from overseas and accessibility to sites.

MIQ Security Personnel Transition to MBIE Security Workforce

- Work continues to reduce MBIE's reliance on contracted security personnel by standing up an MBIE security workforce.
- Interviews for Operations and Security Manager roles are complete. Four Operations and Security Managers (for Rotorua and Hamilton based sites) are due to commence week of 15 February 2021. Offers for remaining Operations and Security Manager positions are in the process of being issued/accepted.
- Interviews for Wellington based MIQ Security Officers completed week of 9 February 2021.
- Work is well underway with AVSEC to provide a rostering and payroll solution as a service to support MBIE's relatively large, 24/7, rostered security workforce.
- A total of 23 of 32 independent site security assessments from security consultancy firm ICARAS have been received. The remaining reports are on track to be received by 12 February 2021.

3.1.4 Accor Hotels Living Wage Announcement

- Accor Hotels (operating 9 managed isolation facilities) has confirmed that since 1 Jan 2021; Accor hotels meet the living wage target/requirements for all employee wages/salaries in MIF/Q under Accor management.
- Hotel employees were notified of this significant increase in wages at the end of November last year.
- The hotels key union partners, Unite, have been informed and will likely put out a statement soon congratulating Accor on the living wage move but may also call on MBIE to make all MIQ hotels living wage environments.
- MBIE has engaged previously in initial discussions with hotels around payment of the living wage. These will continue to form basis for discussion during next contracting round of 1 May 2021 – 30 April 2022.
- Accor's move to living wage may have been influenced by these discussions but we should not claim this as a win by us as we believe Accor was already considering this prior to our discussions.
- This move does however support government's priority for broader outcomes in procurement.

3.2 Policy Update

Sports team room restrictions

MIQ has considered whether the room restrictions that apply from the Day 11 – 12 test should be applied to sports teams within the facilities. After receiving public health input, we will not be restricting sports teams to their rooms from the day 11-12 test to their departure. This is because they isolate completely separately to the rest of the facility, and therefore the risk of infection from others within the facility is low. As the day 11-12 room restrictions were brought in specifically to

address the issue of intra-facility infection, it is not necessary to apply them to these groups. This will also allow teams that are approved to train to continue to do so between day 11 and their departures. The first team this will apply to is the Australian cricket team, who arrive Sunday 14 February.

3.3 Large Group Arrivals Update

Summary of approved group arrivals as at 9 February 2021

Group	Date of Arrival	Pax Numbers	Comments
RSE Workers	17 January – 6 March 2021	2,000	The 2,000 RSE workers have been split into three cohorts made up of 4 or 5 flights/groups of people coming from the Pacific Island Nations. In total, each cohort will have up to 624 persons, of 150-156 persons per group. Each group will enter MIQF every 96 hours.
Cricket - English Women's	26 January 2021	28	Due to exit the MIF 10 February subject to negative day 12 results returned.
Cricket - Australian Men's	7 February 2021	35	Day 0/1 test results due 9 February.
Netball - Australia	15 February 2021	30	Exemption signed. Final ops plans underway.
Cricket - Bangladesh Men's	24 February 2021	35	Training approved in principle. Public health assessment to be completed and approved.
Cricket - Australian Women's	13 March 2021	29	Training approved in principle. Public health assessment to be completed and approved.
Indian Charters	Late March 2021	150	Anticipate regular charters of up to 150 pax per charter. Note these are returning New Zealanders who cannot easily access commercial flights out of India.
Refugees quota re-start - Group 1A	23 – 26 February 2021	37	Arrival details confirmed.
Refugees quota re-start - Group 1B	1 March 2021	35	Arrival details to be confirmed beginning of February.
Refugees quota re-start - Group 2	1 April 2021	70	Arrival details to be confirmed 6 weeks prior to arrival.
Refugees quota re-start - Group 3	29 May 2021	70	Arrival details to be confirmed 6 weeks prior to arrival.

