



# 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

Issue	Sub Issue	●	●	●	Agency Responsible	Agency Comment on Status
Vaccine and Immunisation Programme	Purchasing and approvals	●			MoH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Formal monthly meetings with all 4 vendors completed</li> <li>Discussion instigated regarding Pacific permissions and indemnities</li> </ul>
	Population definition and sequencing		●		MoH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Daily engagement with border agencies and employers underway</li> <li>Data loads underway, some data quality issues creating significant work to identify cohorts and then get lists of vaccinators and people to be vaccinated into the CIR</li> </ul>
	Distribution and inventory management		●		MoH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Second delivery of Pfizer vaccine received and being held centrally, ready for distribution</li> <li>Distribution started 19<sup>th</sup> Feb with vaccinators practice session and officially from the 20<sup>th</sup> Feb at Jet Park. Distributed to other nationwide sites during the week</li> <li>Pick and Pack process and distribution running smoothly to other locations</li> </ul>
	Health workforce	●			MoH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Good numbers of vaccinators are available for the initial drops – 417 as of 24 Feb 2021 – with training continuing</li> </ul>
	Provider engagement		●		MoH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Daily engagement with DHBs, with regional ‘account managers’ in place to work through DHB service delivery and logistics plans</li> </ul>
	Registration, appointment and immunisation	●			MoH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>COVID-19 Immunisation Register is live and capturing event effectively</li> <li>Work underway to look at future service delivery models</li> </ul>
	Post Event			●	MoH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work underway for long-term pharmacovigilance solution uplift as programme scales</li> </ul>
Elimination Strategy	Keep it Out		●		MoH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Workforce is under significant pressure. A paper on current state is planned for 5 Mar</li> <li>Recent end-to-end review of MIQF undertaken, various initiatives to implement</li> </ul>
	Prepare for it	●			MoH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No barriers anticipated</li> <li>Reviews and scenario planning conducted to support continuous improvement</li> </ul>
	Stamp it out	●			MoH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No barriers anticipated. Contact Tracing functioning well, ongoing opportunities for improvement being identified</li> <li>Simulation exercises conducted to support continuous improvement</li> </ul>
	Manage the Impact	●			MoH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No barriers anticipated to broader program</li> <li>Risks related to vaccine program outlined above</li> </ul>

Issue	Sub Issue				Agency Responsible	Agency Comment on Status
Roll out of Vaccinations within MIQ	Administering vaccinations to MIQ frontline staff				MBIE MIQ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Initial phase is on track. Detailed planning of rollout continues with yet some issues to be addressed</li> <li>One of the challenges faced is getting our people scheduled in - we are working with the MoH and DHBs to ensure they have up to date workforce information which they can then use to contact our people with details on how they can book in their vaccination. This then enables our workforce to get scheduled in. Alongside that there is also communications support being put in place to keep staff informed on how they can book in</li> </ul>
Reducing Transmission Risk	Pullman hotel				MBIE MIQ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Ministry of Health's Technical Advisory Group is considering what remediation requirements may be necessary at the Pullman following the onsite assessment of the air flow rates of the en-suite exhausts</li> <li>The air filtration units were delivered on Wednesday 24 Feb 2021. They will be installed in the corridors over a number of days</li> <li>No further returnees will go into this facility until any necessary remediation is completed as a result of the assessment</li> </ul>
	Implementing booking systems for exercises and breaks				MBIE MIQ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fully implemented. All 32 MIFs have a booking system for exercise and smoking breaks to ensure cohorts do not mix during these periods</li> </ul>
Large Group Arrivals	Women's Rugby World Cup				MBIE MIQ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Officials have provided a letter outlining possible MIQ options and processes. Event organisers are seeking confirmation of allocation and training by 8 Mar 2021, but this may not be able to be met. Ministers Robertson, Nash and Hipkins are providing a letter to the organisers confirming NZ's commitment to host the tournament in the future</li> <li>The teams will need to enter MIQ from late July 2021 through to early Sept 2021</li> </ul>
	Olympians/Paralympians				MBIE MIQ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sport NZ is seeking confirmation of allocation for players going offshore for qualifiers and the team returning from the Games. Also seeking confirmation of training, while in MIQ which cannot be done until closer to the arrival</li> <li>Groups will return from the Games from late July through to early Sept 2021. In addition, groups will be returning in the lead up to the Games</li> </ul>
	RSE workers				MBIE MIQ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>While planning remains on track, and groups continue to arrive every four days, the industry is seeking additional allocation to make up for workers that did not travel at the last minute</li> </ul>
Security Enhancement Programme	Install enhanced security technologies				MBIE MIQ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>21 of 32 sites complete and installation at all remaining sites are in-flight</li> <li>There may be issues with sourcing all of the equipment from overseas</li> <li>Remaining installations are on track to be complete mid-March 2021</li> </ul>



