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1. Status Summary

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

Focus Area	Sub-Focus Area	Last Week	→ This Week	Agency	Agency Comment on Status
Vaccine and Immunisation Programme	Purchasing and approvals	●	●	MoH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No barriers anticipated.
	Population definition and sequencing	●	●	MoH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No barriers anticipated.
	Distribution and inventory management	●	●	MoH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Programme focus on developing processes and technology to scale to more sites. There are scalability challenges to building a more flexible network which are being addressed via co-design with DHBs. Some improvements have already been made, but area will remain at Amber until plan is finalised, with co-design wrapping up early May and any further technology and process solutions implemented following that. The distribution and inventory portal launched on Monday 3 May. The tool allows DHBs to maintain visibility of stock within their network and allows for systematic communication of forecast and stock information between sites, DHBs and the Ministry of Health.
	Health workforce	●	●	MoH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At the end of Monday 11 May, 4,672 vaccinators have completed vaccine training nationally and 1,766 vaccinators have been active in the programme. There are scalability challenges with the health work force. Work continues to scale this workforce through implementation of improvements to the surge workforce database and developing and enabling a safe and appropriate additional workforce. These actions are on track for scale in June. A pilot training programme for Vaccinator Assistants is taking place on 13 and 14 May.
	Provider engagement	●	●	MoH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pricing agreed. DHBs delivered against national plan for the first three published weekly plans, with cumulative performance of 107% to the week ending 9 May.
	Registration, appointment and immunisation	●	●	MoH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work continues on national booking system to enable general population onboarding and demand management. Booking system is now live with two DHBs, with rollouts to further DHBs expected throughout May. There was a significant CIR release on 13 May, including warning flag when user attempts to record second dose within 21 days of first dose, ability to record overseas vaccination for the first immunisation event and payment functionality allowing organisation to be paid based on immunisation activities recorded in CIR.
	Post event	●	●	MoH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No barriers anticipated.
Elimination Strategy	Keep it out	●	●	MoH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Workforce remains under significant pressure, work ongoing with DHBs to support. Trans-Tasman QFT has gone live, and lessons are being learned about management of international incidents. Teams remain at heightened readiness for extension of QFT.

	Prepare for it	●	●	MoH	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No barriers anticipated.• Process for embedding, tracking and reporting on reviews, recommendations, learning and continuous improvement activities being refined.
	Stamp it out	●	●	MoH	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No barriers anticipated.• Technology programme aligning to enhance contact tracing and support the quarantine-free travel zone.
	Manage the impact	●	●	MoH	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No barriers are anticipated to the broader programme.• Risks related to the vaccine programme are outlined above.

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Focus Area	Sub-Focus Area	Last Week	This Week	Agency	Agency Comment on Status
MIQ Workforce	Vaccinations of MIQ workers	●	●	MBIE MIQ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As at 12 May 2021, 84% of the MIQ workforce have received their second COVID-19 vaccine dose. We have received MoH full data set through BWTR in relation to vaccination status. We are cross referencing this information against the information we have from employers and the attendance reports. We will provide an update on this next week. Further information is included in the report.
	Staff testing	●	●	MBIE MIQ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compliance was 92% for the week of 3 May through to 9 May 2021. Over the last 7 days, the Workforce Testing Team has worked with the Ministry of Health to get approximately 700 NHIs matched. This increases the accuracy of compliance reporting. There were just 89 workers from the reporting period whose attendance records have not been matched with an NHI. Of those, 28 profiles were created in the last 7 days. Workforce advisors continue to proactively follow up on non-compliance with employers.
Operations	Capacity	●	●	MBIE MIQ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As at 12 May 2021, we are projecting peak usage to reach 3,130 rooms in the next fortnight. There is availability for the period of May through to September 2021. Further information is included in the report.
	Renewing contracts	●	●	MBIE MIQ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> With the updated Health order being published we have been able to progress the draft extension and amendment agreements, which over half of the MIQF network (covers 18 hotels) are now reviewing, with the remainder to follow this week.
	Reducing Transmission risk – Grand Mercure	●	●	MBIE MIQ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Grand Mercure and the Grand Millennium remain empty and with no further returnees assigned to these hotels until the ventilation reviews are finalised. The Grand Mercure’s onsite assessment is complete and a maintenance proposal has been received from the hotel and agreed with MBIE. The maintenance work commenced on 3 May and is expected to take 2-3 weeks to complete. The completion date for the rollout of air filtration units to shared spaces within each facility has moved out to the end of June due to supply issues with the units. The installation of filtration units in swabbing rooms continues on an as needed basis where the size of, and ventilation within, the room poses a specific risk. Further information is included in the report.
	Transition to cohorting	●	●	MBIE MIQ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The transition to cohorting is on track to be fully implemented by 16 May 2021. As previously advised [2021-3379 refers], this does not include the small number of MIQ facilities used to accommodate certain returnees (e.g. medical arrivals, air crew, refugees). Work is ongoing to define the settings for non-cohorted facilities, including an exemption process to determine who they will accommodate. We will provide further updates on this in the coming weekly reports.
	RSE workers	●	●	MBIE MIQ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work is underway to understand how the industry will meet timeframes and ensure MIQ has sufficient information in time to plan appropriately.
	Fees collection / debt recovery	●	●	MBIE MIQ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As part of our invoice and debt management improvements, we are moving our data repository to a new platform and are also moving to an automated approach. No invoices will be generated whilst the data is being moved as we are in between platforms, and backdated invoices will be issued once the platform changes have been completed.
Future Planning	COVID-19 Amendment Bill	●	●	MoH/MBIE MIQ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cabinet paper lodged 7 May for SWC on 12 May, followed by CAB on 17 May. PCO to commence drafting once Cabinet approvals obtained.

Focus	Sub-Focus Area	Last Week	→ This Week	Agency	Agency Comment on Status
Quarantine Free Travel	Cook Islands quarantine-free travel (two way)	●	●	MFAT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Ministry of Health assesses that outstanding work will be completed before the 17 May commencement date. S7(b)(ii) Officials continue to work through issues around the protocols to be employed in the event of a COVID-19 outbreak in the context of this QFT initiative, including both returning travellers from the Cook Islands and the provision of humanitarian aid. Officials assess this work will also be ready by 17 May.
	Niue quarantine-free travel (two-way)	●	●	MFAT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Niue has confirmed their official position that two-way QFT should not commence until at least one month after vaccination roll-out is complete. S7(b)(ii) The timing of the switch from 'amber' to 'green' will be able to be better assessed following discussions between Niuean and New Zealand officials.
	Trans-Tasman quarantine-free travel	●	●	MFAT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Government paused travel from New South Wales (NSW) to New Zealand on 6 May after the identification of two community cases in Sydney that couldn't be immediately linked to the border. The Ministry of Health closely monitored the situation in NSW and liaised with officials there; following an updated public health assessment, they determined the public health risk to New Zealand remained low. As a result, QFT from NSW resumed at 11.59pm on 9 May. Travellers in NSW who have visited locations of interest cannot travel to New Zealand for 14 days after being at this location. Anyone in New Zealand who has been at a location of interest has been advised to self-isolate immediately and ring Healthline regarding testing. Officials are continuing to seek a solution for New Zealand travellers from parts of the Pacific who are now unable to transit through Australia due to a lack of "red" trans-Tasman flights. Engagement with Australian officials on this issue is ongoing.