3.4 Upcoming Communications Issues and Activities

As at 9 February 2021

Date	Activity	Lead Agency	Comms Material	Ministerial Involvement Y/N
2 February & 18 February	RSE workers in MIQ	MIQ	Bespoke group communication (i.e. welcome pack)	N
February	A payment survey is sent to returnees who have stayed in a MIF and may have yet to pay the fee	MIQ	Reactive Q&A's	N

Date	Activity	Lead Agency	Comms Material	Ministerial Involvement Y/N
February	CDHB survey of MIF workers underway January – to be released nationally	Canterbury District Health Board		N
18 February	Brigadier Bliss pōwhiri in Rotorua	MIQ		N
21/28 February	Anniversary of first COVID-19 case suspected/confirmed	DPMC		
7 Feb – 13 March arrivals	Australian Men’s Cricket team Australian Women’s Cricket team Bangladesh Men’s Cricket team Australian Men’s Cricket team	MIQ	Bespoke group communication (i.e. welcome pack)	N
16 Feb – 20 May arrivals	Refugees arrive in New Zealand (4 groups arriving)	MIQ	Bespoke group communication (i.e. welcome pack)	N
25 February	MBIE Select Committee	MBIE		N
24 Feb – May	Ruby Jones ‘Thanks from Iso’ exhibition to be displayed in Beehive (followed by CH, HAM & ROT)	MIQ	Proactive communications and engagement	TBC

3.5 Fees

3.5.1 Invoicing

- The table below shows the number of invoices issued up to 7 February 2021. These relate to people who arrived in managed isolation up to 24 January 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	926	179	0	0	179	65	\$203,245	95	19
Aircrew	1,710	131	0	93	38	32	\$281,295	2	4
All other arrivals	19,729	15,318	2,179	5,794	7,345	2,212	\$7,256,996	4,613	520
Total	22,365	15,628	2,127	5,887	7,562	2,309	\$7,741,536	4,710	543

3.5.2 Waivers

- The table below breaks down the waiver application information between 11 August 2020 and 7 February 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	4,035	315	3,720	424	3,296	62	2,955	362	341

3.6 Emergency Allocation Applications

- 1,975 applications have been processed since 30 October 2020.
- From the applications processed in the week ending 7 February 2021, 75% of the applications were approved.
- There are 12 applications where we are waiting to receive further information (such as evidence) from applicants.

Emergency Allocation Applications	Weekly Totals	Weekly Totals
	25 January 2021 to 31 January 2021	1 February 2021 to 7 February 2021
Total applications received	152	180
Approved*	78	126
Declined	86	43
Applications processed**	164	169
People declined boarding	0	0

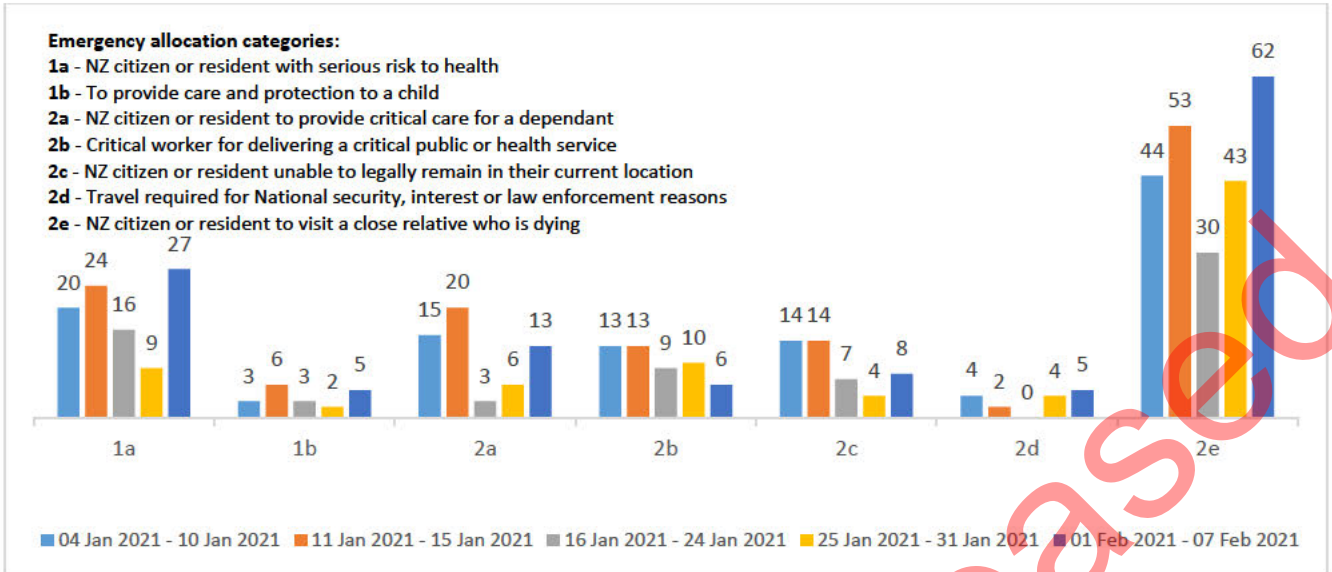
*This number relates to the number of applications which have been approved. Each approval may require one or more rooms from the 150 rooms set aside for Emergency Allocations. We are aiming to report on the number of rooms allocated in the next fortnight.

