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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

Border

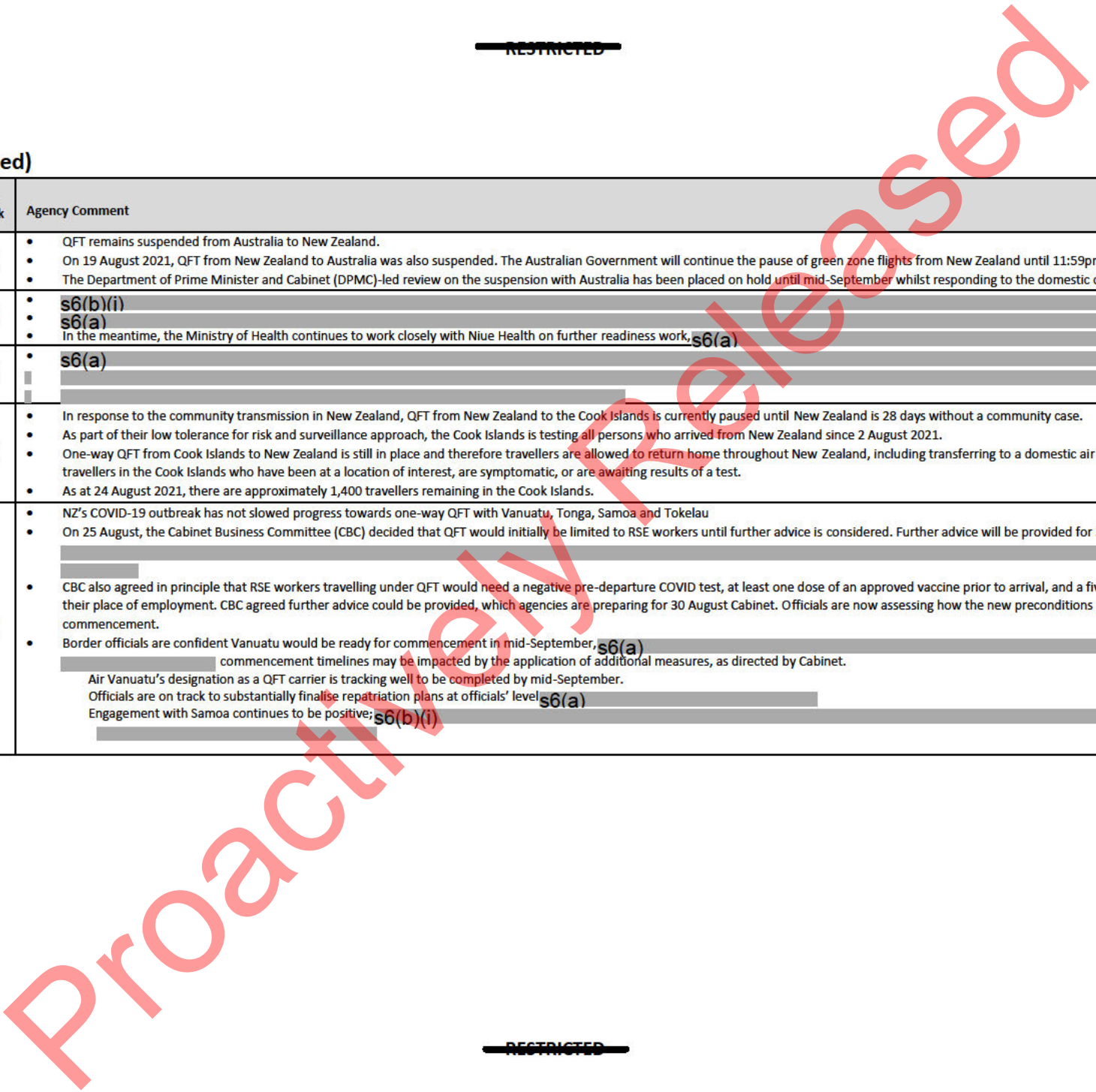
Agency	Last Week	This Week	Agency Comment
MoH	●	●	<p>Border Worker Testing Register</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As of 25 August 2021, there are 257 Persons Conducting a Business or Undertaking (PCBU) covering 12,960 active workers in the BWTR. This has been stable over the past week, with just two more added. 6,069 of the active workers are listed as working in MIQ facilities and 6,891 at the air or maritime borders. Of the border workers currently active in the BWTR: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 87 percent have had two doses of the COVID-19 vaccine 5 percent have had one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine The remaining 8 percent represent workers in the BWTR who have not been vaccinated yet or have not been matched to their vaccination record due to the absence of NHI-matching in the CIR. All border worker monitoring and compliance activity will continue as usual during the heightened alert levels and response period. <p>Border Worker Saliva Testing National Rollout</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As at 24 August 2021: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 43 collection points at 24 sites are in place for saliva testing. 650 border workers have opted into saliva testing. This number will fluctuate due to the dynamic nature of our border workforce. 162 border worker saliva test results have been reported by Asia Pacific Healthcare Group (APHG). Sites that have been set up and have border workers undertaking saliva testing can continue to do so under Alert Level 4. Over the next fortnight, we are expecting to set up sites at Managed Isolation and Quarantine (MIQs) in Hamilton, Rotorua and Christchurch, additional sites in Wellington (Newtown, Lower Hutt, Kapiti and possibly Porirua), Whenuapai Defence Force Base RNZAF Base Whenuapai, South Port and Tiwai Point (Bluff), and ports at Nelson & Marlborough and Napier. Workplaces can continue to opt-in their workers for saliva testing and the Ministry are continuing to engage with border workers and their employers to support them to take up saliva testing as an option to meet their mandatory testing requirements.
MBIE	●	●	<p>Staff testing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compliance reporting is at 99%, (up 3% from last week), for staff who worked in the week of 16-22 August 2021. 1% (65) of workers on site in the week of 16-22 August 2021 are showing in the BWTR as overdue. The Workforce Testing and Vaccination team will be following up with those workers. <p>Vaccinations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The BWTR shows, of the workforce on site for the week of 16-22 August 2021, 96% have had two doses of the vaccine, 2.3% had one dose and 1.8% have vaccination status 'unknown'. Vaccination assurance follow-ups for those with an 'unknown' status in BWTR in the previous week found two instances of breaches of the vaccination order. There were two situations where workers were onsite and did not meet vaccination requirements. Both of these cases were discovered by MBIE MIQ's retrospective assurance activities. The detail on these are outlined in the body of the report. There were no vaccine exemptions granted this week.
MBIE	●	●	<p>Saliva Testing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MIQ workers at Jet Park Auckland and workers at Wellington and Rotorua facilities have been invited to opt-into the saliva testing regime. Saliva testing is now being progressively rolled out to other MIQ facilities, anticipated through to October. Further information about saliva testing is contained in the body of the report.