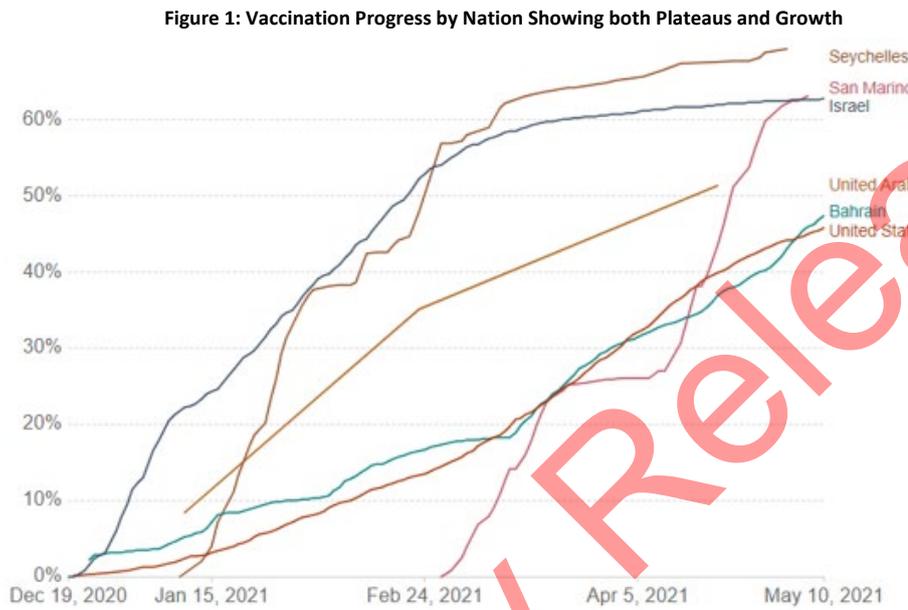
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2. COVID-19 Insights

2.1 Insights of Note

2.1.1 Plateaus in International Vaccination Progress

The vaccination rollout in some countries appears to have plateaued at just over 60% and may give an indication of possible saturation points that might inform the New Zealand response. See figure 1 below.



The countries with the highest vaccination progress by share of population are the Seychelles (69%), Israel (63%), and San Marino (62%).^{1 2}

The Seychelles and Israel have plateaued for the last two months, and it appears that San Marino is also starting to plateau, while other nations that are still rolling-out their programme continue to progress upwards.

Both the Seychelles and Israel started their vaccination programs early. The Seychelles began to plateau in less than two months, and Israel began to plateau within three months. San Marino appears to be starting to plateau, despite starting later, in late February.

The Seychelles, Israel and San Marino are relatively small in population, which likely enabled them to achieve greater vaccination coverage at a faster rate and begin to show possible saturation. The Seychelles has a population of approximately 69,000,³ San Marino has a population of 34,000,⁴ and Israel has 8.7 million people.⁵

¹ Our World in Data. <https://ourworldindata.org/covid-vaccinations>. Accessed 12 April 2021.

² This is people who have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, and does not indicate full vaccination given that some vaccines require more than one dose.

³ CIA World Factbook. Seychelles. <https://www.cia.gov/the-world-factbook/countries/seychelles/>. Accessed 13 May 2021.

⁴ CIA World Factbook. San Marino. <https://www.cia.gov/the-world-factbook/countries/san-marino/>. Accessed 13 May 2021.

⁵ CIA World Factbook. Israel. <https://www.cia.gov/the-world-factbook/countries/israel/>. Accessed 13 May 2021.

Factors which could contribute to plateaus in a vaccine roll-out include vaccine hesitancy, supply chain and manufacturing issues, and the proportion of the population that are ineligible for vaccination (such as youth under 16).⁶

For the Seychelles, it is possible that vaccine hesitancy due to side effects and effectiveness concerns regarding the Sinopharm vaccine^{7 8} are factors that are driving the plateau as the Seychelles are currently experiencing an outbreak,⁹ despite 69% of the population being vaccinated. For Israel, the likely driving factors of the plateau include vaccine hesitancy, as well as vaccine accessibility for those in rural communities.¹⁰ For San Marino, it is possible that vaccine hesitancy is a factor.¹¹

Vaccination progress in the United Arab Emirates,¹² Bahrain, and the United States, continues to increase, with 51%, 47% and 45% of the population vaccinated respectively,¹³ so it is unknown when they may begin to plateau.

In New Zealand a recent survey indicates that approximately 69% of the population are willing to receive a COVID-19 vaccination.¹⁴

⁶ Time. 'Israel's COVID-19 Vaccination Rollout Is Slowing at a Critical Moment, That's a Warning for the Result of Us.' March 19, 2021. <https://time.com/5947967/israel-covid-vaccine-rollout/>. Accessed 12 May 2021.

⁷ Washington Post. Why the world's most vaccinated country is seeing an unprecedented spike in coronavirus cases, <https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/2021/05/06/seychelles-vaccines-covid-cases/>. Accessed 13 May 2021.

⁸ CTV News. WHO Reviewing Seychelles COVID-19 data after fully vaccinated people test positive. <https://www.ctvnews.ca/health/coronavirus/who-reviewing-seychelles-covid-19-data-after-fully-vaccinated-people-test-positive-1.5422799>. Accessed 13 May 2021.

⁹ Washington Post. Why the world's most vaccinated country is seeing an unprecedented spike in coronavirus cases, <https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/2021/05/06/seychelles-vaccines-covid-cases/>. Accessed 13 May 2021.

¹⁰ Time. 'Israel's COVID-19 Vaccination Rollout Is Slowing at a Critical Moment, That's a Warning for the Result of Us.' March 19, 2021. <https://time.com/5947967/israel-covid-vaccine-rollout/>. Accessed 12 May 2021.

¹¹ Science. Is Russia's COVID-19 vaccine safe? Brazil's veto of Sputnik V sparks lawsuit threat and confusion. <https://www.sciencemag.org/news/2021/04/russias-covid-19-vaccine-safe-brazils-veto-sputnik-v-sparks-lawsuit-threat-and>. Accessed 13 May 2021

¹² The data displayed for the UAE shows as straight lines due to limited dates of reporting.

¹³ Our World in Data. <https://ourworldindata.org/covid-vaccinations>. Accessed 12 April 2021.

¹⁴ Horizons Research COVID-19 Vaccine General Population Survey March 2021. <https://www.health.govt.nz/system/files/documents/pages/horizon-research-covid-19-vaccine-mar2021.pdf>. Accessed 11 May 2021.

3. Ministry of Health Weekly Report



3.1 Items to Note/Updates

3.1.1 Publication of Fortnightly COVID-19 Disease Indicator Summary Report

The Ministry of Health is planning to release the most recent fortnightly COVID-19 disease indicator summary report (the report) on the Ministry's website covering the period from 9 April 2021 to 22 April 2021.

This report was developed based on the recommendations in the report titled 'Rapid Audit of Contact Tracing for COVID-19 in New Zealand' and provides an end-to-end view of the public health response to COVID-19 for cases and close contacts.

The key points of interest for this report are:

- This reporting period involves two community cases, and their associated close contacts. One is linked to the March 2021 Auckland managed isolation and quarantine facility (MIQF) cluster (Case C) and the other is the April 2021 Auckland Airport case.
- While the public health and system indicators P002, P004, and S003 are below target due to the delayed identification of contacts following the initial case investigation, P001 and P003 show that once a case or contact has been identified the case investigation and contact tracing system performance is above target, at 100 percent and 98 percent, respectively, for this reporting period.
- There were 37 cases in MIQF during this period.

Next steps

The reports will be released on the Ministry of Health's website during the week of 10 May 2021.

3.2 Policy/Programme Updates

3.2.1 COVID-19 Vaccine and Immunisation Programme

As at 11 May 2021, 388,877 vaccinations have been delivered, including 120,090 people who are fully vaccinated. Of those fully vaccinated 9 percent are Māori, 7 percent are Pasifika, and 19 percent are Asian. 100 sites were active on 11 May 2021.

The allocation plan for the next seven days is for 71,324 doses across New Zealand.

Providing a COVID-19 Immunisation Programme update to Cabinet

We are preparing a draft Cabinet paper that is due to be submitted to Cabinet in the week beginning 17 May 2021, which will provide an update on the COVID-19 Vaccine and Immunisation Programme's (CVIP) readiness for general population rollout in July 2021. A second Cabinet paper will be prepared for June 2021 providing more detailed plans on CVIP readiness to scale up.