**Please note that this number does not reflect applications declined at triage stage e.g. incomplete applications, or applications not submitted within seven days of intended departure.

Emergency Allocation Applications	Totals – 30 October 2020 to 7 February 2021
Approved	813
Declined	1,162
Applications processed	1,975
People declined boarding	24

3.6.1 Approvals by Category

- The below chart represents the weekly breakdown of approvals by different categories within the emergency allocation process from 4 January 2021 to 7 February 2021.
- Category 2e, visiting a dying relative, continues to be the most prevalent for applications and approvals while 1a, serious risk to health, increased sharply compared to the previous week.



3.7 Resolutions Update

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

Week	Received	Awaiting more information	Processing	Unassigned	Resolved
2 February – 08 February					
Complaints	182	41	40	3	184
Improvements	2	1	0	0	1
Compliments	6	0	0	0	6
Total	190	42	40	3	201

- Average number of complaints received each week since the start of MIQ is 107. For the last 4 weeks the average is 180 per week.
- The oldest non ombudsman complaint in the system is from 23 January 2021 (we are waiting for information from another team before responding), and all complaints outside of our 5 working day KPI are being actively worked on.
- The major complaint type this week continues to be the Allocation System (105 out of 182). Complaints increased this week as the availability of vouchers has declined. We continue to receive many complaints about the confusing error message, when a date is booked by another user.
- The number of managed isolation facility complaints also increased this week, mainly from returnees departing the Pullman facility seeking more clarity on instructions for their departure and IPC concerns from the public and returnees.

Advice received by the Minister for COVID-19 Response is available through the following link: covid19.govt.nz/alert-levels-and-updates/proactive-releases/

7. Official Information Act Requests

7.1 Ministry of Health

Date due	Requester	OIA Request	Status
13 November 2020	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
15 February 2021	s9(2)(a)	Is the Minister of Health aware in his role of any discussion where psychiatrists and other high-level mental health care would be subsidised by the Government with a similar payment structure to gaining access to normal GP? Is the Minister of Health aware of who proposed such an idea, potential priorities of a solution like this, and other factors surrounding how it would be implemented with its benefits to the public?	In progress
15 February 2021	s9(2)(a)	All documents and communications, provided to and created by the Minister's office, regarding variant or 'super-strains' of the COVID-19 virus since 1 November 2020	In progress
16 February 2021	s9(2)(a)	All advice, briefings, reports, memos, and emails Hon Chris Hipkins has received regarding the COVID-19 vaccine, including timeline and forecast arrival/delivery/roll-out dates in New Zealand, between 10 December 2020 and 18 January 2021	In progress
24 February 2021	s9(2)(a)	Justification for limiting our freedom of movement rights contained in section 18 of the Bill of Rights Act 1990	In progress
11 March 2021	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	In progress