Testing and vaccination of border workforce

Testing and vaccination of border workforce

Border (continued)

Agency	Last Week	This Week	Agency Comment
Two-way QFT with Australia	MoH	●	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> QFT remains suspended from Australia to New Zealand. On 19 August 2021, QFT from New Zealand to Australia was also suspended. The Australian Government will continue the pause of green zone flights from New Zealand until 11:59pm on 27 August 2021. The Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC)-led review on the suspension with Australia has been placed on hold until mid-September whilst responding to the domestic community cases.
	MoH	●	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> s6(b)(i) s6(a) In the meantime, the Ministry of Health continues to work closely with Niue Health on further readiness work, s6(a)
Two-way QFT Niue	MFAT	●	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> s6(a)
Reopening new travel pathways - Pacific Islands	MoH	●	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In response to the community transmission in New Zealand, QFT from New Zealand to the Cook Islands is currently paused until New Zealand is 28 days without a community case. As part of their low tolerance for risk and surveillance approach, the Cook Islands is testing all persons who arrived from New Zealand since 2 August 2021. One-way QFT from Cook Islands to New Zealand is still in place and therefore travellers are allowed to return home throughout New Zealand, including transferring to a domestic air connection, if required. This excludes travellers in the Cook Islands who have been at a location of interest, are symptomatic, or are awaiting results of a test. As at 24 August 2021, there are approximately 1,400 travellers remaining in the Cook Islands.
	MFAT	●	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NZ's COVID-19 outbreak has not slowed progress towards one-way QFT with Vanuatu, Tonga, Samoa and Tokelau On 25 August, the Cabinet Business Committee (CBC) decided that QFT would initially be limited to RSE workers until further advice is considered. Further advice will be provided for 30 August Cabinet. s6(a) CBC also agreed in principle that RSE workers travelling under QFT would need a negative pre-departure COVID test, at least one dose of an approved vaccine prior to arrival, and a five-day isolation period on arrival at their place of employment. CBC agreed further advice could be provided, which agencies are preparing for 30 August Cabinet. Officials are now assessing how the new preconditions may delay the timeframe for commencement. Border officials are confident Vanuatu would be ready for commencement in mid-September, s6(a) commencement timelines may be impacted by the application of additional measures, as directed by Cabinet. Air Vanuatu's designation as a QFT carrier is tracking well to be completed by mid-September. Officials are on track to substantially finalise repatriation plans at officials' level s6(a) Engagement with Samoa continues to be positive; s6(b)(i)



Managed Isolation and Quarantine and Return to the Community

Agency	Last Week	This Week	Agency Comment
MBIE	●	●	<p><i>Ventilation systems</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The ventilation remediation work has been completed for three facilities; a further four are nearing completion; and 18 more are in train. The ventilation upgrade programme is aiming for completion around the end of 2021, or early 2022. Ventilation remediation work continues with urgency for the remaining facilities. We continue to work with the remaining nine facilities to obtain their ventilation remediation proposals, noting that of these five have already commenced / completed their remediation work, and provided partial or complete retest results. Remediation work for Grand Mercure (Wellington) is on track to be complete in early-September 2021. Remediation work has now been completed for IBIS Rotorua, Jet Park Hamilton and Holiday Inn. The retest results are being analysed to confirm that MIQ referred ventilation conditions have been reached. Jet Park Auckland has completed their remediation work, confirmation has been obtained that MIQ preferred ventilation conditions have been met for the facility and final signoff is in progress. Further information about this is outlined in the body of the report.
MBIE	●	●	<p><i>Renewing contracts</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The extended terms and conditions have been agreed with 28 facilities. We now have signed the legal contract for 22 facilities, and a further two are currently out for signing, and two are with MBIE for signing. This indicator will remain amber while we finalise the extended terms and conditions with hotels. With the suspension of QFT with Australia, we are retaining the Ramada on standby for an additional 4-6 weeks should there be a requirement to accept deportees whilst the suspension is on, or if it is extended.
MBIE	●	●	<p><i>Fees collection</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Testing of the new backlog solution has been completed, and is in production. The process to email returnees from August 2020 is on hold due to the latest lockdown, and the risk of invoicing someone who may currently be struggling. This pause will be reviewed at the end of this week, and invoices may start during the current lockdown at a later date. We plan to start slowly, to provide an opportunity to iron out any issues identified before ramping up at a later date. We have had to slow invoicing until we update the system. Ongoing invoicing has slowed over the past fortnight awaiting a system upgrade (release 8), which will include incorporation of critical worker and critical health worker data (currently identified manually). With the backlog solution built, work on the upgrade has commenced. There will be an increase seen this week and next week as some invoices were put through last week with manual identification of critical worker and critical health workers. The credit card payment solution has been delayed. We are currently investigating whether the MIQ website or customer portal could be used to allow credit card payments. <p><i>Debt Recovery</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A further 110 overdue invoices worth \$338,000 were sent to Credit Consultants last week. Another batch will be sent at the end of this week as well. Of the now 240 invoices worth \$767,000 sent to a debt collection agency, \$62,000 (no change) has been paid (or will be paid through instalment), \$47,000 is currently being disputed by customers or has been credited due to an error, and a further \$206,000 requires more detailed tracing, and the remaining debt continues to be a work in progress. Recruitment is complete for the debt management team and appointments are in the process of being confirmed. The new 30 day payment terms are now in effect and invoices from 4 September will be required to be paid in 30 days. The new debt management process has been drafted and will be sent to the MIQ Steering group for endorsement. This indicator will remain amber while we work through the backlog of invoices, and we continue to make progress on debt recovery.
MBIE	●	●	<p><i>P2/N95 Mask Implementation</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MBIE had planned to make P2/N95s available for all non-health workers in returnee facing zones of MIQFs to use from Monday 30 August, and each facility was due to receive a delivery of stock this week in advance of the roll out. This week we were notified by MoH that there would be some delay in delivery of stock, due to unprecedented demand for P2/N95s and the need to prioritise health and disability workers in the immediate term. Furthermore, there are some delays in freight times due to being in AL4. We are working closely with MoH to ensure MIQFs receive P2/N95 stock as soon as possible and we will prioritise making them available to quarantine facilities. Where possible, non-health workers will also be able to access existing health worker stock at facilities pending delivery of additional P2/N95s. Workers will initially be fit checked only, as we don't yet have the technology in place to undertake fit testing of workers. Wearing a fit checked P2/N95 still provides workers with a significantly higher level of protection against airborne transmission compared to the existing medical masks used. There will be an initial period where use of P2/N95s will be strongly encouraged but not mandatory. This is because MBIE has a legal mandate to complete consultation with employers and unions before making a decision on how the masks will be operationalised long term. The consultation proposes that it will become mandatory for workers to wear fit tested P2/N95s in the future. Following completion of consultation, and a subsequent full business impact assessment, MBIE will make a final decision on how P2/N95s will be operationalised on a permanent basis. We are also working with MoH to pilot techniques that will hopefully allow a P2/N95 to be effectively worn by a worker who has a beard and cannot shave for religious or cultural reasons.

Managed Isolation and Quarantine and Return to the Community (continued)

Agency	Last Week	This Week	Agency Comment
MOH	●	●	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WGS shows Case A has the Delta variant and has a genomic match to the current NSW cluster. WGS preliminary results show that a recent returnee from Sydney, Australia is 1 SNP apart from Case A. The returnee arrived in New Zealand on 7 August 2021 and was initially completing isolation in Crowne Plaza. They were then transferred to Jet Park following a positive result. This case was hospitalised on 16 August 2021 and are currently in a general ward at Middlemore Hospital. To assist with source investigation, an in-facility transmission investigation has commenced which is looking into the returnee case described above and a travel bubble of three cases in a room isolated near them. While a link to the MIQ case from 7 August 2021 is a strong lead, there may be intermediaries in the chain of transmission. Auckland Regional Public Health Service are leading the source investigation. From 19 August 2021, Holiday Inn Managed Isolation and Quarantine Facility (MIQ) is solely being used for contacts of cases and symptomatic returnees. This is to allow Jet Park to be used for only confirmed cases. <p>MIQ Saliva Testing Pilot Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Currently, returnees in MIQ undergo routine nasopharyngeal swabbing on days 0/1, 3 and 12 of their stay. Prior to the current outbreak, plans were developed to commence a pilot of saliva testing on days 6 and 9. Routine testing on around day 6 has the potential to identify pre-symptomatic (and asymptomatic) cases earlier in their stay. Currently, approximately 20 percent of cases are identified due to non-routine testing between days 3 and 12 (usually due to symptom onset). This pilot was designed to test both the practicality and suitability of saliva testing instead of nasopharyngeal testing, and to provide data to inform future public health advice on potentially shorter isolation periods for some returnees. The pilot has been put on hold until the current Auckland Community Outbreak is contained. As an interim measure, day 6/7 nasopharyngeal testing has been introduced from 25 August 2021 for returnees in MIQ facilities who have been staying in proximity to people who test positive on day 0/1 or day 3. Nasopharyngeal testing is being used because it can be introduced relatively quickly, making use of existing processes and procedures in MIQ facilities. Further advice will be provided to Cabinet or the Ministerial Group prior to any implementation of day 6 and 9 saliva testing.