General practice and pharmacy rollout

Planning documents supporting the utilisation of existing vaccinating primary care providers in CVIP have been developed with stakeholders from general practice and community pharmacy.

District Health Boards (DHBs) are already collaborating with both community pharmacy and general practice to deliver community hubs in several areas in the country. To support greater rollout to primary care settings in July 2021, the following is being developed:

- a payment mechanism linked to entry of vaccination into the COVID-19 Immunisation Register (CIR) – due at the end of June 2021
- a distribution network that enables delivery of vaccine to large numbers of sites (i.e. all participating primary care settings) direct from Health Care Logistics, the Auckland storage facility
- a level of integration between practice management systems and CIR that minimises double-entry and allows efficient vaccine delivery alongside other practice activities - due at the end of July 2021
- adoption of the national booking system in those primary care settings where vaccination is being offered beyond an enrolled population.

Approval process for Pfizer usage for under 16s

Pfizer has informed Medsafe that it will seek to vary the approval (and provide data) for Comirnaty to 12 years and over in late May 2021. Medsafe will prioritise the assessment and decision, which is expected to be in June 2021 depending on the data provided.

CVIP is already planning for the impact of this change, with existing agreements with Pfizer providing sufficient vaccines to cover this additional age bracket. Preliminary discussion will start this week with DHBs regarding planning for vaccinations of school aged children. These discussions will initially focus on children aged 16 to 18 but will also factor in the possible expansion of vaccine eligibility to children aged 12 to 15. Timing for the rollout of vaccines to students will also factor in the National Certificate of Educational Achievement exam timetable and likely study leave for students to have the lowest possible impact on the education system.

Equity

Commissioning of Māori providers

The Ministry of Health is working with DHBs and Māori health providers to deliver the \$11 million for Māori provider preparedness, in anticipation of the COVID-19 vaccine rollout. The majority of this funding, \$7,779,369, has been finalised into contract with 39 providers across the four major DHB regions.

Discussions are in final stages with 29 Māori health providers. Of these, ten contracts have been agreed and are proceeding through formal paperwork. The Ministry of Health is actively facilitating budget negotiation discussions with the remaining 19 Māori providers and their respective DHBs. It is expected these final contracts will be finalised in the coming weeks.

Pacific people's engagement

As at 4 May 2021, 14 DHBs have submitted DHB plans for vaccine rollout to Pacific peoples within Tier 2(b). The Ministry of Health is monitoring these plans and managing any areas of concern.

Disability

The Ministry of Health COVID Programme, in conjunction with Tātou Whaikaha, have developed the Disability Strategy and Plan. Core components include, appropriate disability specific accommodations in all sites, alternate formats translations of all public facing communications and engagement, developed supported decision making process in alignment to the Health and Disability Code of Rights (Right 7) and development of appropriate and feasible alternate delivery options as required by some disabled people.

Technology

The distribution and inventory portal launched on 3 May 2021. The tool allows DHBs to maintain visibility of stock within their network and allows for systematic communication of forecast and stock information between sites, DHBs and the Ministry of Health.

There will be a significant CIR release on 13 May 2021. Changes include:

- a warning flag when a user attempts to record a second dose within 21 days of the first dose
- ability to record an overseas vaccination for the first immunisation event
- initial minimum viable product solution to enable Whakarongorau to record details of communications
- payments functionality that will enable provider organisations to be paid based on immunisation activities recorded in CIR.

The National Booking System with the base elements of site capacity and scheduling, and appointment selection and confirmation has been built. The Ministry of Health is working with all DHBs to provide training and onboard sites throughout late May and June 2021. In the initial stages it is anticipated that DHBs and sites will provide population groups codes to book online or direct to the call centre.

Within the booking system, the public will be able to search to find the closest centres to them based on post code or address, within a predefined radius.

Workforce

As of 11 May 2021, 4,783 vaccinators have completed COVID-19 vaccinator training and 1,820 vaccinators have actively vaccinated in the programme so far.

The Health Report provided to your office this week for approval is required to proceed with the regulatory change to enable the non-regulated, now referred to as the Vaccinator Assistants (working title) workforce. The Health Report provided an overview of next steps and anticipated timelines.

We are on track for the pilot of the training of Vaccinator Assistants on 13 and 14 May 2021. An evaluation of this pilot will be completed before the national rollout in June 2021.

Distribution and inventory management

As at 11 May 2021, we have made 658 deliveries to sites across the country with zero failures. This equates to delivery of 67,170 vials or 403,020 doses.

The Ministry of Health has approved extension of the contract with New Zealand Post/ Pace Couriers. The CVIP Logistics team has worked closely with New Zealand Post to ring-fence capacity for the programme, mapping new linehaul and point-to-point delivery options for the vaccine from 1 June 2021.

Communications

Our priority this week has been working with DHBs to ensure their key communication channels – social and web – are up to date to reflect local messaging and information about when and how Group 3 members will be vaccinated. From a proactive media perspective, all DHBs are working to identify opportunities to highlight commencement of Group 3 at a local level as the ramp-up progresses. The focus will primarily be on over 65s now being eligible to be vaccinated. This week

has also seen the start of messaging to build public awareness on vaccine supply limitations until the end of June 2021.

Rollout of the vaccine to Polynesia

The Ministry of Health continues to meet weekly with the Cook Islands Ministry of Health to discuss progress against the jointly developed plan to support their vaccine rollout from mid-May 2021, subject to a final readiness assessment and sign-off, and decisions about usage of New Zealand Pfizer supply. The target date for wet run (vaccination of vaccinators) is 19 May 2021, with subsequent rollout on 20 May 2021.

The Ministry of Health had a successful two-day workshop with officials from the Niuean Ministry of Health to develop a joint plan for vaccine rollout. We will be holding weekly meetings with Niue to monitor progress. Our target dates for rollout are either 2 June or 9 June 2021, subject to progress made against the joint plan.

An announcement by the Government of New Zealand's support for the realm countries (The Cook Islands, Tokelau and Niue) is expected this week.

Next steps

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

3.3 Technical Advisory Group: Update

The Technical Advisory Group (TAG) did not meet in the week commencing 3 May 2021. The next TAG meeting is scheduled for 14 May 2021.

The COVID-19 Vaccine Technical Advisory Group (CVTAG) did not meet in the week commencing 3 May 2021. The next CVTAG meeting is scheduled for 11 May 2021.

3.4 Upcoming Communications Issues and Activities

As at 12 May 2021

Date	Activity	Lead agency	Comms material	Ministerial involvement
Week commencing 10 May 2021	COVID Tracer App Release 7. New features will make the app more user-friendly and make it possible to share Bluetooth tracing keys between New Zealand and the Cook Islands.	Health	Press release, social media, website content	Optional
Week commencing 10 May 2021	Privacy Week Ask an Expert video with Shayne Hunter discussing privacy of personal information in the COVID Tracer App	Health	Video for Ministry social media channels	No
Week commencing 10 May 2021	Release of Grand Millennium review	Health	Frequently asked questions, key messages	Optional

4. Managed Isolation and Quarantine Weekly Report

4.1 Top Items to Note

4.1.1 Staff testing update – compliance statistics for 3-9 May 2021

- Reporting from BWTR shows that 4,397 people undertook work in our facilities last week and of these:
 - 3,958 were compliant with their obligations;
 - 350 were overdue; and
 - 89 were still to have their NHI-matched.
- Of those that were NHI-matched, 92% were compliant and 8% were overdue.
- Of the 8% of workers (350) that were non-compliant, the majority (327) have had a previous swab and 23 were recorded as not having had a swab. However, 7 of 23 workers have provided evidence of a regular swab. The BWTR team have been notified of these workers.
- Of the 350 non-compliant workers, 143 are overdue by 6 to 9 days, 98 are overdue by 10+ days.
- Healthcare workers make up 21 percent of the overdue workers, which is not unexpected as they are now on a 7-day swab cycle, rather than every 14 days. This change came into effect on 22 April 2021.
- A formal compliance monitoring and employer follow up process is being established within the Workforce Testing team so cases for follow-up can be assigned to Workforce Advisors and progress reporting regularly scheduled. However, while the process is formalised, the team has started doing this work. At the moment, the Team are following up with employers by phone and email to notify them of staff overdue for swabs.
- Employers contacted seem receptive to follow-ups from the Workforce Testing Team as they want to ensure their staff are compliant. Many PCBUs are now checking BWTR themselves regularly to check employee compliance.