7.2 Managed Isolation and Quarantine

Date due	Tracking Number	Requestor	OIA Request	Status
1 September	2021-0281	s9(2)(a)	All docs etc. for MIQ charges policy incl. for treaty obligations & BORA	Overdue (reason known)
23 October	2021-0330	s9(2)(a)	MIQ infection prevention audit report, docs, etc. re staff testing, ops, etc.	Decision on request sent
10 November	2021-0479	s9(2)(a)	All concerns / issues raised by MBIE regarding the proposed COVID-Card	Under review
14 December	2021-0737	s9(2)(a)	Correspondence with INZ re applications by athlete/sporting organisations	Decision on request sent
23 December	2021-1071	s9(2)(a)	Reasons for extended stays in MIQ facilities between April and November	Minister's office
23 December	2021-0905	s9(2)(a)	Complaints lodged by residents of managed isolation facilities	Minister's office
25 January	2021-0952	Dr Shane Reti (MP)	Pre-flight testing for returnees to NZ, specifically regards Russian seamen	Gathering Information
1 February	2021-0984	s9(2)(a)	Number gone through managed isolation and number of who have paid	Minister's office
1 February	2021-0985	s9(2)(a)	Number gone through managed isolation and number of who have paid	Minister's office
5 February	2021-1248	s9(2)(a)	Information on room upgrades at MIQ facilities	Minister's office
11 February	2021-1231	s9(2)(a)	Information on the 'Who's on Location' MIQ System	Drafting
12 February	2021-1235	s9(2)(a)	Numbers regarding Emergency Allocation requests for MIQ	Gathering Information
15 February	2021-1295	s9(2)(a)	Information on the 32 MIQ facilities	Gathering Information
15 February	2021-1287	s9(2)(a)	Documents regarding variant or 'super-strains' of COVID-19	Scoping
15 February	2021-1282	s9(2)(a)	Issues with Isolation exemption application	Scoping
15 February	2021-1278	s9(2)(a)	MIQ facilities operation framework	Drafting
15 February	2021-1267	s9(2)	Details on how much hotels are being paid to operate as MIQ facilities	New item
15 February	2021-1241	s9(2)(a)	Questions relating to MIQ exemptions between 01/03/20 and 03/01/21	Gathering Information
15 February	2021-1250	s9(2)(a)	All communications re: email sent by Kim Baker Wilson on 23 December 2020	Approved
16 February	2021-1307	s9(2)(a)	Number of exemptions given to foreign nationals to enter MIQ	Gathering Information

Date due	Tracking Number	Requestor	OIA Request	Status
16 February	2021-1098	s9(2)(a)	Copy of any incident reports or their equivalent about MIQ bubble breaches	Under review
17 February	2021-1120	s9(2)(a)	All complaints, reports, and/or notifications of assault within MIQ	Approved
18 February	2021-1320	s9(2)(a)	Will people vaccinated against COVID-19 have to quarantine?	Under review
19 February	2021-1331	s9(2)(a)	Information COVID-19 quarantine patients transport from 13 July 2020	Drafting
19 February	2021-1325	s9(2)(a)	Did MIQ Facilities obtain and retain wages subsidies	Drafting
22 February	2021-1342	s9(2)(a)	No. of available, used/filled & not filled spaces in MIQ 1/11/20 to 22/01/21	Scoping
22 February	2021-1343	s9(2)(a)	All info re MIQ officials ministerial advice on 570 fishing crew exemption	Drafting
23 February	2021-1346	s9(2)(a)	All 2020 correspondence with Sealord, Independent fisheries & Maruha Nichiro	Scoping
24 February	2021-1369	s9(2)(a)	Stamford Hotel occupancy rate as MIQ facility, and revenue	Scoping
24 February	2021-1356	s9(2)(a)	MIQ contracts re supplying buses/coaches for transport to/from MIQs	Under review
25 February	2021-1371	s9(2)(a)	Data on COVID-19 test results in MIQs, specifically data on Australia	Scoping
26 February	2021-1387	s9(2)(a)	What penalties did people incur shopping post Pullman Hotel MIQ isolation	Scoping
26 February	2021-1377	s9(2)(a)	Cost paid for unoccupied MIQ hotel rooms broken down by month	Approved
26 February	2021-1374	s9(2)(a)	MIQ incident registers 1.04.20 & 28.01.21 & No of border arrivals w/out voucher	Scoping
1 March	2021-1408	s9(2)(a)	Correspondence relating to granting The Wiggles spots in MIQ (received via twitter)	Scoping
1 March	2021-1398	s9(2)(a)	Encounter between a hotel staff member at the Millenium Hotel & a guest	Scoping
1 March	2021-1399	s9(2)(a)	Breakdown exemptions/waivers for fees by gender since 11 August 2020	Scoping
1 March	2021-1393	s9(2)(a)	Corr etc re 'Bedroom encounter' MIQ staff/returnee incident incl. notes	Scoping
1 March	2021-1397	s9(2)(a)	Complaints at MIQ - Workers who has been dismissed and reasons at MIQ	Scoping
1 March	2021-1395	s9(2)(a)	Docs etc re face mask correspondence re MIQ staff 'Bedroom encounter'	Scoping
1 March	2021-1388	s9(2)(a)	No. of MIQ persons by country or flight of origin from March 2020-present	Scoping