Community Protection

Agency	Last Week	This Week	Agency Comment
MoH	●	●	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community case updates provided separately. The Ministry of Health has been working closely with District Health Boards to meet testing demand and stand-up additional testing centres if, and when, needed. These include pop-up centres in Auckland, Waikato and Wellington and dedicated testing centres for close contacts only. GPs are also providing large volumes of testing. Testing volumes currently being processed by labs are at unprecedented levels with numbers of tests nationally around five times higher than usual levels. Laboratories are working hard to minimise the turnaround time for processing tests. This has included the standing up of staff to process tests 24/7 to meet demands.

Vaccination

Agency	Last Week	→ This Week	Agency Comment on Status of Focus Area
MoH	●	●	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We continue to remain above our vaccination targets, with the most recent data showing that we are delivering at 101 percent against DHB plans as at 24 August 2021. As at 24 August 2021, 11,819 vaccinators have completed COVID-19 vaccinator training and 6,380 vaccinators have actively vaccinated in the programme. As of 24 August 2021, Book My Vaccine holds 1,780,905 future bookings at 433 sites. The expected Pfizer delivery of 382,590 doses arrived on 22 August 2021. Those aged over 30 will become eligible to book a vaccination on 25 August 2021. Everyone aged 12 and over will then become eligible on 1 September 2021. The 12-15 age group is now eligible to receive vaccinations alongside a parent or guardian that has a vaccination booking. Vaccination sites will be operating under Level 4 conditions. This means in some cases they will have fewer people coming through in order to enable physical distancing. People with appointments booked have been advised to attend their appointments unless they are contacted by their DHB. Work is underway to determine options for providing vaccinations for supermarket workers in response to the current Delta outbreak.

Implementation and operation

Resurgence Planning and Response

Agency	Last Week	→ This Week	Agency Comment on Status of Focus Area
DPMC	●	●	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The current response is likely to cause a delay to the next version of the National Response Plan (NRP) Q4, and provides an opportunity to ensure the plan is aligned for a Delta variant and rapid lessons identified incorporated into the plan. Response planning is producing frequent action plans for the wider AOG system to capture operational activities and taskings underway.
MoH	●	●	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A further public health risk assessment completed on Sunday 22 August 2021 still deemed the public health risk to New Zealand to be high. At 4:00pm the Prime Minister announced that all of New Zealand would remain in Alert Level 4 until 11:59pm Friday 27 August 2021; Auckland will remain in Alert Level 4 until 11:59pm Tuesday 31 August 2021. An additional public health risk assessment will be completed on Thursday 26 August 2021.
DPMC	●	●	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cook Islands government have decided to test every NZ traveller who has arrived from 02 Aug 21, and to re-test every NZ traveller arriving since 15 Aug. s6(a)
MFAT	●	●	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cook Islands: Key agencies (MFAT, MoH, DPMC, MoT) have confirmed stand-up structure and revised planning assumptions based on recent NZ outbreak, and continue to work with Cook Islands on contingency planning. s6(a)
MBIE	●	●	<p><i>QFT Travel Pause</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Border agencies have been working to arrange the resumption of red flights from Australia in September. Air NZ will be the only airline running red flights. Current discussions involve flights on 5, 12 and 19 September 2021 (including for people with an urgent need to travel) with departure ports in Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane – a total of five flights. Demand for emergency allocations has been lower than expected, but may increase once red flights are announced. We will provide you with further updates on this matter on Monday 30 August 2021. On 9 August 2021, Cabinet approved the Ministerial power to waive MIQ fees for returnees from New South Wales on managed return flights, and for returnees from the rest of Australia who did not meet the conditions of the managed green flights. On 23 August 2021, you exercised this Ministerial power and approved the conditions for the class fee waiver for these returnees. The conditions were published on Thursday 26 August 2021 to take effect at 12.01 am on Friday 27 August 2021. Information on MBIE's website is being updated with the class waiver conditions.;

Resurgence planning including review of the response

QFT response Readiness planning

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2. COVID-19 Insights

2.1 Insight of Note Written by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

2.1.1 Compliance During Alert Level 4

Following the recent Alert Level 4 change on 18 August, the New Zealand Police have been involved in monitoring compliance with the Alert Level 4 requirements. An overview of prosecutions, infringements, and public reporting of breaches is provided below.

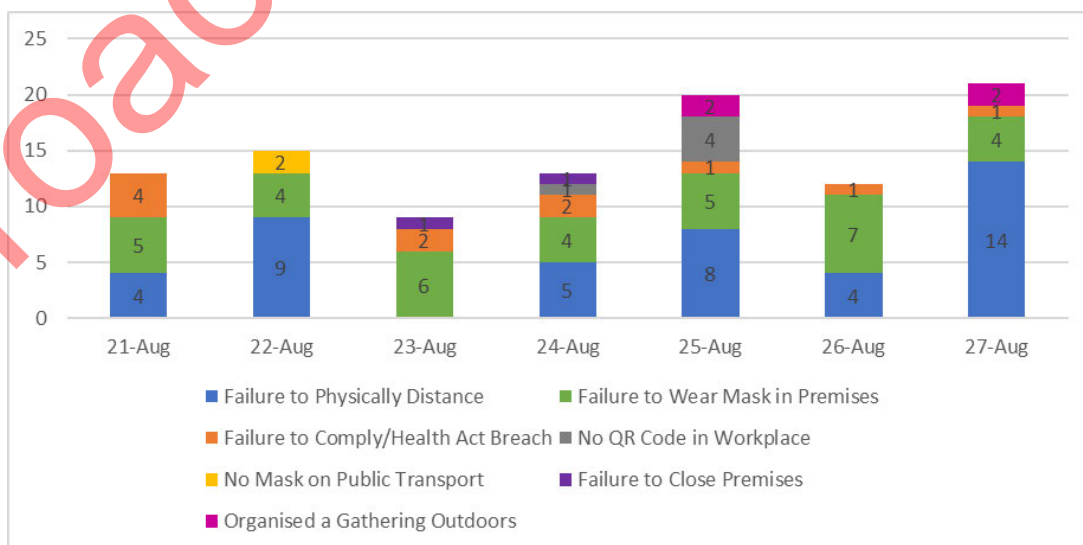
Prosecutions

In the eight days between 19 August and 5pm on 26 August there were 85 offences prosecuted, 248 warnings, and 3 youth referrals. These were primarily as a result of protest activity and other intentional behaviour.¹

Infringements

Over the same period there were 1,213 COVID-19 related infringements, with the main reasons being people travelling for non-essential reasons, people not physical distancing, and people not wearing masks where required. A break-down of the infringements is shown in charts 1 & 2. The details of the infringement codes can be found in the endnotes if required.^{2 3} Note that infringements for 'non-essential travel,' are plotted on a separate chart due to it having much larger numbers than the other infringements.

Charts 1 & 2: Infringements by Report Date



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3. Ministry of Health



3.1 Items to Note/Updates

3.1.1 COVID-19 Vaccine and Immunisation Programme

As at 11:59 pm on 24 August 2021, 2,932,455 vaccinations have been delivered, including 1,050,348 people who are fully vaccinated. Of those fully vaccinated, nine percent are Māori, six percent are Pasifika, and 15 percent are Asian.

167,327 Māori have received their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, which represents nine percent of the total population who have received their first dose as at 24 August 2021.

478 sites were active as at 24 August 2021.

The production plan for the next seven days is 306,201 for doses across New Zealand.

Rollout under Alert Level 4

Vaccinations were paused on 18 August 2021 after the announcement of Level 4 restrictions. DHB contingency plans were quickly activated, and the vaccination programme resumed from 8 am on 19 August 2021.