Security Enhancement Programme	MIQ security personnel transition to MBIE security workforce		●		MBIE MIQ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>28 of 32 MBIE Operations and Security Managers have accepted offers, with 5 x managers on-board. MBIE is working through the remaining candidates to confirm appointments and on boarding and induction scheduled March 2021</li><li>Analysis continues to identify MBIE Security Workforce numbers; noting the volume of Security Officers to recruit poses some challenges</li><li>Inbound 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 start moving towards green</li></ul>
Staff testing	Extending testing		●		MBIE MIQ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>We are working with MoH about the proposed expanded definition of the testing order to identify the impact on MIQ contractors and sub-contractors as it is currently uncertain</li></ul>
MIQ capacity	Charter flights		●		MBIE MIQ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Increasing difficulty in getting returnees into Wellington and Christchurch</li><li>Working with Auckland airport to balance inbound passenger numbers against Auckland's capacity to transport returnees to the regions</li></ul>
Contracting hotels	Renewing contracts		●		MBIE MIQ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Contract discussions for the next renewal period (1st May 2021 – April 2022) are due to begin this week</li></ul>
	Move towards living wage		●		MBIE MIQ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>10 properties are paying the living wage with 3 looking at how they will introduce it</li><li>Of note, some properties have indicated they will be seeking a rate increase in order to pay the living wage</li></ul>
Safe Travel Zones	Cook Islands travel bubble (two way)		●		MFAT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Ministry of Health experts have returned from Rarotonga where they were supporting Cook Islands' COVID readiness work</li><li>s7(b)(ii) [REDACTED]</li><li>A draft omnibus Cabinet paper will be provided to you on 1 March on STZ initiatives including Cook Islands' readiness and contingency planning</li></ul>
	Niue travel bubble		●		MFAT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>On the basis of the information gathered through remote means and by the High Commission in Niue, New Zealand agencies have concluded it is possible to proceed with one-way quarantine-free travel (this information-gathering did not included a technical visit, but such a visit will be required prior to commencement of two-way travel)</li><li>The draft omnibus Cabinet paper to be provided to you on 1 March on STZ initiatives will recommend Cabinet agreement to proceed with one-way quarantine-free travel</li></ul>
	Trans Tasman travel bubble		●		MFAT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>s6(a) [REDACTED]</li><li>Officials continue work on response frameworks, and are engaging with Australia at technical level on issues around transits and air crew eligibility. Officials have met with insurance industry representatives</li><li>The draft omnibus Cabinet paper to be provided to you on 1 March on STZ initiatives will report on progress and outstanding TTCSTZ issues.</li></ul>

## 2. Ministry of Health Weekly Report



### 2.1 Items to Note/Updates

#### 2.1.1 Publication of Fortnightly COVID-19 Disease Indicator Summary Reports

Ministry of Health is planning to release five fortnightly COVID-19 disease indicator summary reports (indicator reports) on its website covering the period from 4 Dec 2020 to 11 Feb 2021 (publication of these reports was halted over the Christmas/New Year break).

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.

The key points of interest for each fortnightly report are:

- Reporting period 4 Dec 2020 – 17 Dec 2020:
  - No community cases were reported for this period.
  - There were 42 cases in Managed Isolation and Quarantine Facilities (MIQF) during this period.
- Reporting period 18 Dec 2020 – 31 Dec 2020:
  - No community cases were reported for this period.
  - There were 49 cases in MIQF during this period.
- Reporting period 1 Jan 2021 – 14 Jan 2021:
  - No community cases were reported for this period.
  - There were 73 cases in MIQF during this period.
- Reporting period 15 Jan 2021 – 28 Jan 2021:
  - This reporting period includes three community cases related to the Pullman Hotel returnees.
  - The system and community level indicators S001, S002, and C001 are low due to the delayed identification of these cases following symptom onset and a test sample being taken. For one case the time between symptom onset and test sample taken was nine days, and for the other two cases the time between symptom onset and test sample taken was seven days.
  - For the laboratory level indicator (L001), 100 percent of test results were notified by hour 42. The test result for the first community case did not meet the 24-hour target, however this result was notified within 48 hours of the test sample being taken.
  - There were 53 cases in MIQF during this period.
- Reporting period 29 Jan 2021 – 11 Feb 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 is below target for this period. The time between the symptom onset date and test sample taken date for the positive result for the case was five days. However, the case was tested as a close contact on days one and three after becoming symptomatic and returned a negative result for each test. They were tested again on day five following symptom onset, and at this point returned a positive result.

### Removal of MIQ indicators

All indicators were developed to measure the performance of the contact tracing system in a community setting and some are not relevant in an MIQ setting. The National Investigation and Tracing Centre is proposing to remove seven of the 12 indicators from the MIQ section of the report. These indicators, along with the rationale for the metrics not being reported, are outlined in the table below:

*Table of MIQ indicators and rationale for removal*

Indicator	Rationale for removal
<b>S001</b> - Time from exposure to contact isolation / quarantine	Not relevant as contacts from flights/transit are isolated in MIQF
<b>S002</b> - Time from case first symptom to contact isolation / quarantine	Not relevant as contacts from flights/transit are isolated in MIQF
<b>S003</b> - Time from test sample taken to close contact isolation / quarantine	Not relevant as contacts from flights/transit are isolated in MIQF
<b>C001</b> - Time from first symptom to test sample taken for positive cases	Not relevant as testing is completed on a routine basis in MIQF (Day 0/1, Day 3, Day 12, as well as an additional Day 6/7 test for Close Contacts)
<b>P002</b> - Time from case notification to isolation / quarantine of contact	Not relevant as contacts from flights/transit are isolated in MIQF
<b>P003</b> - Time from close contact identification to isolated / quarantined	Not relevant as contacts from flights/transit are isolated in MIQF
<b>P005</b> - Regular monitoring and follow up of cases and contacts completed	Not relevant as all cases and close contacts are regularly monitored and undergo testing on a routine basis within facilities

### Next steps

A comprehensive review of the COVID-19 disease indicators will be completed in June 2021. The key findings and actions from this review will be reported back to you.

#### 2.1.2 Consumer Perspectives of Long COVID-19

The Ministry of Health has received results from an informal survey that was undertaken to identify the experiences of a small group of New Zealanders who have been part of a network of COVID-19 'long haulers', people who have had COVID-19. This is the first information we have from people who have had COVID-19.

This survey was carried out by Jenene Crossan, who was one of the early confirmed cases of COVID-19 in New Zealand, and who has experienced ongoing health impacts since. 'Long hauler' is a colloquial term for a person experiencing ongoing symptoms after acute COVID-19.

Findings indicate that some participants have been experiencing persistent illness and debilitating symptoms. These symptoms have presented across different areas of the body on an intermittent, recurring and relapsing basis. Some participants noted a gradual increase in symptoms overtime.