4.1.2 Vaccination of frontline staff update

- Employers are still working through employment processes with 24 unvaccinated workers, and these workers are not able to work in the MIQF while this process is occurring.
- From 5 June, all MIQ workers must have received their second dose of the Pfizer vaccine and will be required to provide evidence of the second dose to be allowed access to a MIQF.
- As at 12 May 2021, 16% of the MIQ Workforce are yet to receive the second dose of the vaccination.
- MBIE has established a process where evidence of worker vaccination status is verified by on-site security before site access can be granted and regular communications continues to remind workers of acceptable evidence of vaccination status.
- So far MIQ has issued 8,400 worker vaccination certificates to employers to use as vaccination evidence where we have verified data that confirms the worker's vaccination status.

4.1.3 MIQ Leadership Forum

- MIQ hosted the MIQ Leadership Forum on 12 and 13 May 2021.
- The purpose was to bring together COVID-19 MIQ leaders from across a range of agencies to share learnings, celebrate progress and focus on future strategic matters for MIQ. Speakers external to the MIQ system include:
 - Professor Michael Baker, University of Otago
 - Mike Driver , UK Department of Health and Social Care
 - Dr Lyn James, Singapore Ministry of Health
 - Kim Lawler and Nerida Bell, New South Wales Ministry of Health
 - David Nabarro, Imperial College London
 - Dr Siouxsie Wiles, University of Auckland

4.2 Operational update

4.2.1 Capacity update

- From early March to present, over 66,300 returnees from over 180 countries have secured a voucher to return home during the period of March through to the end of September 2021.
- As at 11am 10th May 2021, there were over 3,680 rooms available for the period of May through to September 2021, spread across all months, however late May and June have very limited availability now.

4.2.2 Health and Safety update

- We are constantly looking for ways to make it easier for all the workers from across the many employers that make up the MIQ workforce to report health and safety concerns.
- In many instances our workers are reporting concerns not only via the home employers reporting systems and channels but also through the MIQ facility incident reporting system, site management or via their site Health and Safety Representatives and on-site health and safety committees.
- We are looking at the potential to leverage off the existing MIQ complaints process to make it easier and simpler for our workers to raise any health and safety concerns.

4.2.3 Returnees impacted at Grand Mercure

- For the 14 returnees who had to stay an additional 14 days at the Grand Mercure following their exposure to the COVID-19 positive returnee on the bus to the managed isolation walk, we have determined that we will waive the fees for the nine who are eligible to pay.
- Once the Joint Incident Review into this situation has been finalised, we will write to them all to apologise for what occurred, outline what we found through our investigation and what we have done in response. This will also outline that we have waived the fees.

4.2.4 De-designation of the Grand Mercure and Grand Millennium

- The Grand Mercure and Grand Millennium were de-designated as Managed Isolation Facilities (MIFs) on 5 May 2021.
- This allows the facilities to undergo an extensive assessment of their ventilation systems and remedial work, allows for unvaccinated workers to carry out the required work.
- The de-designation of the facilities allows for unvaccinated workers to carry out the work required.
- The facilities will be re-designated as MIFs prior to receiving any further returnees.

4.3 Schedule of Reviews

4.3.1 Four Points Managed Isolation Walk (MIW) incident

- The Managed Isolation Facility (MIF) Four Points conducted a MIW on 30 April 2021. A bus monitor accidentally seated people too closely together. Realising the error, he made an assessment that there was a higher risk to IP&C by moving the returnees than leaving them where they were. All other procedures were complied with: CCTV photo, seat recording, room number recording, and cohorting.
- Comprehensive remedial actions have been taken and advice given across the MIFs where the MIW is applicable to ensure that there is a uniformity of process and enhanced, targeted training for the staff.

4.3.2 Update on investigations – Grand Mercure and Grand Millennium

Grand Mercure

- The Grand Mercure joint incident review is being reviewed and will be provided to your office once finalised.
- The findings of the Grand Mercure ventilation review (prioritised as part of the wider Ventilation Review) have been reviewed by the hotel. The hotel has provided a formal response detailing their maintenance proposal and have indicated this work commenced 3 May 2021 and is expected to take around two to three weeks.

Grand Millennium

Ventilation Review (prioritised as part of the wider Ventilation Review)

- The results from the Independent Qualified Persons (IQP) assessment have been received.
- The MBIE internal analysis of the onsite assessment testing by the Building Systems Performance (BSP) team is in progress. This will be closely followed by the independent HVAC Engineer review of the findings.
- These findings with an initial view of the hotel's response will be presented to the TAG for consideration.

4.3.3 MIQ Facilities Ventilation Review

- The MBIE-led onsite testing of ventilation systems is completed for all sites.

- 26 of 31 sites have provided full or provisional onsite test results to MBIE.
- MBIE have prepared written test results for 20 of the 26 sites. The HVAC Engineer has reviewed all 20 reports and has completed summary reports for 17 of the sites, with the remaining 3 partially complete pending additional testing detail / clarification from the IQP.

4.3.4 KPMG Audit

- KPMG have submitted a draft audit report into their Review of the testing compliance by First Security and Case B. It is being fact checked with the Ministry of Health and First Security before being finalised, provided to your office and then proactively released.
- We have already made a suite of changes which should ensure this does not occur again.

4.3.5 Rapid Assessment, completed by Murray Jack and Katherine Corrich

- Finalised – date of proactive release TBC in May in coordination with your Office.
- A briefing will be provided next week to your Office on the action plan to address the key recommendations in the report.
- We will then proactively release this report.

4.4 Policy update

4.4.1 Saliva testing implementation

- MoH will provide a full briefing on the introduction of saliva testing next week. In the interim, we are working with MoH to work through the operational issues which would arise from a widespread roll out of saliva testing in the immediate future. We have met with Health to agree next steps and a way forward, given successful rollout will require extensive cross-agency working over the next several months. This initial discussion covered the high-level operational implications of saliva testing, to inform implementation planning work Health are undertaking. The next step is a cross-agency workshop which will include Transport and Customs. Given that the roll out will have significant operational implications for their workforces.
- At this stage the proposal is to include saliva testing on a 7-day testing cycle, enabling one of the required nasopharyngeal swabs to be replaced by regular saliva testing (every 2-3 days). MBIE is comfortable with this as a starting point, however we have raised significant operational concerns if a wider rollout is escalated too quickly, focused in the main around system and process design, and the implications for workers and PCBUs. With the varying border worker types, we will need to work through what saliva testing will mean for each group (e.g. for MIQ, workers/visitors/contractors), and how different working cycles and ad-hoc attendance is factored in. We are unclear at this stage as to how this change will be factored into BWTR, and integrated with broader systems, given the rise in information flow.
- We will work closely with Health to progress their implementation planning work, following this contributing to design and implementation activities.