Primary care providers have pivoted quickly to be able to continue to vaccinate in Level 4. Changes being implemented include some DHBs providing drive-through vaccination sites.

Essential workers are now being prioritised for vaccinations, which includes frontline staff who interact with customers and transport and logistic services directly supporting the vaccination programme.

Vaccination sites will operate under Level 4 conditions. This means in some cases they will have fewer people coming through in order to enable physical distancing.

People with appointments booked have been advised to attend their appointments unless they are contacted by their DHB.

Workforce

As at 24 August 2021, 11,819 vaccinators have completed COVID-19 vaccinator training and 6,380 vaccinators have actively vaccinated in the programme so far.

Group 4 rollout

Those aged over 30 will become eligible 25 August 2021 and everyone aged 12 and over will become eligible on 1 September 2021.

The 12-15 age group is now eligible to receive vaccinations alongside a parent or guardian that has a vaccination booking.

Book My Vaccine

As of 24 August 2021, Book My Vaccine holds 1,780,905 future bookings at 433 sites.

Supply

The expected Pfizer delivery of 382,590 doses arrived on 22 August 2021.

Equity

The new equity production plan templates were distributed to DHBs on 13 August 2021, providing the opportunity to recalibrate equity production planning volumes. DHBs have been provided with more accurate and comprehensive demographic analytics by ethnicity and age band that should improve forecasting accuracy.

Workplaces

Ministry of Health staff have continued onboarding discussions with Foodstuffs South Island, Foodstuffs North Island and Countdown, and their providers.

The Ministry of Health engaged with 58 workplaces which appear to be suitable for becoming vaccination sites managed centrally under a national contract with the Ministry of Health.

The Ministry of Health has communicated with a further group of workplaces that appear to meet the criteria but are located in a single DHB region advising them that their Expression of Interest responses have been referred to the relevant DHB to follow up directly.

General practice and pharmacy rollout

431 primary care sites have now administered at least one vaccine dose in the last six weeks as at 16 August 2021. This number reflects a combination of general practices, pharmacies, primary health organisations, and hauora and Pacific peoples providers.

DHBs continue to onboard additional primary care providers onto the Programme. The onboarding will accelerate as a result of the current Level 4 restrictions as primary care now has capacity to deliver more vaccinations.

Mass vaccination events

There are a number of mass vaccination events now planned throughout the country. These are to set to begin from mid-September 2021.

The Vodafone Events Centre is capable of accommodating a mass vaccination event under Level 2 and 3 restrictions. Contingency planning is now underway to accommodate a mass vaccination event under Level 4 restrictions.

New Zealand support for vaccine roll-out in the Pacific

Tokelau and Niue have completed the vaccine rollout to their eligible population. The Cook Islands is expected to complete the rollout on 23 August 2021. We continue to work closely with the Cook Islands, Niue, and Tokelau as they plan to vaccinate the 12 to 15-year-old cohort.

New Zealand has funded 100,000 doses of the AstraZeneca vaccine directly from the Spanish government in order to meet Fiji's immediate vaccine requirements. s6(b)(i)

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COVAX has offered New Zealand's AstraZeneca donations to s6(a) , Samoa, s6(a) to Indonesia. Countries will now decide whether they want these vaccines, if not, they will be offered to other developing countries in the COVAX AMC.

3.1 Technical Advisory Group: Update

The COVID-19 Vaccine Technical Advisory Group (CVTAG) met on 17 August 2021 and discussed:

- dosing interval for Pfizer
- myocarditis
- decision to use for 12 to 15 year-olds
- MMR/Influenza co-administration
- other COVID-19 vaccines that New Zealand could recognise for border workers.

The next CVTAG meeting is on 31 August and an update will be provided in a future Weekly Report.

The COVID-19 Technical Advisory Group (TAG) met on 20 August 2021 and discussed:

- infectious period/release from isolation criteria
- Elimination Strategy/Reconnect Aotearoa New Zealand

The next TAG meeting is scheduled for 17 September 2021 and an update will be provided in a future Weekly Report.

3.2 Upcoming Communications Issues and Activities

As at 25 August 2021

Date	Activity	Lead agency	Comms material	Ministerial Involvement
24 Aug 21	Auckland outbreak: daily communications and support for the health sector and public Locations of interest, section 70s and updated health advice	Ministry of Health	Communications, key messages, website, stakeholder engagement	Yes
25 Aug 21	New testing requirement in MIQ – additional test. Returnees on the same floor/vicinity as a confirmed Day 0/1 or Day 3 case of COVID-19 will now also be tested at Day 6 or 7. PCR test	Ministry of Health/MBIE	Media release (daily statement), key messages	Yes
w/c 24 Aug 21	COVID Tracer app – working with DPMC and MBIE to plan communication/engagement with QR poster holders about mandatory record keeping	Ministry of Health	Stakeholder engagement, web updates, messages for poster holders	Optional
w/c 24 Aug 21 (TBC)	Longitudinal study into people that have had COVID-19 in New Zealand. Research grant announcement	Ministry of Health	Press release, interviews, questions and answers	Optional
	Review of June Sydney to Wellington traveller case	Ministry of Health	Comms materials, questions and answers	Yes

3.3 Upcoming Publications

Title	Date	Context	ELT contact
Publication: COVID-19 Outbreak Response Toolkit for Aged Residential Care (ARC)	End of August 2021	This Toolkit supports ARC providers to prepare, respond to, and review an outbreak of COVID-19 in their facility.	Clare Perry, Deputy Director-General, Health System Improvement and Innovation, 027 278 4106
Publication: Getting through Together	TBC	The National Ethics Advisory Committee's publication Getting Through Together considers the ethical issues that may arise during any pandemic. The emphasis is on using shared ethical principles so people can care for themselves, their whānau and their neighbours, and make decisions. This is updated from the 2007 version.	Clare Perry, Deputy Director-General, Health System Improvement and Innovation, 027 278 4106

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4. Managed Isolation and Quarantine Weekly Report

4.1 Items to Note/Updates

4.1.1 MIQ's response to the Delta outbreak

In response to the Delta outbreak and its impact on MIQ, over the past week we have made a range of operational decisions, including:

On 20 August 2021, we moved the Grand Mercure Wellington from being a dual-use facility to being a quarantine facility. The CCDHB advised that the Bay Plaza in Wellington is unsuitable for positive cases, and as such, the Grand Mercure should accommodate all those who are in quarantine. The Grand Mercure has a total quarantine capacity of 32 rooms. In order to increase beyond that capacity, further filtration units are required to meet IPC. We are currently planning to ascertain how we can increase the Grand Mercure's capacity, potentially to 50. We also approved use of the Bay Plaza to support Wellington's community outbreak in support of the CCDHB's response and directed the scheduled flights to Christchurch.

On 21 August 2021, we stopped the auto re-release of rooms in MIAS. This give us better certainty of arrivals through the border this week for response planning purposes.

On 22 August 2021, we confirmed the ventilation remediation at the Four Points in Auckland. This is likely to begin on 13 September 2021.

On 24 August 2021, we approved the Novotel Ellerslie to become a quarantine facility. We also endorsed the option of pursuing the suitability of Holiday Inn Airport as a second additional quarantine or dual-use facility.

Planning is underway if community cases emerge in the South Island or if we require the use of facilities in Hamilton/Rotorua for the response.

We are continuing to work with the Ministry of Health to ensure the remainder of the air filters for shared spaces are installed in the remaining eight facilities, and the roll out of P2/N95 masks in all MIQFs.

We are keeping your Office updated on all these changes as they occur.

4.1.2 TAG reviews into the in-MIF transmissions at Crowne Plaza and SO Hotel MIFs

A subset of the Technical Advisory Group met has meet to review the results of the investigation into the SO and Crown Plaza inter-MIF transmissions.