The most reported physical issues were cognitive, fatigue, headaches, heart rate irregularities and breathing issues. Mental health was also a common area of concern. A key theme was participants expressing a need for there to be an acknowledgment that long COVID-19 exists.

Due to the sample size and informal nature of this survey these results are indicative only. The characteristics of the symptoms noted however, are reflective of current literature.

### **Next steps**

The Ministry of Health will work with this consumer group to help understand the requirements for longitudinal research study of the impact people diagnosed for COVID-19 in New Zealand.

## 2.2 Policy/Programme Updates

### 2.2.1 Class Exemption for Funeral Directors and Embalmers to Travel Between Alert Level Three and Other Areas

On 17 Feb 2021, the Director-General of Health used his powers to grant funeral directors and embalmers a business class exemption under clause 34 of the COVID-19 Public Health Response Act Order. This enables funeral directors (as recognised by the Funeral Directors Association New Zealand) to travel in and out of the Auckland regional boundary to hold funerals and tangihanga. This was in response to a series of requests from the Funeral Directors Association New Zealand (FDANZ) to the Ministry of Health, to address issues that were identified in previous outbreaks.

The Ministry of Health has been working closely with FDANZ and the wider sector to support them in the instance of a change of alert levels where imposed restrictions impact on their work. On 30 Nov 2020, the Ministry of Health hosted a funeral/tangihanga directors engagement event, which focused on issues experienced during higher alert levels and identified areas for improvement.

Key issues and points made at the event by FDANZ are outlined below:

- Difficulties emerged from the lockdown regulations and boundary restrictions, limiting the ability of funeral directors to transport the deceased across regional boundaries. Funeral directors were not listed as an essential health service during the alert levels, which prevented them from having blanket exemptions to cross regional boundaries.
- Restrictions were followed by members of FDANZ but the issues around enforcing compliance led to non-adherence from other groups such as non-members of the association.
- While other funeral directors can be used in certain regions, it is not ideal for families and whānau to switch funeral directors when alert levels change suddenly, given the sensitive nature of funerals and tangihanga. This is particularly challenging for Māori whānau, given the cultural importance of tangihanga and funeral providers.

Given the wider implications of being classified as an essential health care worker, this status has not been granted to funeral directors and embalmers. Their status as essential workers and the border exemption will allow them to sufficiently carry out their work.



## 2.2.2 COVID-19 Vaccine and Immunisation Programme

### **Vaccines and consumables**

On 23 Feb 2021 the second shipment of Pfizer vaccine arrived in New Zealand. There are currently enough consumables to cover vaccine delivery until May 2021. On 23 Feb 2021, 490,000 LDS needles were delivered which will allow vaccinators to draw six doses per vial. These will be rolled out to vaccinators over the coming week.

As of 24 Feb 2021, more than 1,000 people have received the COVID-19 vaccination.

### **Vaccinator workforce training**

Vaccinator training is fully operational and, as at 24 Feb 2021, 417 vaccinators and 211 administrators have completed vaccine training, with a further 99 vaccinators and 13 administrators currently undertaking training. Once vaccinators have completed their training, they can be loaded into the COVID-19 Immunisation Register.

### **Ongoing policy work**

*Equity* - Last week the Ministry of Health held a hui with Māori experts and a workshop on the Disability Strategy. The Ministry of Health is also progressing the service specifications for provider support to Māori health and Pacific health providers.

*Portfolio and purchasing* - Advice on the portfolio of vaccines was sent on 22 Feb 2021, and further advice on Astra Zeneca options is planned for 26 Feb 2021. Officials are looking into the availability of consumables and cold storage to inform optimal delivery schedules, and working with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade on potential routes for donation of surplus vaccine doses.

*Provision of vaccines for the Pacific* - Advice is planned for the Vaccine Ministers' meeting on 26 Feb 2021, seeking agreement to initial conversations with Pacific partners. These conversations will inform the future direction for providing vaccines to the Pacific.

*Sequencing framework* - A Cabinet paper on the sequencing framework is planned for 1 Mar 2021. Officials are also working on guidance to support decision-making on Tier One and Tier Two of the sequencing framework.

### **Next steps**

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

### 2.3 Technical Advisory Group: Update

Both the Technical Advisory Group (TAG) and the COVID-19 Vaccine Technical Advisory Group (CVTAG) met on 19 Feb 2021.

TAG discussed the recap of rapid advice provided regarding p2/n95 masks in general practice, an update on the surveillance and testing strategy, an update on the current outbreak response, an update on the vaccine programme, and also discussed the virus incubation period following emerging evidence on this topic.

The Chief Science Advisor provided CVTAG with an update on the vaccination programme. Discussion covered the science update on vaccine candidates, vaccine studies in children, post-event pillar including research expected to occur through Vaccine Alliance Aotearoa New Zealand, and the baseline adverse event survey.

#### Next steps

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

### 2.4 Recent Communications Issues and Activities

As at 22 Feb 2021

Date	Activity	Lead agency	Comms material	Ministerial Involvement
Week of 22 Feb 2021	Stakeholder communications to support upcoming improvements to the required testing order (impacts for border sector)	MoH	Electronic letters and emails Updates to MoH website	No
Internal review on 22 Feb 2021 for delivery date of 4 March 2021	COVID-19 testing guidance refresh	MoH	Electronic letters and emails Updates to MoH website	No
23 Feb 2021	Ventilation changes to Pullman MIQF before further cohorts of people are accommodated, including installation of additional filtration systems and changes to testing regimen	Joint MBIE/MoH	Communication to guests and staff of Pullman explaining upcoming changes  Reactive media lines	Ongoing media queries
Delivery date TBC (paused due to regional alert level changes last week)	Saliva testing update for stakeholders on how this is bedding in at quarantine/dual use facilities	MoH	Electronic letters and emails	TBC