4.5 Large Group Arrivals Update

Summary of approved group arrivals as at 11 May 2021

Group	Date of Arrival	Pax Numbers	Comments
Olympic athletes	May – Jul 2021	157	Returnees from Tokyo Olympic qualifying events. Various return dates. 157 allocated, only 62 used. This is due to some obtaining vouchers through MIAS, events being cancelled and athletes choosing not to travel.
Refugees quota re-start - Cohort 2	6 Apr – 12 May 2021	63	The final arrival for this cohort of 8 pax are scheduled to arrive 12 May 2021.
Refugees quota re-start - Cohort 3	25 May – 1 Jun 2021	71	Key information will be communicated to family groups with low literacy levels through daily phone calls from Refugee Centre Staff. Onsite interpreters will continue to be utilised by the MIF where need be.
RSE – 150 rolling entry per 16 days	TBC 20/21 Jun 2021 – Mar 2022	Approx. 2,550	Total number of workers will depend on agreed start and end dates, noting a reduction in numbers during Oct 2021 due to high demand for group allocations. These RSE arrivals will be accommodated in Hamilton for duration of the arrivals.
Inbound rugby team	Jun 2021	60	Final team to be confirmed, Italy has now had to withdraw and it is likely to be Fiji.
Returning Olympic Athletes (3 Cohorts)	Aug 2021	Approx. 600	Athletes, staff and media returning from the Olympics, 3 cohorts in Aug 2021.
Inbound netball team	Aug 2021	30	Details to be confirmed.
Paralympic athletes	Sep 2021	100	Athletes and management returning from the Paralympics' in Tokyo, single cohort. Details to be confirmed.

4.6 Upcoming Communications Issues and Activities

As at 11 May 2021

Date	Activity	Lead Agency	Comms Material	Ministerial Involvement Y/N
16 May 2021	Cohorts in operation across MIQ	MIQ	Proactive communications	N
17 May 2021	QFT Cook Islands	DPMC	Reactive operational comms	N
Late May 2021	Rapid report on MIQ	CE MBIE	Proactive communications	N
16 Feb – 20 May 2021	Refugees arrive in New Zealand (4 groups arriving)	MIQ	Bespoke group communications (i.e. welcome pack)	N
Late-May/June 2021	Overview of Grand Millenium and Grand Mercure issues	MIQ	Proactive communications and engagement	N
Late May/June 2021	Staff testing audit	MIQ	Proactive communications	N
May/June 2021	Onsite survey of all MIF ventilation	MoH	Reactive information	N
28 May 2021	MIQ/Accor exhibition as PRINZ finalist	Accor	Proactive communications	N
5 June 2021	All MIQ workers have second vaccine dose	MIQ	Proactive communications	TBC
TBC early June 2021	Estimates)	MoH/MBIE/MIQ	Preparatory communications	Y

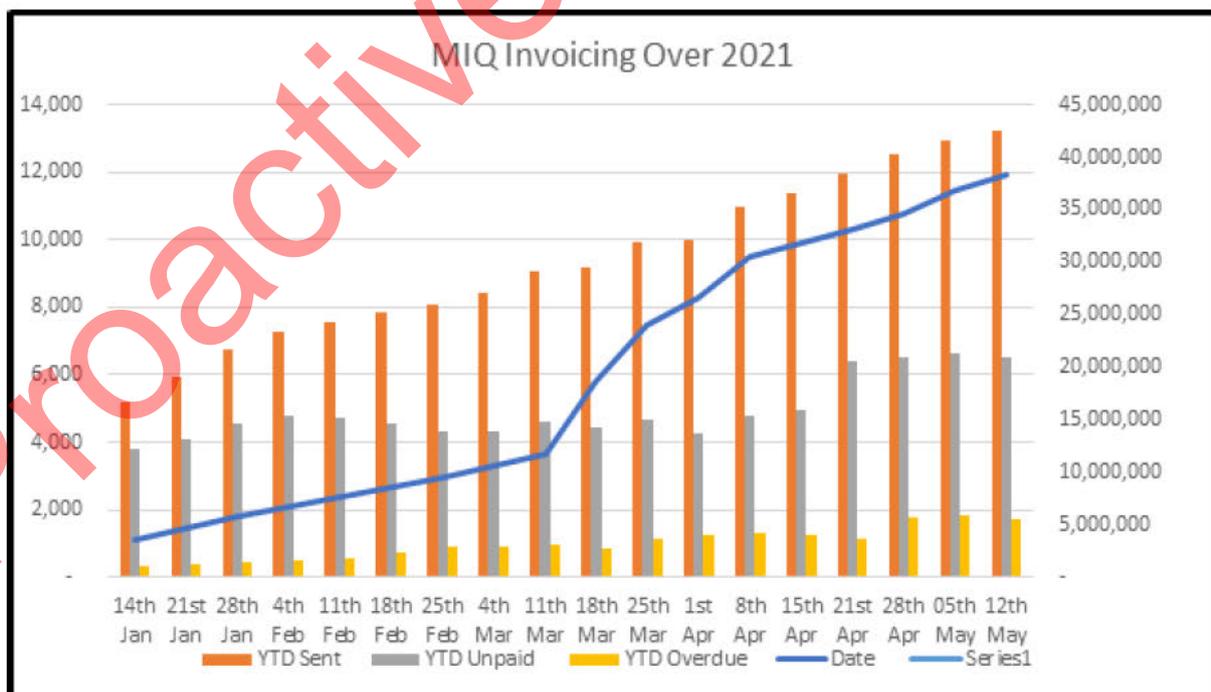
4.7 Fees

4.7.1 Invoicing

- The table below shows the number of invoices issued up to 9 May 2021. These relate to people who arrived in managed isolation up to 25 Apr 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	Overdue 90+ days
Groups	3,058	35	0	0	35	33	\$13,563,459	1	1	0
Maritime	1,449	304	0	14	290	167	\$720,283	101	22	4
Aircrew	2,333	190	0	20	170	101	\$705,188	65	4	3
All other arrivals	37,129	28,025	3,902	11,397	12,726	6,380	\$23,303,663	4,634	1,712	371
Total	43,969	28,554	3,902	11,431	13,221	6,681	\$38,292,593	4,801	1,739	378

Note: The ‘Overdue 90+ days’ column represents the number from the ‘Overdue’ column that have been outstanding for 90 days or more.



4.7.2 Waivers

- The table below breaks down the waiver application information between 11 Aug 2020 and 9 May 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 financial hardship applications	Total special circumstances applications	Approved waiver applications		Declined waiver applications	
						Financial Hardship	Special Circumstances	Financial Hardship	Special Circumstances
Total	6,456	1,037	5,419	683	4,736	80	4,128	603	608

4.8 Emergency Allocation Applications

- 3,222 applications have been processed since 30 Oct 2020.
- 33 applications were received in the week ending 9 May 2021 and 8 applications were processed.
- From the applications processed in the week ending 9 May 2021, 100% of the applications were approved.

Emergency Allocation Applications	Weekly Totals	Year to Date Totals
	3 May 2021 to 9 May 2021	30 Oct 2020 to 9 May 2021
Approved	8	1,784
Declined	0	1,438
Applications processed*	8	3,222

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

Note: Data integration started on 28 Apr 2021 to import and capture manual applications processed between 04 Dec 2020 and 20 Dec 2020. We have imported 163 out of 216 applications.

Total Rooms Approved	8
Rooms Allocated in MIAS	8
Cancelled by the applicant	0
Awaiting flight details or MIAS registrations from the applicants to complete the room allocation process	0

Approvals by Category

- New categories came into force after the 1 Apr 2021:

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

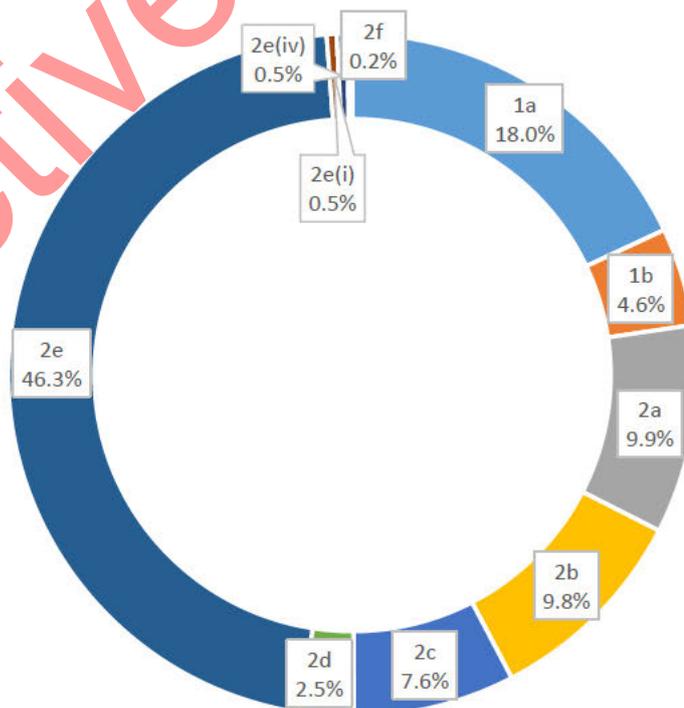
2d - Travel required for National security, interest or law enforcement reasons