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1 March	2021-1389	s9(2)(a)	MIQ H&S policies and plans, hazard Identification & H&S Reporting	Scoping
2 March	2021-1400	s9(2)(a)	All documents relating to Trev Pontings declined then accepted application	Scoping
3 March	2021-1420	s9(2)(a)	Documents relating to the MIQ emergency application for Trevor Ponting	Scoping
3 March	2021-1419	s9(2)(a)	Documents about the 7 January incident at the Grand Millennium MIQ	Scoping
3 March	2021-1417	s9(2)(a)	Correspondence to grant The Wiggles MIQ spots	Scoping
4 March	2021-1430	s9(2)(a)	Costs of managed isolation and quarantine	Scoping
5 March	2021-1436	s9(2)(a)	Documents about Tom Abercrombie and other families MIQ exemption request	Scoping
8 March	2021-1415	s9(2)(a)	Decisions around charges for people entering Managed Isolation facilities	Scoping
18 March	2021-1198	s9(2)(a)	Subsequent advice from meetings with iwi about MIQ facilities.	Gathering Information

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

7.3 COVID-19 Group

Date due	External Reference	Requestor	OIA Request	Status
24 July 2020	OIA20-83	s9(2)(a)	Any reports, briefing documents or documents relating to the military plan to manage the managed isolation and quarantine facilities.	With Minister
17 August 2020	OIA20-79	s9(2)(a)	Under the Official Information Act I request a copy of all reports and advice you have received or provided regarding issues or concerns relating to the management of the country's quarantine and/or managed isolation facilities for travellers entering the country since 1 March 2020. I would expect this to include any advice provided to you by any ministers, including the Prime Minister. I also expect this to include any such advice or reports provided to you by any other government officials, departments or agencies, including DPMC, ODESC, NZDF and the all of government Covid-19 response team headed by John Ombler.	With Minister
26 January 2021	CHOIA2020-31	Chris Bishop	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A copy of the COVID-19 Surveillance and Testing Strategy Group report received by you/your office. • In the House last week you made references to having received drafts of the report. I also request copies of the draft reports received by you/your office. • I also request correspondence between you/your office and the Ministry of Health from the date of you receiving the COVID-19 Surveillance and Testing Strategy Group. Please note this should 	With Minister

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			include emails from you/your office, aide-memories, memos sent to the Ministry, and should also include the same from the Ministry of Health to your office.	
15 February 2021		s9(2)(a)	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)	Drafting
15 February 2021		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	Drafting
15 February 2021	PMO 2021-002	s9(2)(a)	1) Are you aware in your dealings as the Prime Minister of any conversation that has discussed the idea of you being administered the COVID-19 vaccine with the presence of News media? 2) Have you in your dealings with the aforementioned conversation individuated that you would or would not be administered the COVID-19 vaccine with the presence of News media?	With Minister
22 February 2021	PMO 2021-019	Chris Bishop MP	I refer to this article in which it is reported that you offered President-elect Joe Biden assistance with tackling COVID-19 in the United States (https://www.reuters.com/article/us-health-coronavirus-newzealand-biden-idUSKBN2830VR) Under the OIA I seek copies of correspondence between: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •you/your office and the Ministry of Health •you/your office and the Office of the Minister of COVID-19 Response •you/your office and the Minister of Health relating to your offer and any reply from the incoming US administration...	Drafting
16 March 2021	PMO 2021-018	s9(2)(a)	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.	Drafting

Proactively