## 3. Managed Isolation and Quarantine Weekly Report



### 3.1 Top Items to Note

#### 3.1.1 Managing our MIQ capacity

- The current process for managing capacity across regions requires us to conduct an assessment of all international flights arriving in Auckland and determine if passengers can be domestically transferred to the regions. As there are only limited direct flights into these regions, we utilise charter flights to get other returnees into these regions.
- Our two Wellington managed isolation facilities will be operating at reduced occupancy levels over the coming week. This is due to the difficulty in synchronising domestic charter flights and international flights through Auckland International Airport to Wellington.
- There are only 189 rooms in Wellington (114 at the Grand Mercure and 75 in the Bay Plaza); missing just one transit flight has a significant impact on our occupancy for this region.
- The next flight is scheduled to arrive into Wellington on 28 Feb 2021.
- While we have fewer returnees in these facilities we will be undertaking IT upgrades and vaccinating the staff who work in these facilities, and trialling cohorting.
- In addition, one transfer flight through Auckland International Airport to Christchurch was cancelled on 23 Feb 2021, resulting in these returnees completing their stay in Auckland managed isolation facilities. This was due to poor weather conditions impacting on an aircraft arriving from Australia in time to complete this transfer.
- Further advice will be provided to you shortly about current and forecast MIQ system capacity, capacity management and upcoming voucher releases.

#### 3.1.2 Pullman update

- The Ministry of Health's Technical Advisory Group has stated that as all test results to-date have been negative for both flights 1 and 2 (including both the day zero and day three tests), and in light of the range of other mitigations we have in place, the day 6/7 testing of the current returnees at the Pullman is no longer warranted.
- The air filtration units were delivered on the 24 Feb 2021. They will be installed in the corridors over a number of days. Letters were provided to returnees and staff about this installation occurring.
- No further returnees will be onboarded at the Pullman until any necessary remediation is completed as a result of the assessment.

#### 3.1.3 Vaccinations update

- The vaccination of the MIQ workforce commenced successfully as planned in Auckland on Saturday 20 Feb 2021 and continues.
- All other regions commence their roll out of the vaccination to the MIQ workforce vaccination during the week beginning 22 Feb 2021.
- MIQ RIQ Leads continue to work closely with DHBs on the detailed planning of the rollout.
- One of our challenges is getting our people scheduled in. We are working with the Ministry of Health and DHBs to ensure they have up to date workforce information which they can then use to contact our people with details on how they can book in their vaccination. This then enables our workforce to get scheduled in.
- Ministry of Health continue to provide communication collateral for distribution to the workforce and their whanau, providing information on how they can book in.
- Stakeholder engagement is occurring as needed (e.g. unions and hotels).

### 3.1.4 Security Enhancement Programme Update

#### **CCTV and Associated Technologies Roll out**

- 21 sites are complete (an estimated 55% of our room capacity), with one site in Christchurch due to be finished this week. The 11 remaining installations are progressing concurrently.
- The 21 sites completed represent 65% of sites. The three largest hotels are yet to be completed.
- Remaining sites are on track for completion around mid-March 2021 (subject to delivery of equipment from overseas and accessibility to sites).

#### **MIQ Security Personnel Transition to MBIE Security Workforce**

- Analysis of the findings of the 32 site security assessments from security consultancy firm ICARAS is underway. Security personnel numbers and composition at site, regional and national levels are being worked through (noting these numbers are affected by changes to operating practices at sites). There is a specific focus on contracted security personnel numbers as a basis for regional and national recruitment campaigns to stand-up the MBIE security workforce.
- Current status of MBIE Operations and Security Managers recruitment summarised below:
  - 28 of 32 offers accepted:
  - 2 x offers declined
  - 1 x offer on hold
  - 1 x offer waiting for response
  - 3 x Rotorua managers on board
  - 1 x Hamilton manager on board
  - 1 x Christchurch manager on board
  - Remaining confirmed managers on board 22, 24 and 29 Mar 2021
- Union discussions around the MBIE Security Officer workforce are expected to be finalised early/mid-March 2021 including confirming employment Terms & Conditions (Note: we are substantially adopting AVSEC Officers Terms & Conditions in order to use AVSEC rostering and payroll technology solution).
- Work continues with AVSEC to establish a rostering and payroll solution. This is still on track to be in place by mid-March 2021.

### 3.2 Policy Update

#### **Review of room restrictions**

Room restrictions have been in place since 1 Jan 2021 for arrivals from the United Kingdom and United States, and since 18 Jan 2021 for all arrivals required to undergo day 0/1 testing. Those restrictions apply until the person returns an initial test. In response to the Northland case, on 30 Jan 2021 room restrictions were implemented for returnees between their day 11/12 test to the time of their departure.

All of the room restrictions were implemented as temporary measures in response to developing situations, and on the basis they would be kept under regular review. The room restrictions have been kept in place while various pieces of system wide work has been progressed. MBIE (MIQ) and the Ministry of Health have now begun reviewing the room restrictions. We will advise you of the outcome of this review in the briefing being prepared on review of room restrictions and report back on strengthening MIQ actions.



### 3.3 Large Group Arrivals Update

Summary of approved group arrivals as at 23 Feb 2021

Group	Date of Arrival	Pax Numbers	Comments
RSE Workers	17 Jan to 6 Mar 2021	2,000	The 2000 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. A group will enter MIQ every 96 hours
Cricket - Australian Men's	7 Feb 2021	35	Departed MIQ on 21 Feb 2021
Netball - Australia	15 Feb 2021	30	Offsite training has commenced
Refugees quota re-start - Group 1A	23 to 26 Feb 2021	32	Arrival details confirmed. Due to positive test results, the number of arrivals has reduced from 37 to 32. Places for these individuals will be confirmed for a later date
Cricket - Bangladesh Men's	24 Feb 2021	35	Training approved in principle. Public health assessment to be completed and approved. Exemption with the Minister for signing
Refugees quota re-start - Group 1B	1 Mar 2021	39	Arrival details to be confirmed
Cricket - Australian Women's	13 Mar 2021	29	Training approved in principle. Public health assessment to be completed and approved
Refugees quota re-start - Group 2	1 Apr 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

#### Current and incoming sports teams

The Australian Men's Cricket team departed MIQF successfully on 21 Feb 2021. The Australian Diamonds have commenced training off-site with no significant issues to date.