2e - NZ citizen or resident categories

- i) Entering New Zealand to visit a close relative living with a terminal illness or end-stage disease (with a life expectancy of six months or less) where timely travel is unlikely to be possible if the person books through MIAS; OR
- ii) Who are living with a terminal illness or end-stage disease (with a life expectancy of six months or less) entering New Zealand to visit a close relative or to reside in New Zealand, where timely travel is unlikely to be possible if the person books through the MIAS system; OR
- iii) Who are living with a terminal illness or end-stage disease (with a life expectancy of six months or less) who have travelled or are travelling to visit a close relative who reside overseas, where timely return is unlikely to be possible if the person books through the MIAS system; OR
- iv) Who have travelled or are travelling to visit a close relative who is living with a terminal illness or end stage disease (with a live expectancy of six months or less) and resides overseas where, timely return travel is unlikely to be possible if the person books through MIAS.

2f - Citizens or residents of Pacific countries requiring access under an official medical treatment scheme to time-critical medical treatment in New Zealand

Chart 1: Breakdown of approvals by the different categories within emergency allocation.



4.9 Resolutions Update

- Data from the Complaints and Feedback Customer Management System for the week 4 May to 10 May 2021 is as follows:

Week	Received	Active Cases	Resolved
4 May 2021 – 10 May 2021			
Complaints	37	12	57
Improvements	1	0	1
Compliments	11	0	11
Queries	2	1	2
Ombudsman	1	2	1
Parliamentary/OIA	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0
Total	52	15	72

- Average number of complaints received each week since the start of MIQ is 106. For the last 4 weeks the average is 55 per week.
- This week we have received 52 new cases and have resolved 57 cases.
- 35% of these complaints were about facilities. The number of complaints for other complaint types remained steady.

5. Border Executive Board Report



5.1 Key Issues Being Considered by the Executive Board

5.1.1 Border Executive Board meeting

The Border Executive Board met on 13 May.

5.1.2 Border Workforce

- Most MIQ and government agency border staff have received two doses of the COVID-19 vaccination.
- Agencies, including the Ministry of Health, are working closely together to identify and resolve barriers to vaccination. As an example, the Ministry of Health is developing a process by which new border employees can be prioritised for vaccination. This needs to be easily understood by all border employers, applicable to all District Health Boards, and also be relevant when the national appointment system is in place.
- The enhancement to the Border Worker Testing Register (BWTR) on 13 May will show the vaccination status of all border workers who are subject to the Vaccinations Order. This means PCBUs will be able to use the full functionality of the BWTR system to view their workers' vaccination and testing status, as well as a broader overview with management reporting.
- The quality of the process will remain reliant on the Ministry of Health receiving regular updated workforce lists with comprehensive details that can support automated matches to National Health Index data.
- The Ministry of Transport is leading the development of advice on expanding COVID-19 vaccination requirements to other workers at the border performing specified work.

5.1.3 Quarantine Free Travel – Maritime Domain

- An interagency workshop was held on 6 May 21 to progress advice on quarantine free travel within the maritime domain. Considerations included: risks and benefits; legal and operational requirements; and addressing the differences between the air and maritime borders.
- A briefing paper will be provided to your office by 17 May 21.

5.1.4 Travellers from Very High Risk Countries – Implementation of Measures

- On 10 May, agencies met for the seventh time to consider the implementation of risk mitigation measures for travellers from very high risk countries (currently India, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, and Brazil).
- Whilst agencies reported no issues, they also noted that there were very few travellers from very high risk countries arriving in New Zealand. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade continues to monitor the availability of commercial travel options for New Zealand citizens and their families from very high risk countries.

5.2 Upcoming Communication Activities

Date	Activity	Lead agency	Comms material	Ministerial involvement
21 May 21	Pro-active release of the Review of the COVID-19 Border Measures – Tranche One (Aviation)*	Border Executive Board	Key messages	N

6. New Zealand Customs Service Weekly Report



6.1 Pre-Departure Testing

For the period 3 May 2021 to 9 May 2021, one infringement was issued.

Passengers

	Date	3 May	4 May	5 May	6 May	7 May	8 May	9 May	Week Total	%
	Total Passengers	2753	2474	2465	3672	2427	2467	1866	18124	
	Passengers subject to PDT	208	192	120	239	207	121	133	1220	6.7%
Primary Actions (Passport Control)	Test Certificate Verified	200	183	114	227	198	114	126	1162	95.3%
	Exemption Verified	3	6	2	4	4	2	7	28	2.3%
	Referred to Secondary Area	5	3	4	8	5	5	05	30	2.4%
Secondary Area Actions	Compliant	5	3	3	8	5	5	0	29	96.7%
	Warned	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Infringement	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	3.3%
	Prosecution	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Crew

	Date	3 May	4 May	5 May	6 May	7 May	8 May	9 May	Week Total	%
	Crew subject to PDT	49	62	52	30	72	44	3	312	
Primary Actions (Passport Control)	Test Certificate Verified	49	62	52	30	72	44	3	312	100%
	Exemption Verified	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Referred to Secondary Area	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Secondary Area Actions	Compliant	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Warned	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Infringement	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Prosecution	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

7. COVID-19 Chief Executive Board

COVID-19 Chief

7.1 Key Issues Being Considered by the COVID-19 Chief Executive Board

Executive Board

The COVID-19 Chief Executives Board (CCB) met on Tuesday 11 May 2021. The agenda included the following:

- **COVID-19 Independent Continuous Review, Improvement and Advice Group (the Group) and Chair of the Business Engagement Forum (the Forum) Update**
To engage and update on work to date of the Group and the Forum.
- **Quarantine Free Travel**
System readiness update provided by Graham MacLean.
- **COVID-19 System Assurance Framework – Matrix**
Discuss the findings/high priority items.
 - Quarantine free travel impact on risk and operations.
 - Border workforce testing and vaccination.
- **COVID-19 Immunisation Programme Update**
Programme update from Director General Health.
- **COVID-19 Pacific Update**
Update and engage with CEs on complexities of Pacific COVID-19 work led by Chris Seed.

8. Upcoming Cabinet Papers

s9(2)(f)(iv)

9. Official Information Act Requests

9.1 Ministry of Health

Date due	Requestor	OIA Request	Status
3 May 21	s9(2)(a)	Information relating to COVID-19 measures, including alert levels and restrictions, and the public's response (including compliance), from 1 January 2021 to 31 March 2021.	In progress
6 May 21	Chris Bishop	A copy of the talking points please. Related to Cabinet Paper "Additional Item: COVID-19 and MIQ: Update" on 26 January 2021.	At Minister's office
6 May 21	s9(2)(a)	Information relating to amending the different COVID-19 contact categories to include "casual plus" and "close plus".	At Minister's office