SO MIF Findings

The investigation has not identified conclusively any facility (ventilation) or process fault after reviewing CCTV, card data and individuals movements. The hypothesis is the transmission occurred in the corridor, with the two parties having at some time opened their doors on/near the same time, possibly while not wearing masks. Based on this, the advice is that there is no need to cease using the facility. As such, we are continuing to accept arrivals as scheduled into this facility.

Crowne Plaza MIF Findings

The investigation has not identified conclusively any facility (ventilation) or obvious interaction after reviewing CCTV, card data and individuals movements. The hypothesis is the transmission occurred in the corridor, with the two parties having at some time opened their doors on/near the same time, possibly while not wearing masks. TAG members agree that Crowne Plaza Auckland staff do not present any additional public health risk – they are fully vaccinated, have appropriate PPE and are regularly tested. Additionally, all re-testing results have come back negative. However in reviewing the facility, a possible risk area for transmission outside has been identified – this is specifically the public walkway next to the Hotel lobby.

Recommendations and MIQ response

Given the concurrent investigation into a potential link between the Crowne Plaza Auckland and the current community outbreak, TAG advise that the Crowne Plaza should not receive any further returnees until the following issues are resolved:

- The gap between the publicly accessible concourse and the lobby where returnees enter the facility needs to be sealed so that there is no opportunity for air to move between the different areas. This work has now been completed.
- After the sealing work is undertaken, it is recommended that an on-site ventilation assessment be undertaken to support modelling work regarding the probability and risks associated with air transfer between the MIF atrium/lobby and publicly accessible part of the lobby. At the time of writing this assessment was underway.
- Access to the vaccination station at the nearby Atrium on Elliott shopping centre should be fenced off as a precaution. Discussions with the landlord are underway in this respect.

Once completed, the facility will be safe to accept new returnees. We will inform your Office of the completion of this work and when the next cohort will go into this facility.

Next steps

As per our normal process for in-MIF transmissions, we will work with the Ministry of Health on a joint-investigation into these two situations and the in-MIF transmission at the Jet Park Quarantine Facility. This will look at if any further changes should be made to our operating procedures as a result.

4.1.3 Revised Police Cabinet Paper on Police’s MIQF deployment

In the COVID-19 Response Weekly Report of 13 August 2021, we advised you of our comments on a draft New Zealand Police (Police) Cabinet Paper on the pressure that deployment to MIQ is having on Police frontline services, and options to address this. The preferred option in the previous iteration of the paper was to maintain Police’s current MIQF presence supported by additional funding for increased recruitment numbers of 240 FTE.

We understand that the Cabinet Paper has now been revised to instead present a reduced NZPOL MIQF presence as the preferred option.

MBIE MIQ strongly disagree with this option, and will provide Police with updated comment on the paper. We view a 24/7 Police presence at MIQFs as critical to the continued success and safety of the MIQ operating model. Police are currently the only staff at MIQFs with the full suite of enforcement powers, including the ability to enter rooms if necessary, and the ability to use force.

Between 1 January 2021 and 25 August 2021, Police responded to 1,531 breaches of the COVID-19 Public Health Response Orders and other incidents. Most incidents are compliance-based breaches, such as not wearing face coverings and bubble breaches. However, Police also respond to more serious and complex harm incidents, including mental health distress, family violence, and drug use.

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MBIE MIQ's view is that Police bring a particular skill set and training to MIQ that would not be easily (or appropriately) duplicated by others in the MIQ workforce, such as private security staff. To have a period each day where there could be an immediate response to a situation needing either entry to a room or to physically stop someone from leaving the facility, would present significant risk to the safety of returnees and MIQF staff, and increase the potential for a COVID-19 related incident or community outbreak.

As noted in our previous weekly report item, any future government decisions about the level of NZDF's involvement in MIQ will make Police's role in supporting safety and compliance at MIQFs even more critical. Although NZDF do not have the same powers as Police, there is an increased perception of authority and security that comes from their presence, and if both NZDF and Police were to have a reduced role in MIQ, there would be risks to manage, in terms of potential increased non-compliance and returnees' perception of the rules and their enforcement.

We will be providing you with notes to support you in this discussion at Cabinet.

4.1.4 QFT Travel Pause and NSW Outbreak

Border agencies have been working to arrange the resumption of red flights from Australia in September 2021. Air New Zealand will be the only airline running red flights. This was announced on the afternoon of 25 August 2021.

Current discussions involve flights on 5, 12 and 19 September 2021 (including for people with an urgent need to travel), with departure ports in Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane – a total of five flights.

Demand for emergency allocations has been lower than expected, but may increase once red flights are announced. We will provide you with further updates on this matter on Monday 30 August 2021.

4.1.5 MIQ's role in Afghan repatriation

MBIE (MIQ) is closely engaged with the AOG response to the evacuation of New Zealanders and refugees from Afghanistan. INZ staff have developed a six phase process plan for the Afghan repatriation mission, to which the MIQ team contributes to phases 3 (transfer from third country to NZ) and 4 (MIQ).

While under stress, the MIF portfolio has been managed to cater for both the current community outbreak and the Afghan returnees. The Naumi MIF is being used to house the first 3 or 4 groups, with work underway to identify a suitable MIF for following groups. To the extent practicable, the intent is to accommodate evacuees in discrete facilities to minimise the impact on other international arrivals and to allow for efficiency in the provision of health and cultural support. Planning will also continue to allow for the accommodation of the 86 government agency staff who have deployed in support of this mission.

The first refugee group of 36 people arrived on 23 August 2021, and have been received into the Naumi MIF (capacity 183 rooms). The arrival and induction process went well, but minor lessons learned will be applied to future such group arrivals.

The second group of 3 refugees arrived on a commercial flight from Frankfurt on 24 August 2021, having been evacuated from Afghanistan to Germany by US Forces. They have also been transferred to the Naumi MIF.

Group 3, currently reported to be 45 persons, is expected to arrive in Australia in the early hours of Thursday 26 August 2021. MFAT will coordinate an Air NZ charter flight to transfer the group to Auckland, where they will be accommodated in the Naumi MIF. The next Australian charter flight is expected to arrive in Australia on 27 August 2021.

We understand that the ADF is conducting COVID testing of all outbound passengers, and this should be reported on the passenger manifest. Now that the INZ/MFAT team is established, we expect to get better reporting before they arrive.

4.2 Operational Update

4.2.1 Capacity Update

As at 10am 25th August 2021, there is no current availability on MIAS.

As at 25 August 2021, a total of 31,207 rooms since early March 2021 have been released for the period of June through to the end of November 2021. In the same period, 110,530 returnees have secured a date to return home by the end of November 2021.

Returnees from over 180 countries have successfully secured a voucher to travel during this period.

On 23 August 2021, the re-releasing of cancelled rooms was disabled, meaning nobody has secured a room via the booking portal since then.

4.2.2 Vaccination of frontline staff update

For workers on site for the week 16-22 August 2021, BWTR shows 96% had two doses of the vaccine, 2.3% had one dose and the remaining 1.8% (82 workers) had vaccine status 'unknown'.

Of the 82 workers with an 'unknown' vaccination status, 60 still require an NHI match. The Workforce Testing team is investigating the remaining 22 workers to confirm vaccination status.

Vaccination assurance follow-ups for those with an 'unknown' status in BWTR in the previous week found two instances of breaches of the vaccination order.

A contractor at the Grand Mercure Wellington who has been working and staying on site to complete works on the ventilation came into breach of the Order on 12 August 2021, when they were due for their second dose and had not had it. They have now received their second vaccination so are now compliant. Please note, due to the Alert Level 4 change, the person has stayed on site as they usually reside in Auckland. This has been done in the part of the facility which is not currently operating, and was cleared by the IPC team.

For the second incident, a cleaner at the Christchurch Crowne Plaza MIF was found to have been on site four times in the last week in breach of the vaccination order. The worker was due for their second dose of the vaccine by 16 August 2021, but failed to do so. They worked on 17, 19, 20 and 21 August, in breach of the order, but were identified through our retrospective assurance activities. As a result, they have been advised that they are not allowed back on site until they have had their second dose. Security at the facility have been informed and updated on their obligations to ensure they are checking dates for second doses.