The Bangladesh Cricket team arrived directly into Christchurch on 24 Feb 2021 on a commercial Singapore Airlines flight. All travellers provided negative COVID-19 tests pre-departure. COVID-19 testing will be completed on days 0/1, 3, 6, 12. Serology was also completed on arrival. It has been advised that eight of the travellers have previously tested positive for COVID-19. In addition, to serology testing, the individuals have their full documentation confirming their subsequent negative test results and approval to travel.

The team will only be able to form 5 bubbles of 7 people, following a negative day 6 test and confirmation from a medical officer of health that they are unlikely to transmit COVID-19. As with all sports teams, there will be increased static security guards on their floor and monitoring of CCTV while they are in MIQ.

### 3.4 Upcoming Communications Issues and Activities

As at 22 Feb 2021

Date	Activity	Lead Agency	Comms Material	Ministerial Involvement Y/N
Feb/Mar 2021	CDHB survey of MIF workers underway January – to be released nationally	Canterbury District Health Board		N
21/28 Feb 2021	Anniversary of first COVID-19 case suspected/confirmed	DPMC	TBC	
Late Feb 2021	Cohort and room allocation changes - TBC	MIQ	TBC	
22 Feb 2021 26 Feb 2021 6 Mar 2021	RSE Vanuatu workers RSE Samoa workers RSE Samoa workers	MIQ	Bespoke group communication (i.e. welcome pack)	N
16 Feb – 20 May 2021	Refugees arrive in New Zealand (4 groups arriving)	MIQ	Bespoke group communication (i.e. welcome pack)	N
25 Feb 2021	MBIE Select Committee	MBIE		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
9 Mar 2021	Testing updates – TBC	MIQ	Proactive communications and engagement	TBC
25 Mar 2021	MIQ Fee changes	MIQ/Ministry of Education	Proactive communications and engagement	N

### 3.5 Fees

#### 3.5.1 Invoicing

- The table below shows the number of invoices issued up to 21 Feb 2021. These relate to people who arrived in managed isolation up to 7 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	978	184	0	0	184	74	\$236,784	79	31
Aircrew	1,856	146	0	72	74	32	\$281,295	37	5
All other arrivals	24,134	18,322	2,441	8,062	7,819	2,724	\$8,925,332	4,222	873
<b>Total</b>	<b>26,968</b>	<b>18,652</b>	<b>2,441</b>	<b>8,134</b>	<b>8,077</b>	<b>2,830</b>	<b>\$9,443,411</b>	<b>4,338</b>	<b>909</b>



### 3.5.2 Waivers

- The table below breaks down the waiver application information between 11 Aug 2020 and 21 Feb 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
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,327</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>4,246</b>	<b>506</b>	<b>3,740</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>3,326</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>414</b>

### 3.6 Emergency Allocation Applications

- 2,332 applications have been processed since 30 Oct 2020.
- 196 applications were received in the week ending 21 Feb 2021 and 176 applications were processed.
- From the applications processed in the week ending 21 Feb 2021, 65% of the applications were approved.
- There are 65 applications where we are waiting to receive further information (such as evidence) from applicants.

Emergency Allocation Applications	Weekly Totals 15 Feb 2021 to 21 Feb 2021	Year to Date Totals 30 Oct 2020 to 21 Feb 2021
Approved	114	1,064
Declined	62	1,268
Applications processed*	176	2,332

\*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.

- Of the 114 approved applications from 15 Feb 2021 to 21 Feb 2021, 119 rooms were approved. The Emergency Allocation team has manually matched the approved application (114) with the MIAS system to retrieve the group/accommodation data and the flight arrival data as well as verifying each Emergency Allocation approval letter. Please consider all the caveats before using this data as is all dependent on user inputting the data.

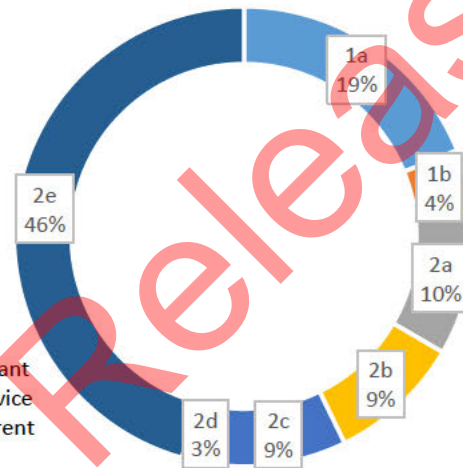
<b>Total Rooms Approved</b>	<b>119</b>
Room Allocated in MIAs (Room allocations have confirmed in MIAs)	100
Cancelled by the applicant (Booked room was cancelled by the applicants)	2
Await flight details or MIAs registrations from the applicants to complete the room allocation process	17

**Approvals by Category**

- The below chart represents the weekly breakdown of approvals by different categories within the emergency allocation process from 21 Dec 2020 to 21 Feb 2021.
- New categories came into force after 10am 4 Dec 2020 and all cases were accessed in CMS after the week beginning 14 Dec 2020.