Date due	Requestor	OIA Request	Status
6 May 21	s9(2)(a)	All correspondence between Pfizer and COVID-19 Response Minister Hon Chris Hipkins' office between 1 October 2020 and 7 April 2021 relating to any and all matters relating to the Pfizer/BioNTech (Cominarty) vaccine.	At Minister's office
12 May 21	s9(2)(a)	Titles of Cabinet and Cabinet committee papers relating to how a person might provide proof or certification of either having been vaccinated against COVID-19, or otherwise having COVID-19 antibodies.	At Minister's office
12 May 21	Chris Bishop	The full Ministry of Health paper dated 26 January 2021 referred to in the House; and any covering report or aide-memoires from Ministry officials relating to it; · The "several updated delivery schedules from Pfizer" referred to in the House ·"the model" the government operates to which was referred to in the House.	In progress
12 May 21	Chris Bishop	Information relating to the trial of the COVID card in Rotorua.	In progress
24 May 21	Chris Bishop	Information relating to the "very high risk" category of overseas countries.	In progress
25 May 21	s9(2)(a)	Information relating to the COVID card trial.	In progress
25 May 21	s9(2)(a)	Information relating to the "very high risk" category of overseas countries.	In progress
28 May 21	s9(2)	Information relating to the Infectious and Notifiable Diseases Order (No2) 2020.	In progress
28 May 21	s9(2)(a)	Advice given to the Minister/Cabinet on the vaccine rollout.	In progress
31 May 21	Chris Bishop	A copy of the full Review of the COVID-19 Public Health Response (Required Testing) Order 2020 received on 17 Feb 2021. I also request the review referred to ("the most recent review of these Orders later this month") from March and the advice that relates.	In progress
31 May 21	Chris Bishop	The "working group review" of the COVIDCard trial; and the "advice on the preliminary findings from the trial" mentioned in response to WPQ 5517 (2021).	In progress

9.2 Managed Isolation and Quarantine

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

Date due	Requestor	Media/Opposition	OIA Request	Status
1 Sep 20	s9(2)(a)	Not applicable	All docs etc. for MIQ charges policy incl. for treaty obligations & BORA.	Overdue
23 Oct 20	s9(2)(a)	Stuff/Dom Post	MIQ infection prevention audit report, docs, etc. re staff testing, ops, etc.	Minister's office

Date due	Requestor	Media/Opposition	OIA Request	Status
14 Dec 20	s9(2)(a)	MediaWorks	Correspondence with INZ re applications by athlete/sporting organisations.	Minister's office
23 Dec 20	s9(2)(a)	Stuff	Complaints lodged by residents of managed isolation facilities.	Under review
25 Jan 21	Dr Shane Reti (MP)	Opposition	Pre-flight testing for returnees to NZ, specifically regards Russian seamen.	Drafting
18 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	NZ Herald	Subsequent advice from meetings with iwi about MIQ facilities.	Decision on request sent
29 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	Newshub	Complaints at MIQ - Workers who has been dismissed and reasons at MIQ.	Under review
20 Apr 21	s9(2)(a)	TVNZ	Reports and any other trials relating to Bluetooth contact tracing app.	Scoping
20 Apr 21	s9(2)(a)	Stuff	What advice was given/research conducted regards alternative MIQ options.	Under review
22 Apr 21	s9(2)(a)	Stuff	All 2020 corr. with SeaLord, Independent fisheries & Maruha Nichiro.	Drafting
27 Apr 21	s9(2)(a)	Not applicable	Info/evidence re decisions to hold MIQ returnee & 6 month baby for test.	Under review
28 Apr 21	s9(2)(a)	TVNZ	Info re Emergency MIQ placement, escape attempts & stats.	Minister's office
29 Apr 21	s9(2)(a)	NZ Herald	All Memos etc re advice to MIQ for controls around guest interactions.	Minister's office
30 Apr 21	s9(2)(a)	Not applicable	Risk management programme for each and every premises used for MIQ.	Drafting
30 Apr 21	s9(2)(a)	RNZ	All docs re COVID contact tracing card trial at Bay Plaza in Welly 7/12/20.	Decision on request sent
4 May 21	s9(2)(a)	Newshub	Corr. and query regarding COVID card trial in MIQ cost.	Decision on request sent
5 May 21	Christopher Bishop	Opposition	RE corr. regarding proposals for purpose built MIQ facilities since COVID.	Under review
7 May 21	s9(2)(a)	RNZ	Info RE establishing purpose-built quarantine facility in New Zealand.	Under review
11 May 21	s9(2)(a)	Not applicable	Identity of certain NZDF staff at an MIQ facility.	Drafting
11 May 21	s9(2)(a)	Not applicable	Info relating to the MIQ Allocation System.	Drafting
11 May 21	s9(2)(a)	Not applicable	MIQ hotel(s) allocated to the passengers arriving off flights into Auckland.	Under review
11 May 21	s9(2)(a)	Not applicable	Info relating to MIQ spots available over past 3 months.	Under review

Date due	Requestor	Media/Opposition	OIA Request	Status
12 May 21	s9(2)(a)	Newshub	All comms between MBIE and Pullman hotel management Jan 2021-Mar 2021.	Under review
13 May 21	s9(2)(a)	Not applicable	Maritime capacity as per MNZ maritime industry update #69.	Gathering information
14 May 21	Chris Bishop	Opposition	Surveys done by facilities and DHBs of people who stayed at MIQ.	Gathering information
17 May 21	s9(2)(a)	NZ Herald	Advice to Minister's on current testing rates and addressing challenges.	Scoping
18 May 21	s9(2)(a)	Not applicable	How many MIQ spots have been granted under 2c and under what conditions?	Under review
18 May 21	s9(2)	Not applicable	Information on Security Staff and Service Workers hired for MIQ facilities.	Under review
19 May 21	s9(2)(a)	TVNZ	Correspondence relating to MIQ exemption applications.	Drafting
19 May 21	s9(2)(a)	NZME	How many attempts there had been at absconding from MIQ facilities.	Minister's office
20 May 21	s9(2)(a)	RNZ	Details on MIQ breaches from 14th of June 20 until the 21st of April 21.	Scoping
20 May 21	s9(2)(a)	Not applicable	RE corr. regarding costs of MIQ per person.	Minister's office
20 May 21	s9(2)(a)	NZ Herald	RE request for MIQ facility improvement undertakings MBIE has made & costs.	Drafting
21 May 21	s9(2)(a)	Not applicable	Expansions of MIQ facilities for reports to officials, Ministers & studies.	Under review
21 May 21	s9(2)(a)	Newshub	Consequence of privacy breach of private info sent with MIQ emails to wrong applicant.	Drafting
24 May 21	s9(2)(a)	Not applicable	Information around Oriental Bay Plaza Wellington requesting no MIQ signs.	Gathering information
25 May 21	s9(2)(a)	Not applicable	Details around any security breaches at MIQ facility on Oriental Parade.	Under review
25 May 21	s9(2)(a)	Not applicable	Numbers of those choosing hospital over MIQ.	Under review
26 May 21	s9(2)(a)	NZ Herald	Copies of the filled health matrixes for declined MIQ exemption request.	Drafting
27 May 21	s9(2)(a)	Not applicable	Request for copy of investigation report of Grand Mercure in March 2021.	Drafting
27 May 21	Lobby Zealand ^{New}	Not applicable	All communications between April's COVID cluster's case B and any Ministry.	Scoping
27 May 21	s9(2)(a)	NZ Herald	Request for paper on assessment of proposals for sport MIQ.	Gathering information

Date due	Requestor	Media/Opposition	OIA Request	Status
27 May 21	s9(2)(a)	Stuff	What is the allocated budget for MIQ alterations and minimal close down fee.	Scoping
27 May 21	s9(2)(a)	NZ Herald	Query into regulation of border workers and COVID-19 testing requirements.	Gathering information
28 May 21	Christopher Bishop	Opposition	Request for all copies of ventilation assessments of all MIQ facilities.	Gathering information
1 Jun 21	s9(2)(a)	RNZ	Query on no. of MIQ workers made redundant due to refusal of vaccination.	Scoping
1 Jun 21	s9(2)(a)	Stuff	Info relating to Christchurch Regional Isolation and Quarantine centre.	Drafting
2 Jun 21	s9(2)(a)	Newshub	RE corr. regarding building of purpose built MIQ facilities, including non-hotels.	Under review
3 Jun 21	s9(2)(a)	Not Applicable	RE corr regarding connections between MBIE (MIQ) & Stamford hotel group.	Scoping
3 Jun 21	s9(2)(a)	RNZ	RE statistics on how many security guards work at MIQ fac. & costs.	Scoping
4 Jun 21	s9(2)(a)	RNZ	Correspondence relating to increase in MIQ fees & data on MIQ fees to date.	Under review
8 Jun 21	s9(2)(a)	NZ Herald	RE all corr relating to DOIA 2021-1194.	Gathering information
10 Jun 21	s9(2)(a)	TVNZ	corr. reviews on MIQ to stop programmes from booking vouchers for other people.	Drafting
15 Jun 21	s9(2)(a)	Not applicable	RE all comms regarding prep of wiggles OIA response on 30/03/2021.	Drafting