Of the 47 workers who were NHI-matched but showing vaccination status 'unknown' in the 9-15 August 2021 weekly report:

- 19 have been confirmed as being compliant with the vaccine order;
- 17 are compliant but have been passed to MoH for investigation as potential NHI issues;
- 3 workers has been contacted and we are awaiting a response;
- 4 were incorrect sign-ins;
- 2 were paramedics (exempt under the Order);
- 1 person was vaccinated in the United States (this does not automatically update in BWTR);
- 1 was a breach (noted in last week's report).

4.2.3 Staff testing update

Reporting from BWTR shows that 4,570 people undertook work in our facilities last week, and the table below shows how many of those workers were compliant with the Testing Order, were overdue for a test or still needed to be NHI-matched.

This week we saw our highest compliance at 99% of staff.

Workers on site 2 –8 August 2021	Total	Percentage of total NHI-matched workers on site
Compliant NHI-matched workers	4,445	99%
Overdue NHI-matched workers	65	1%
Need NHI-match	60	
Workers on site	4,570	

Of the 65 overdue, 36 of those are less than 4 days overdue, 19 are 4-10 days overdue and 10 are 11+ days overdue. The Workforce Testing and Vaccination team will be following up with these workers to make sure they get tested as required.

Of the 60 that still need an NHI-match, 41 were created in BWTR in the last 7 days.

27 workers were previously reported as '11+ days overdue' in the report for the week 9-15 August 2021. We have confirmed 11 of them have been swabbed, two others are compliant but have been referred to MOH due to a possible NHI-matching issue, 11 have been instructed to be swabbed, and three have been contacted and we are awaiting a response.

4.2.4 Saliva Testing Update

MIQ workers at Jet Park Auckland and workers at Wellington and Rotorua facilities are now able to undertake saliva testing.

As at 24 August 2021, 73 MIQ workers have requested to be opted-in across the six sites.

MIQ workers in two of our Hamilton facilities have been invited to opt-in to the saliva testing regime and will be able to start undertaking saliva testing from next week.

MIQ workers in our six Canterbury facilities will be invited to opt-in to the saliva testing regime from late this week and next, and will be able to start undertaking saliva testing progressively during the weeks commencing 6 and 13 September.

Finally, we expect to offer saliva testing progressively to our Auckland MIQ workers later next month and into October, as we manage against the additional demand of NSW returnees, community cases from the Auckland cluster and preparation for the arrival of evacuees from Afghanistan.

4.2.5 Ventilation Update

Ventilation remediation work continues with urgency for the remaining facilities, while continuing to balance the urgency of completing the work with the current high demand for rooms.

Remediation work has now been completed for IBIS Rotorua, Jet Park Hamilton and Holiday Inn, and the retest results are with our independent HVAC engineer to confirm that MIQ preferred conditions of negative pressure in the rooms has been met.

We continue to work with the remaining nine facilities to obtain their ventilation remediation proposals, noting that five of these have already commenced / completed their remediation work, and provided partial or complete retest results.

Based on contractor availability, the remediation work for Four Points will commence on 13 September 2021, and will take 8-10 days to complete with the facility vacant.

Remediation work for Grand Mercure (Wellington) is on track to be complete early September. While the work is in progress (partially occupied) there are 30 rooms available at the facility.

The number of remediation proposals reviewed by MIQ's Ventilation Remediation Advisory Group (VRAG) is 19. An additional two proposals will be review by the Ventilation Remediation Advisory Group this week.

Jet Park Auckland has completed their remediation work and re-testing. The re-test results were analysed by our independent HVAC engineer, who has confirmed that the ventilation systems at the facilities are now at MIQ preferred conditions. Final signoff for completion of Jet Park's remediation work is in progress.

A planning session was held with MoH last week, about the deployment to the remaining eight facilities of air filtration units for common spaces. It was agreed that MoH will manage the deployment of the remaining units. MoH is to place an order for the units this week, and the expected time to complete the deployment is within two weeks (following the placing of the order).

4.2.6 Ombudsman Update

We received one Ombudsman notification this week, which was a further investigation into a declined application for a fee waiver.

There are currently a large number of investigations by the Ombudsman, for which a group has been established. As at 26 August, there are ten open cases, with one case being closed this week. The group is being updated regularly on the status of open 'high risk' activities with the Ombudsman.

The focus of those investigations include emergency allocations, MIAS, mariners, isolation exemptions, fee waivers, and extensions of MIQ stay.

A follow up meeting with the Ombudsman, after his recent meeting with the MBIE CE, was held on 23 August. The meeting covered a wide range of topics, and proved valuable for relationship building and information sharing.

A briefing is being prepared for yourself and the MBIE CE's upcoming meeting with the Ombudsman – initially regarding the Grand Mercure, but the briefing will cover all current activities with the Ombudsman.

There are no active OPCAT activities at present. The Ramada response went out on 18 August 2021 as planned. We have received no new notifications or reports, nor are there any for which responses from us are expected.

4.3 Large Group Arrivals Update

4.3.1 Summary of approved group arrivals as at 25 August 2021 (to December 2021)

Group	Date of Arrival	Allocation Approved	Final number of rooms allocated	Comments
RSE	24 Aug 2021 (Flight 4 deferred)	150	0	RSE flight four as been deferred with the understanding that this flight will now become a QFT flight towards the end of September.
	10 Sept	150	116 (150 pax)	Due to this, the MIFs are being used for general returnee infill. Discussions are underway with Industry regarding deferring flight 5 until QFT (preferred) or delaying arrival until 12 Sept (as general cohorting timeframes are longer than RSE).
Construction Accord	Aug 2021	60	11 (14 pax)	August: Arrivals are between 10-26 August and includes one family of 5.
	Sep 2021	60	40 (47 pax)	September: 45 pax and 40 rooms confirmed. An additional 7 are scheduled to travel from Australia and are waiting on flights and vouchers. September allocations includes 8 family groups (from couples up to family of 5).
	Early Nov	60	TBC	
	Early Dec	60	TBC	
Netball – English Roses	27 Aug 2021	30	23	23 members of the English Roses netball team will arrive at Christchurch on SQ 297 August 27. Visas are being processed at the moment. The exemption to train was signed on August 17 before the community outbreak information was released and subsequent lockdown. Understanding how the exemption can/would operate if New Zealand remains under an alert level restriction is to be determined.
Refugees – Intake 2	30 Aug 2021	2	2 (2 pax)	s9(2)(a) Regular refugee intakes are suspended from 27 August as the focus shifts to bringing Afghanistan Evacuees into New Zealand. Immigration New Zealand will be reviewing this suspension in two weeks' time.
Paralympic athletes	Sep 2021	100	2	There are 73 returnees who have booked their spaces via the online public system in addition to the two using the group allocation. Returnees include athletes, management and support staff. The first returnees are scheduled to arrive into Auckland on August 29, the final returnee will land on 07

				September. ARIQ have completed detailed planning to ensure those with increased needs are well cared for in MIQ, including those who have booked MIAS vouchers.
Fishers	Sep 2021	197 (+84 MIAS)	TBC	Planning is underway for 450 fishers arriving Sept to Nov under the border exception, along with up to 105 fishers under a Critical Worker Visa. All will be single occupancy. Of the 450, 388 pax into Christchurch (5 cohorts), plus approx. 62 Ukraine fishers into Auckland (2 cohorts). Planning will ensure that they are in MIFs that can accommodate their complex needs.
	Oct 2021	185 (+8 MIAS)	TBC	
	Early Nov	68	TBC	
NZTE	Early Nov	25	TBC	Trial monthly allocation for exporter, administered by NZTE.
	Early Dec	25	TBC	
EXPO	Oct	72	TBC	
	Late Nov	80	TBC	
All Blacks	Late Nov	65	TBC	Standard returnees – not requiring training exemption.
Black Ferns	Late Nov	65	TBC	
BlackCaps	Late Nov	24	TBC	
NZDF	Early Oct	20	20	
	Late Oct	65	65	
	Early Dec	76	TBC	
Cricket BlackCaps & Bangladesh	Early Dec	68	TBC	Will be seeking a training exemption. Engagement has begun between regions to start formulating the plan for managing such a large volume of sports teams at one time.
Antarctic Programme	17 Sep	200	200	These arrivals are for the combined US Antarctic Programme (USAP) as well as the Italian, French, German and Korean programme.