Chart 1: 65% of Applications were approved under 2e and 1a

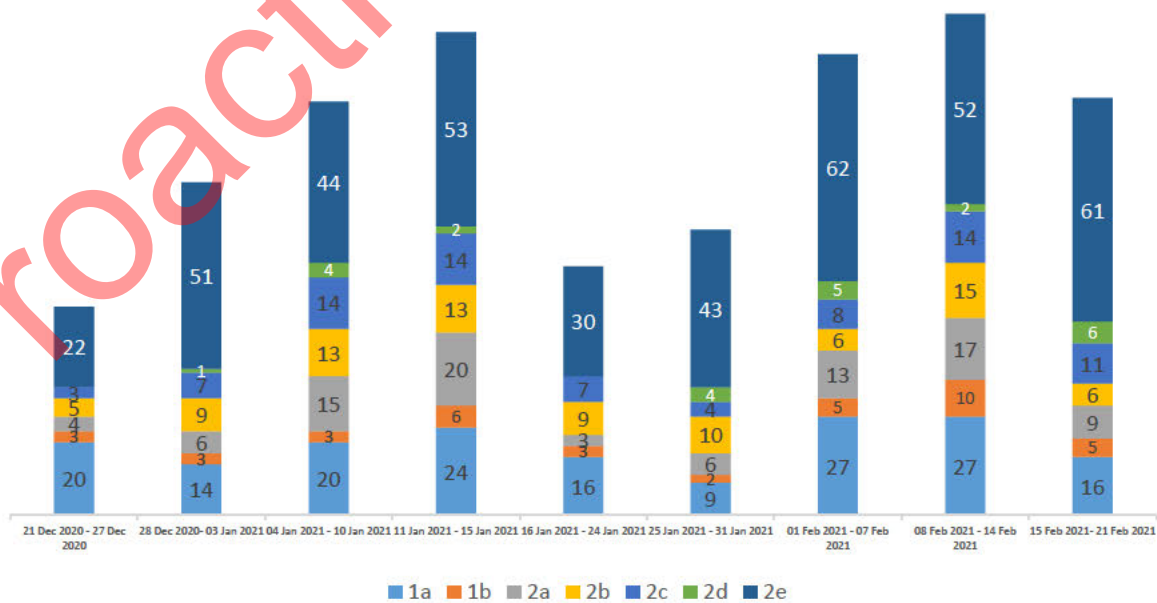
The pie chart represents the total breakdown of approvals by the different categories within emergency allocation from 21 December 2020 to 21 Feb 2021. At the current stage, MIQ can only provide information relating to categories for the time period after the move to CMS.



**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

Chart 2: 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 16 Feb to 22 Feb 2021 is as follows:

Week	Received	Awaiting more information	Processing	Unassigned	Resolved
16 Feb 2021 – 22 Feb 2021					
Complaints	152	36	28	7	119
Improvements	3	0	0	0	2
Compliments	2	0	0	0	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>124</b>

- Average number of complaints received each week since the start of MIQ is 109. For the last 4 weeks the average is 155 per week.
- The oldest non ombudsman complaint in the system is from 14 Feb 2021 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 (65 out of 152). The themes remain the same; the availability of vouchers and the confusing error message when a date is booked by another user.

## 4. Border Executive Board Report



### 4.1 Key Issues Being Considered by the Executive Board

#### 4.1.1 Vaccination of the border workforce

- The Border Executive Board has provided advice to Ministers about how public service border agencies are working to maximise uptake of the vaccine by border and Managed Isolation and Quarantine (MIQ) workforces within current employment legislation.
- This follows Cabinet's agreement to a multi-faceted approach to maximise uptake of COVID-19 vaccines by border and MIQ workforces, including reasonable application of levers under employment legislation.
- Despite these steps, for a variety of reasons, it may be that some workers choose not to initially receive the vaccine. Allowing a sufficient period of time for workers to have questions and concerns answered may allow workers to become more comfortable with vaccination.
- The Border Executive Board has recommended that public service agencies have an eight week period to work with those workers who may initially not be vaccinated.
- Further work is being undertaken on the other options that Cabinet asked officials to progress, including:
  - Whether the current leave support schemes for COVID-19 could be modified to provide paid time off in case of adverse reactions to COVID-19 vaccination; and
  - The legal framework that could be used to prevent non-vaccinated workers from working in Tier 1A roles.

#### 4.1.2 Verification of health requirements

- International travellers are currently required to provide certain information to enter New Zealand, including evidence of pre-departure testing (unless exempt) and other information sought on the arrival card. In the future, this information requirement may include a traveller's COVID-19 vaccination status.
- Work is commencing to look at options to digitise the collection of this information to support the movement of passengers across the border and standardise the information collected.
- The Border Executive Board will keep you updated about this work.

## 5. New Zealand Customs Service Weekly Report



### 5.1 Items to Note/Updates

#### 5.1.1 Maritime Border – Damaged Vessel

- The *RV Taharoa Eos* is a Singaporean flagged vessel which collects ironsand ore for export from the offshore port terminal at Taharoa. The vessel is currently in Tasman Bay as it has suffered hull damage with a 5.8m crack below the waterline amidships that will take approximately 6-8 days to complete a full repair.
- A team of technicians has been flown out to the vessel to assist with repairs. Customs, Maritime NZ, and the Ministry of Health are monitoring the situation as this is not a vessel normally boarded by border agencies and there may also be safety issues if repairs are not successful.

#### 5.1.2 Maritime Border – s6(c)

- s6(c) [Redacted]
- s6(c) [Redacted]
- s6(c) [Redacted]

#### 5.1.3 Pre-Departure Testing

- For the period 15 Feb 2021 to 21 Feb 2021, one infringement and three warnings were issued:
  - 19 Feb – One infringement for \$300 to a passenger who had arrived without having undertaken a pre-departure test.
  - 15 Feb – Passenger warned as no Date of Birth on PDT Certificate which was viewed via a mobile app.
  - 16 Feb – Crew member warned. PDT documents lost during travel but crew member was able to provide text message of a negative COVID-19 test result.
  - 21 Feb – Crew member warned. PDT documents lost during travel but crew member was able to provide text message of a negative COVID-19 test result.