9.3 COVID-19 Group

Date due	Requestor	OIA Request	Status
29 March 2021	s9(2)	All documentation pertaining to the COVID-19 response and recovery efforts that your organisation has been involved in 2020.	Drafting
12 May 2021	s9(Information relating to the development of the Governments COVID-19 strategy.	QA
13 May 2021	s9(2)(a)	Details of the cost of the COVID-19 Easter Egg advertisement featuring the Director-General of Health, Dr Ashley Bloomfield.	QA
13 May 2021	s9(2)	Information relating to the hiring of Topham Guerin.	QA
17 May 2021	s9(2)	Any and all briefings, reports, emails, or presentations prepared for or to the Director-General, or presented by the Director General of Health Dr Ashley Bloomfield, in relation to conspiracy theories or misinformation in relation to New Zealand's response to COVID-19. I ask that information be included from the last six months.	Drafting

Date due	Requestor	OIA Request	Status
17 May 2021	s9(2)	For the periods: 25/03/20 - 01/04/20, 12/08/20 - 19/08/20, 14/02/21 - 21/02/21 Transcripts of speeches at the daily briefings from officials. Details on the amount of time COVID-19 advertisements were played each day on TV and radio and the cost of communication consultants and consultancies for the entire period. Meeting notes and memoranda surrounding COVID-19 response.	Drafting
19 May 2021	s9(2)	Can the DPMC please provide any complaints that were received in regards to content that was produced by Topham Guerin.	Drafting
25 May 2021	s9(2)	All documents sent from the World Health Organisation (WHO) to Jacinda Ardern or the NZ government with Covid-19 guidelines and/or recommendations.	Scoping
26 May 2021	s9(2)	Emails, reports or briefing documents which relate to posts on the Unite Against COVID-19 Facebook page concerning Case I, Case J and Case L.	Drafting
31 May 2021	s9(2)	Various details about the 'Unite against Covid-19' tee-shirts.	Drafting
1 June 2021	s9(2)	The four most recent "Weekly Report" documents (as extracted from in this OIA request) delivered to Minister Hipkins.	Scoping
3 June 2021	s9(2)	All communications between MBIE, MOH, NZDF and DPMC relating to or in connection the Stamford Hotel Group.	Scoping
8 June 2021	New Zealand	Advice given to Cabinet by any Ministry and/or public officials on the legitimacy of putting a temporary and/or permanent ban of New Zealand citizens and permanent residents from entering New Zealand from overseas, including from other Nations in the Realms of New Zealand, based on the grounds of Covid-19.	Drafting
8 June 2021	s9(2)	all information pertaining to advice received and decision making regarding the recent decision to temporarily suspend incoming arrivals to NZ who have been in India in the last 14 days.	Drafting
8 June 2021	s9(2) (a)	All advice, communications, materials, cabinet papers and other relevant official information produced between 1 February 2020 and 31 January 2021 relating to the domestic human rights law implications of limiting and/or prohibiting return by New Zealand citizens and permanent residents abroad during the COVID-19 pandemic, both generally and on a case-by-case basis.	Drafting
13 June 2021	s9(2)	Provide documentation outlining all the safety steps the COVID-19 vaccines are evaluated against.	Drafting
21 June 2021	s9(2)	Amount spent by the NZ government on advertising with all radio stations, all publications, all television channels, any and all advertising outlets in any form that used government funding to provide any type of information associated with Covid19 from January 2020 to date.	Drafting
1 June 2021	s9(2)	Documents received by the minister regarding Covid-19 measures, including alert levels and restrictions, and the public's response (including compliance), from January 1, 2021 to March 31, 2021.	Drafting
4 June 2021	s9(2)	COVID-19 vaccination forecasts- specifically numbers or percentages of the population to be vaccinated by dates (or time periods) and actual vaccinations delivered.	Scoping

9.4 New Zealand Customs Service

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

Date due	Requestor	OIA Request	Status
18 May 21	s9(2)	Total number of people who have arrived in New Zealand from India since 28 March 2021.	In progress

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Appendix 1: Weekly Updates from Ministry of Health on Infection Prevention Control (IPC) at the Border

	Audit summary	Audit high-risk findings, and actions taken to remedy	Incidents/Reviews	IPC Standard Operating Procedures, operations frameworks and guidance documents
Managed Isolation and Quarantine Facilities (MIQFs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Surveillance audits completed 9-23 March 2021 at 13 MIQFs. • Across the 13 audits there were five high-risk findings. • Hon Chris Hipkins has been informed of the audit outcomes. • IPC audits of the 32 MIQFs has commenced. Target completion by 7 July 2021. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The five new high-risk findings were from three facilities. • Three high risk findings (two facilities) related to PPE use by contracted bus drivers. N95 fit testing has been actioned and these high-risk findings are now closed. • Two high-risk findings (two facilities) related to high touch cleaning and returnee bubble breaches, both have now been closed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Grand Mercure independent review was endorsed by the MIQ TAG on 4 May 2021 and by the Risk, Quality and Assurance Advisory Group on 5 May 2021. The report on the incident review is due to the Minister by 14 May 2021. • The Grand Millennium independent review is scheduled for the MIQ TAG on 11 May 2021 and will be reviewed by the Risk, Quality and Assurance Advisory Group on 21 May 2021. The report on the incident review is due to the Minister by 14 May 2021. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No changes to report this week. Updated versions of the document will be released next week.
Airports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Airport assurance walk-throughs occurred from 6 to 9 April 2021. • There was a total of 21 findings across the four airports. • There were no high-risk findings. • During the initial walk-through there was agreement that airline cleaning contractor activities, such as aircraft and wheelchair cleaning, were out of scope. • Follow-up visits to observe flight arrivals completed. there were no high-risk findings. • An assurance walk-through was completed at the Rongotai NZDF Base (Wellington) on 29 April 2021. The base receives green and red flights. A red flight arrival was observed. There were no high-risk findings. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some Air NZ aircrew have been observed not wearing face coverings in the green zone when required to do so. This has been dealt with locally by DHB staff talking to Air NZ management and no further issues have been reported. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IPC Guidance for the air border has been divided into two individual documents for red and green zone(s). • The IPC team has reviewed and updated PPE requirements for secondary health assessments at the air border. • This document has been drafted in collaboration with IPC leads to assist PCBU's (person conducting a business or undertaking) with operationalisation. • Version 1.1 of this document is the current version and is published on the Ministry of Health's website. • IPC document is with the Clinical Oversight Group currently, with clarification sought from the Ministry of Transport on post landing plane ventilation issues. • The Quarantine Free Travel (QFT) Health Operations Framework will be updated
Airports (Cont)				

	Audit summary	Audit high-risk findings, and actions taken to remedy	Incidents/Reviews	IPC Standard Operating Procedures, operations frameworks and guidance documents
				before Cook Islands QFT commences. A second Health Operations Framework for red flights is also being developed.
Maritime/Ports	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pilot assurance visit to take place at Nelson port. This is currently planned to take place in June/July 2021. Upon completion of pilot, assurance Walk-throughs will be undertaken at Auckland, Tauranga and Lyttleton ports.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• An amendment to the use of fabric cloth masks was reconsidered for use by stevedores working on board ships. Recommendations from WHO on the use of cloth masks are being reviewed.• A summary of recommendations has been passed on to Maritime New Zealand to finalise the PPE guidance document.• (The remainder of the document has in general been finalised and consulted upon by all stakeholders).

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