4.3.2 Time Sensitive Travel

The Time Sensitive Travel window for arrivals in Nov/Dec 2021 opened to applications on 17 August 2021. To date, nine applications have been received for 15 allocations.

4.4 Fees

4.4.1 Invoicing

The table below shows the number of invoices issued up to 22 August 2021. Invoices have various repayment terms depending on whether they are a sports group (10 days), critical worker (30 days), or standard returnee/maritime crew/aircrew (90 days).

Grouping	Invoices issued (net of credit notes)	Paid	Issued not due	Issued over due	Invoices issued (\$)	Paid (\$)	Issued not due (\$)	Issued overdue (\$)	90+ days overdue	90+ days overdue (\$)
Groups/Temp Visa	3,309	1,065	2,236	8	\$36,170,534	\$21,290,337	\$14,307,019	\$573,178	0	\$0
Maritime	405	269	107	29	\$2,006,110	\$1,252,685	\$662,760	\$90,665	15	\$37,965
Aircrew	204	145	0	59	\$1,088,205	\$818,039	\$0	\$270,166	20	\$186,023
Other	21,770	11,873	6,503	3,395	\$71,143,939	\$42,968,570	\$20,415,340	\$10,760,029	1386	\$4,523,469
Total	25,688	13,352	8,846	3,491	\$113,408,787	\$66,329,630	\$35,385,119	\$11,694,038	1,421	\$4,747,456

*Groups has only previously included sports groups, critical workers and critical Health Workers. However, going forward this now includes temporary visa holders as this aligns more to the categorisation of Critical workers - i.e. they use the same fee charging structure.

Note: the '90+ days Overdue' column represents the number of invoices from the 'Issued overdue' column that have been outstanding for 90+ days.

4.4.2 Weekly Average Invoicing and Debt Recovery %

The table below reflects the weekly average of invoicing, from 11 August 2020.

Recent Weeks	Average invoicing per week (\$)
Past week	3,901,960
2-4 weeks	1,153,803
5-8 weeks	4,859,988
9+ weeks	1,688,686

4.4.3 Waivers

The table below breaks down the waiver application information between 11 August 2020 and 15 August 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.

Waiver applications received	In progress	Total completed	Total financial hardship applications	Total special circumstances applications	Approved waiver applications		Declined waiver applications	
					Financial Hardship	Special Circumstances	Financial Hardship	Special Circumstances
9185	2764	6421	817	5604	87	4807	730	797

4.5 Emergency Allocation Applications

4679 applications have been processed since 30 October 2020. 332 applications were received in the week ending 22 August 2021 and 203 applications were processed.

From the applications processed in the week ending 22 August 2021, 47% were approved.

Emergency Allocation Applications	Weekly Totals	Year to Date Totals
	16 August 2021 – 22 August 2021	30 October 2020 to 22 August 2021
Approved	96	2503
Declined	107	2176
Applications processed	203	4679

* These figures only include completed applications, with all supporting evidence, which were received within the required timeframes, which have been decided by a decision marker.

Total Rooms Approved Under Emergency Allocation		100
Rooms allocated in MIAS		86
Cancelled by the applicant		0
Awaiting flight details or MIAS registrations from the applicants to complete the room allocation process		14

4.6 Resolutions Update

Data from the Complaints and Feedback Customer Management System for the week 10 August to 16 August 2021 is as follows:

Week	Received	Active Cases	Resolved
17 August to 23 August			
Complaints	182	44	176
Improvements	5	0	5
Compliments	6	0	6
Queries	11	0	12
Ombudsman	1	8	2
Parliamentary/OIA	0	0	0
Other	1	1	1
Total	206	53	202

The average number of complaints received each week since the start of MIQ is 126. For the last four weeks the average is 258 per week.

This week we have received 241 new cases, and have resolved 229 cases.

We continue to respond to a high number of complaints which required more than one response to support them with their current situation. These complaints are difficult to manage as we are unable to provide the resolution that they are seeking – a voucher for their planned travel to New Zealand. We are also seeing a return of abusive communications and difficult complaints from returnees at Managed Isolation facilities.

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5. Border Executive Board Report



5.1 Items to Note/Updates

5.1.1 Border Executive Board meeting

The Board did not meet on 19 August or 26 August 2021. Its next meeting is 1 September 2021.

Five of the six BEB members are part of the National Response Leadership Team meeting which has been meeting daily to respond to the COVID-19 resurgence.

5.1.2 Future Borders Sprint process

As advised last week, the Future Borders Project got underway with launch for all participants in the eight week Agile Sprint process on 16 August 2021. The launch was opened by Adrian Littlewood (CEO, Auckland International Airport), Carrie Hurihanganui (representing CEO, Air New Zealand) and Richard Bargh as acting Comptroller of Customs.

The project team is focusing on the options for a medium risk travel pathway, as outlined in the next steps for Reconnecting New Zealanders to the World.

On 25 August 2021 the first 'Showcase' for the Future Borders Project Sprint was held. The objective of the showcase was to provide the Chief Executive sponsors with updates on the project, get their input and suggestions and ultimately ensure that the project remains on track. This week's showcase shared the first phase findings of the project with an early first look at the range of traveller needs and potential government interventions. Further Showcases have been planned within this eight-week sprint, 8 September 2021, 22 September 2021 and 6 October 2021.

The risk and impact of participants being diverted, as a priority to the current COVID-19 response, is being managed and future mitigations are being explored.

A report back on the showcase will be provided in next week's report.

6. New Zealand Customs Service Weekly Report



6.1 Items to Note/Updates

6.1.1 Maritime

Small craft

A number of small craft are looking to return to New Zealand from Fiji – given the situation there.

- Small craft owners are signalling to Customs' Maritime Op Takutai HQ that they are looking to come back soon.
- While exact dates and numbers are yet to be confirmed MIQ has been notified of potential dates and crew numbers.
- Approximately 25 small craft of New Zealand origin are in Fiji at present.
- Customs continues to monitor the situation.