Passengers:

	Date	15 Feb	16 Feb	17 Feb	18 Feb	19 Feb	20 Feb	21 Feb	Week Total	%
	Total Passengers	318	473	217	613	410	417	358	2806	
	Passengers subject to PDT	250	278	78	320	248	221	221	1616	57.6%
Primary Actions (Passport Control)	Test Certificate Verified	219	247	74	298	236	210	196	1480	91.5%
	Exemption Verified	6	12	2	7	6	6	8	47	3.0%
	Referred to Secondary Area	25	19	2	15	6	5	17	89	5.5%
Secondary Area Actions	Compliant	24	19	2	15	5	5	17	87	97.8%
	Warned	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1.1%
	Infringement	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1.1%
	Prosecution	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Crew:

	Date	15 Feb	16 Feb	17 Feb	18 Feb	19 Feb	20 Feb	21 Feb	Week Total	%
	Total Crew	106	130	93	161	89	114	84	777	
	Crew subject to PDT	45	79	35	62	39	48	20	328	42.2%
Primary Actions (Passport Control)	Test Certificate Verified	45	78	35	62	39	48	19	326	99.4%
	Exemption Verified	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
	Referred to Secondary Area	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	0.6%
Secondary Area Actions	Compliant	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	%
	Warned	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	100%
	Infringement	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Prosecution	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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## 6. Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade



### 6.1 Items to Note/Updates

#### 6.1.1 Vaccines: COVAX announcements and dose donation

- COVAX is on track to deliver its first doses to Ghana and Cote D'Ivoire this week, and will begin to administer doses in these countries from Monday. COVAX will publish a press release on Wednesday night (New Zealand time) to mark the occasion. Officials are preparing reactive media/social media lines for Ministers to welcome the start of vaccinations through COVAX.
- COVAX is expected to publish the full list of dose allocations up to May 2021 for all participants (including New Zealand) later this week. This will confirm New Zealand's allocation of AstraZeneca doses, and announce our Pfizer allocation for the first time. Officials are confirming timing of the COVAX publication and will provide further reactive media lines to Ministers to manage and sensitivities around "over-purchasing" ahead of dose donation decisions and further purchase announcements next week.
- Officials continue to work on possible pathways for donation of surplus doses, including whether it is possible to earmark donations through COVAX to the Pacific. Previous pandemics have taught us that dose donation is incredibly complex, not least due to liability and indemnity arrangements associated with the use of vaccines in a third country. Reaching a solution will require willingness and flexibility from a range of partners, including vaccine companies, to overcome a variety of legal, logistical and timing barriers.

Advice received by the Minister for COVID-19 Response is available through the following

links: [covid19.govt.nz/alert-levels-and-updates/proactive-releases/](https://covid19.govt.nz/alert-levels-and-updates/proactive-releases/) and [www.health.govt.nz/aboutministry/information-releases/advice-provided-ministers](https://www.health.govt.nz/aboutministry/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
8 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
8 Mar 21	Chris Bishop	All advice from officials to your office about "been using that channel (COVAX facility) to see if we can seek additional quantities of the Pfizer vaccine earlier"	In progress
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	In progress
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 Papatōetoe 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
23 Mar 21	Chris Bishop	Copy of advice referenced in WPQ 197 (2021) and WPQ 198 (2021)	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
<b>1 Feb 21</b>	s9(2)(a)	<b>Number gone through managed isolation and number of who have paid</b>	<b>Minister's office</b>
<b>1 Feb 21</b>	s9(2)(a)	<b>Number gone through managed isolation and number of who have paid</b>	<b>Minister's office</b>
5 Feb 21	s9(2)(a)	Information on room upgrades at MIQ facilities	Under review
16 Feb 21	s9(2)(a)	Copy of any incident reports or their equivalent about MIQ bubble breaches	Under review
22 Feb 21	s9(2)(a)	All info re MIQ officials ministerial advice on 570 fishing crew exemption	Drafting
23 Feb 21	s9(2)(a)	All 2020 correspondence with Sealord, Independent fisheries & Maruha Nichiro	Gathering information
24 Feb 21	s9(2)(a)	Stamford Hotel occupancy rate as MIQ facility, and revenue	Gathering information
24 Feb 21	s9(2)(a)	MIQ contracts re supplying buses/coaches for transport to/from MIQs	Under review
26 Feb 21	s9(2)(a)	What penalties did people incur shopping post Pullman Hotel MIQ isolation	Scoping
26 Feb 21	s9(2)(a)	MIQ incident registers 1.04.20 & 28.01.21 & No of border arrivals w/out voucher	Drafting
1 Mar 21	@AllCultsAreBad	Correspondence relating to granting The Wiggles spots in MIQ (received via twitter)	Gathering information
1 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	Encounter between a hotel staff member at the Millenium Hotel & a guest	Drafting
1 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	Corr etc re 'Bedroom encounter' MIQ staff/returnee incident incl. notes	Gathering information

Date due	Requestor	OIA Request	Status
1 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	Complaints at MIQ - Workers who has been dismissed and reasons at MIQ	Gathering information
1 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	Docs etc re face mask correspondence re MIQ staff 'Bedroom encounter'	Drafting
1 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	No. of MIQ persons by country or flight of origin from March 2020-present	Scoping
1 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	MIQ H&S policies and plans, hazard Identification & H&S Reporting	Scoping
1 Mar 21	s9(2)	Details on how much hotels are being paid to operate as MIQ	Under review
2 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	Further questions in response to 2021-2022 re: MIQ spaces for America's Cup	Under review
2 Mar 21	Chris Bishop	All documents relating to Trev Pontings declined then accepted application	Drafting
3 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	Documents relating to the MIQ emergency application for Trevor Ponting	Drafting
3 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	Documents about the 7 January incident at the Grand Millennium MIQ	Drafting
3 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	Correspondence to grant The Wiggles MIQ spots	Gathering information
4 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	Costs of managed isolation and quarantine	Under review
5 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	What advice was given/research conducted regards alternative MIQ options	Gathering information
5 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	Documents about Tom Abercrombie and other families MIQ exemption request	Gathering information
8 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	Decisions around charges for people entering Managed Isolation facilities	Gathering information
9 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	Copy of application made by Stamford Plaza hotel to be MIQ facility	Gathering information
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	Drafting
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



Date due	Requestor	OIA Request	Status
10 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	Numbers of nurses, doctors and immigration staff working at MIQ facilities	Scoping
10 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	Explanation of consultation with overseas residents re MIQ allocation	Scoping
11 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	Correspondence from Jan Logie to MBIE relating to Ricardo Menéndez March	Scoping
11 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	Info relating to the MIQ Allocation System	Scoping
11 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	Info relating to MIQ spots available over past 3 months	Scoping
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	Under review
12 Mar 21	s9(2)	<b>Managed isolation requests handled personally by the CEO</b>	<b>Gathering information</b>
12 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	<b>Arrivals at MIQ by country and number testing positive from 1/8/20 - 1/2/21</b>	<b>Scoping</b>
12 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	<b>Analysis on MIQ decision to only open up spaces three months out</b>	<b>Scoping</b>
12 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	MIQ for maritime arrivals; email communications	Scoping
12 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	How many complaints about MIAS system to MIQ	Gathering information
12 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	MIQ - exemptions under Category Class 2C for returning NZ citizens	Scoping
12 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	Comms and information between Maritime and MBIE	Scoping
12 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	MIQ - Exemptions for emergency allocations for citizens returning home	Scoping
12 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	Info between the wiggles an event managers for entering MIQ	Scoping
12 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	Returning citizens that are seafarers to MIQ	Scoping
12 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	Comms between Air NZ and MBIE MIQ - essential workers	Scoping
12 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	MIQ hotel(s) allocated to the passengers arriving off flights into Auckland	Scoping
12 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	Numbers regarding Emergency Allocation requests for MIQ	Under review
15 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	<b>Information on the 32 MIQ facilities</b>	<b>Under review</b>

Date due	Requestor	OIA Request	Status
15 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	Questions relating to MIQ exemptions between 01/03/20 and 03/01/21	Gathering information
17 Mar 21	s9(2)	Decision makers decisions on complaint CAF-002761-G1C1	Scoping
17 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	Report describing the required modifications to the Pullman building	Scoping
17 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	Paying living wage to hotel workers at MIQ	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	Scoping
18 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	Process that guides the allocation of MIQ hotels to particular flights	Gathering information
18 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	Reasons why Ms Lucinda Baulch is being unlawfully detained at MIQ	Scoping
18 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	Subsequent advice from meetings with iwi about MIQ facilities	Gathering information
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)	# of available, used/filled & not filled spaces in MIQ 1/11/20 to 22/01/21	Gathering information

10.3 COVID-19 Group

Date due	Requestor	OIA Request	Status
7 Dec 20	Bishop	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A copy of the COVID-19 Surveillance and Testing Strategy Group report received by you/your office.</li><li>• 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.</li><li>• 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 include emails from you/your office, aide-memoires, memos sent to the Ministry, and should also include the same from the Ministry of Health to your office.</li></ul>	With Minister
27 Dec 20	s9(2)	...all documentation pertaining to the [COVID-19] response and recovery efforts that your organisation has been involved in 2020.	Drafting



Date due	Requestor	OIA Request	Status
12 Jan 21	s9(2)	Re this DJ Macsen video (see link) - was it taxpayer funded? If so, please provide a breakdown of the costs. <a href="https://www.newshub.co.nz/home/entertainment/2020/12/ashley-bloomfield-safetymessage-remix-a-hit-at-rhythm-and-vines-festival.html">https://www.newshub.co.nz/home/entertainment/2020/12/ashley-bloomfield-safetymessage-remix-a-hit-at-rhythm-and-vines-festival.html</a>	Drafting
12 Jan 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)	Drafting
15 Jan 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.	Drafting
21 Jan 21	Bishop	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. I also seek briefings relating to your announcements of "Extra (day zero or day one) tests" see <a href="https://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/additional-covid-19-tests-returnees-higher-risk-countries">https://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/additional-covid-19-tests-returnees-higher-risk-countries</a>	Drafting
1 Feb 21	s9(2)	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?	Drafting
8 Feb 21	s9	I am writing to request the following three items: One: Copies of all COVID-19 Weekly Situation Updates from August to October 2020 inclusive. Two: Copies of all COVID-19 Weekly Monitoring Reports from August to October 2020 inclusive. Three: Copies of these two Cabinet papers and their associated minutes: Cabinet paper #1: "Responding to new cases of COVID-19 in the community" from July 2020 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	Scoping
9 Feb 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. •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	Scoping

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Date due	Requestor	OIA Request	Status
15 Feb 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
19 Feb 21	s9(	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)	Scoping

#### 10.4 New Zealand Customs Service

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

Date due	Requestor	OIA Request	Status
25 Feb 21	s9(2)(a)	Requests advice and information sent or received by Customs since 1 January 2020 as reports, briefings, memos, evaluations, assessments, and analysis about: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>the effect of COVID-19 on the importation of illicit drugs into New Zealand; and</li><li>how transnational organised crime groups are targeting New Zealand's borders following COVID-19.</li></ul>	<b>Extended</b>
8 Mar 21	s9(2)	Requests the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a copy of the Border Executive Board's Terms of Reference</li><li>a copy of the Venter Consulting report: "Review of COVID-19 Border Measures – Tranche One (Aviation)"</li><li>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".</li></ul>	In progress
8 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	Requests the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>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</li><li>all communications between Customs and the company Xerra Earth Observation Institute since the beginning of October 2020.</li></ul>	In progress
22 Mar 21	Simon O'Connor MP	<b>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.</b>	In progress