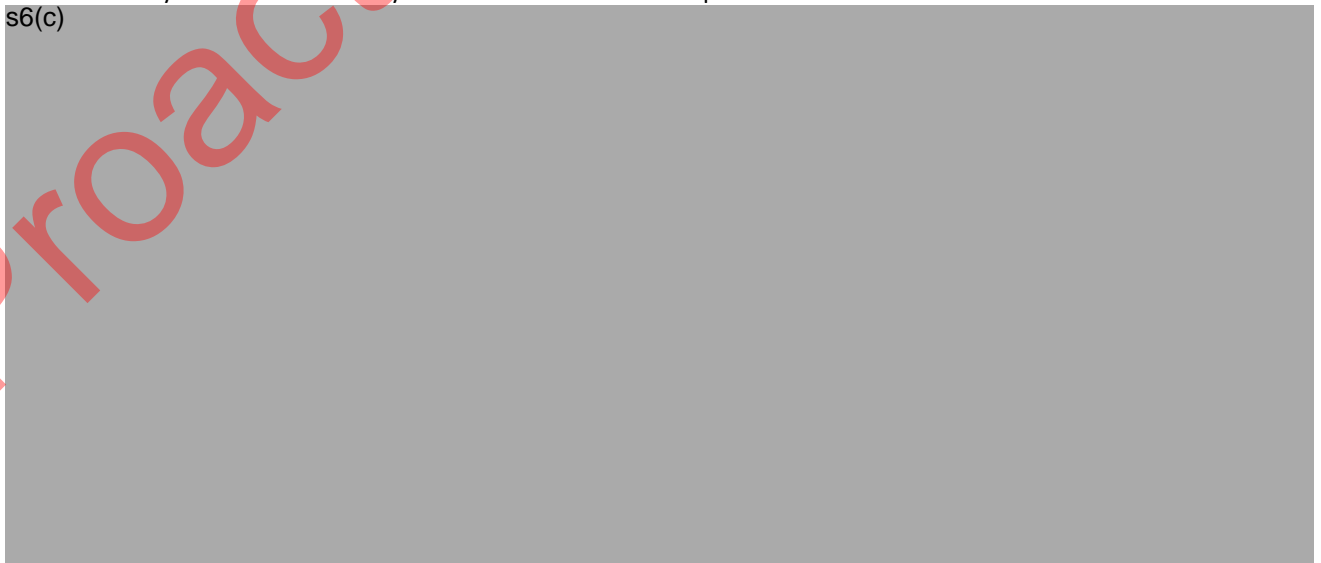
Vessel Capitaine Wallis

- The vessel had a symptomatic crew member that signed off the vessel in Auckland and subsequently tested positive while in MIQ.
- Customs and the ports of entry (Tauranga 11-13 August and Auckland 14-20 August) were notified of this on 23 August 2021.
- One Customs officer was identified as requiring testing and subsequently returned a negative result.

For the period 16 August 2021 to 22 August 2021, there was one infringement and three warnings issued.

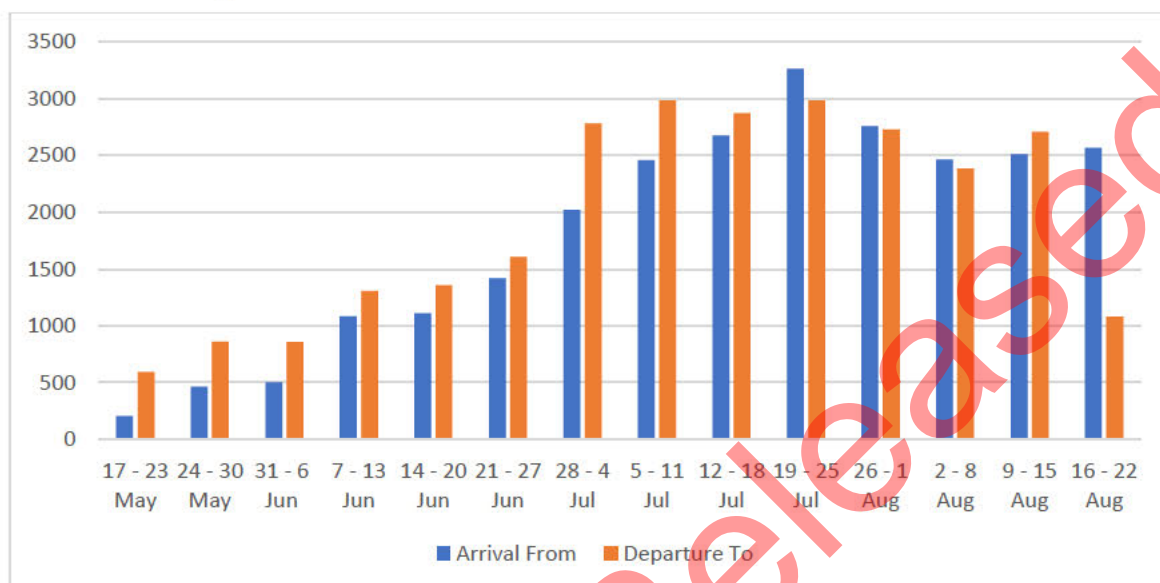
- 18 Aug 2021 – warning given after no PDT produced for a child aged 2 years and 1 month old. Parents advised Customs that testing was not available in country of departure for children under 6 years old.
- 19 Aug 2021 – infringement issued after no PDT produced for an aircrew member who arrived on a private flight. Crew member advised Customs that this was result of a late crew change. **As infringement was for aircrew it is not captured in the passenger data table below.*
- 19 Aug 2021 – warning given after no PDT produced for a child aged 3 years old. Parent stated they had been advised by airline and testing station in country of departure that PDT was not required for the child.
- 20 Aug 2021 – warning given after no PDT produced for a child aged 2.5 years old. Parent stated they had been advised by airline that PDT was not required for the child.

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6.1.2 Passenger Numbers – Cook Islands

On 17 August 2021 the Cook Islands Government suspended inbound passenger travel from New Zealand which has meant no passengers have departed Auckland since 18 August 2021. This suspension of travel has been extended until 30 August 2021.



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7. COVID-19 Chief Executives Board

7.1 Items to Note/Updates

The COVID-19 Chief Executives' Board (CCB) did not meet this week. The next meeting for the CCB is currently scheduled for 31 August, 2021.

8. COVID-19 Independent Continuous Review, Improvement and Advice Group

8.1 Items to Note/Updates

The COVID-19 Independent Continuous Review, Improvement and Advice Group met this week on 24 August, 2021. The conversation was focused on real-time observations from the current outbreak of the Delta variant, including what is needed for a future internal model that will support Reconnecting New Zealanders. Sir Brian Roche and Rob Fyfe had a follow up meeting with Peter Reidy, Chief Executive of The Fletcher Construction Company, and Greg Lowe, Chief Executive of Beca on 26 August, 2021. This meeting continued their conversation on potential innovations for future MIQ facilities. The Group will meet with Gary Knowles, Deputy Chief Executive Emergency Management at the National Emergency Management Agency early next week.

9. Strategic COVID-19 Public Health Advisory Group

9.1 Items to Note/Update

The Strategic COVID-19 Public Health Advisory Group met on 25 August, 2021. Discussions centred on the applicability of modelling techniques to various outbreak scenarios, and to addressing questions of public health capacity. The Group also assessed key global trends with respect to the pandemic, with a particular focus on lessons that can be drawn from the Israeli, Singaporean, and Australian cases for New Zealand. The next meeting for the Group is scheduled for 8 September, 2021.

10. Business Leaders Forum

10.1 Items to Note/Updates

The Business Leaders' Forum did not meet this week. The next meeting date for the Forum is yet to be confirmed.

11. Community Panel

11.1 Items to Note/Updates

The date for the second Community Panel meeting is scheduled for 1 September, 2021. This will take place on Zoom and the focus for this meeting is likely to be on vaccine equity.

12. Government Modelling Group

12.1 Items to Note/Updates

Modelling Steering Group have been engaging with modellers from Te Punaha Matatini and Wigram Capital regarding the current outbreak. Discussions have focussed on:

- Estimates of the size of outbreak at the size of detection
- Probability of detecting inter-regional transmission, based on testing rates and wastewater surveillance results

As the outbreak response progresses, further work will consider further:

- The estimated effectiveness of Alert Level 4
- Likely scenarios for the progression of this outbreak, indicators that will enable assessment of which scenarios are considered most likely and implications of these results for future Alert level choices

Content regarding modelling results has been included in each Alert level Review Cabinet Paper since initial detection of cases. Additional briefing on modelling results can be provided next week if desired.

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13. Upcoming Cabinet Papers

Title	Agency	Date Expected	Key Contact	Purpose of Paper
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- 3594: Failing to Comply with Order (COVID-19)
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- W770: Person failed to wear a face covering while on board a public transport service vehicle
- W772: Person failed to remain at current home / residence (other than for essential personal movement)
- W773: Person failed to comply with applicable physical distancing rule
- W774: Person in control of premises in alert level 4 area failed to close premises as required
- W775: Person organised a gathering in an outdoor place in alert level 4
- W776: Person failed to wear a face covering when on premises of alert level 4 business or service, at a public transport service arrival / departure point, or when visiting a health service
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