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# COVID-19 Response Weekly Report

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## 1. Status Summary

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

Focus Area	Sub-Focus Area	Last Week	→ This Week	Agency Responsible	Agency Comment on Status
Vaccine and Immunisation Programme	Purchasing and approvals	●	●	MoH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No barriers anticipated</li> </ul>
	Population definition and sequencing	●	●	MoH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Further engagement with healthcare group continued.</li> <li>Team resourcing up to engage with upcoming cohorts in the Sequencing Framework.</li> </ul>
	Distribution and inventory management	●	●	MoH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Co-design commenced with DHBs on hub and spoke model. Two-week sprint to deliver updated design.</li> <li>There are network and scalability challenges. Next steps include approval of an updated model to deliver a more flexible distribution network to enable large increase in sites and address scalability challenges for the second half of the year.</li> </ul>
	Health workforce	●	●	MoH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At the end of Tuesday 30 March 2021, 1,603 vaccinators have completed vaccine training and 646 vaccinators have been active in the programme so far.</li> </ul>
	Provider engagement	●	●	MoH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Daily engagement with DHBs continues, with regional 'account managers' in place to work through DHB service delivery and logistics plans for vaccinations</li> <li>Engaging with DHBs on service delivery models for Tiers 2 and 3 and general population</li> <li>Contracting and funding is still to be finalised. Next steps include finalising pricing conversations in order to embed contracting and funding.</li> </ul>
	Registration, appointment and immunisation	●	●	MoH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Event design for Phase 2 continues</li> <li>Work continues on national booking system to enable general population onboarding and demand management.</li> </ul>
	Post event	●	●	MoH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work continues for long-term pharmacovigilance solution uplift as programme scales</li> <li>Digitisation of CARM workflow now in place to improve initial workflow.</li> </ul>
Elimination Strategy	Keep it out	●	●	MoH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Workforce remains under significant pressure, work ongoing with DHBs to support</li> <li>Timeframes, scope and complexity of QFTZ has required extensive reallocation of resource</li> </ul>
	Prepare for it	●	●	MoH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No barriers anticipated</li> <li>Reviews, modelling and scenario planning conducted to support continuous improvement</li> </ul>
	Stamp it out	●	●	MoH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No barriers anticipated</li> <li>Technology programme aligning to enhance contact tracing and support QFTZ</li> </ul>
	Manage the impact	●	●	MoH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No barriers anticipated to broader programme</li> <li>Risks related to vaccine programme outlined above</li> </ul>

Focus Area	Sub-Focus Area	Last Week	This Week	Agency Responsible	Agency Comment on Status
MIQ Workforce	Administering vaccinations to MIQ frontline staff	●	●	MBIE MIQ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The vaccination of the MIQ workforce continues with the second round of doses for staff underway.</li> <li>There are challenges determining who has not received a vaccination. We are working directly with the MIQ workforce employers to confirm which of their workers remain unvaccinated, and employers are working through their health and safety risk assessments. A second set of guidance is due to employers on 7 Apr 2021, which will discuss next steps for workers who are undertaking high risk work, and who remain unvaccinated.</li> <li>Further information about this outlined in the content of the weekly report.</li> </ul>
	Staff testing	-	●	MBIE MIQ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As previously reported, following an internal review we have identified issues with the quality of our staff testing data, either missing or having incorrect information recorded.</li> <li>A dedicated team has been established to manage these issues, starting this week. Recruitment is underway for a Team Leader who we are expecting to have on board by the end of Apr 2021.</li> </ul>
Operations	Capacity	●	●	MBIE MIQ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As at 31 Mar 2021, we are projecting a peak usage of 4,042 rooms for the fortnight.</li> <li>More information on MIAS voucher release is included in the report.</li> <li>Scheduled facility maintenance will reduce MIQ operational capacity over the next six months, as previously reported.</li> </ul>
	Install enhanced security technologies	●	●	MBIE MIQ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>28 of 32 sites are fully complete with all security enhancements operational (representing 86% of room capacity).</li> <li>One further site (Holiday Inn Auckland) is expected to be fully complete this week with the remaining three sites the week following Easter. The CCTV component at these remaining sites is predominantly complete and operational with the outstanding security enhancements work relating to door alarming.</li> </ul>
	Renewing contracts	●	●	MBIE MIQ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Initial contract discussions held with all 32 hotel providers.</li> <li>All providers have received their formal contract extension notices.</li> <li>Feedback received from the Crown Law Office on draft vaccination clauses is being worked into the draft hotel amendment and extension agreements.</li> </ul>
	Reducing Transmission risk – Grand Mecure	-	●	MBIE MIQ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The MIQ rapid investigation is due to be completed this week. This is looking at how the positive returnee was allowed on the managed isolation walk (MIW) and concerns with management of the MIW bus. This rapid investigation will then feed into the joint MOH/MIQ incident review.</li> <li>The TAG met on Tuesday 30 Mar 2021 to consider the on-site assessment and determine next steps.</li> <li>Further information about this outlined in the content of the weekly report.</li> </ul>
Future Planning	COVID-19 Amendment Bill	-	●	MBIE MIQ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MBIE and MOH are working together well to progress the amendment bill.</li> <li>Draft Cabinet paper went to the Minister's Office 31 Mar 2021 for Ministerial consultation.</li> <li>Anticipate Cabinet paper being lodged Friday 9 Apr 2021 for direct to Cabinet or Cabinet Committee week of 12 – 16 Apr 2021</li> </ul>

Focus	Sub-Focus Area	Last Week	→ This Week	Agency Responsible	Agency Comment on Status
Quarantine Free Travel	Cook Islands quarantine-free travel (two way)	●	●	MFAT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On 22 March, Cabinet instructed officials to continue to work towards two-way quarantine-free travel, to support the health-health work programme March to May, and report back to Cabinet in May on the feasibility of commencing two-way quarantine-free travel before the end of the second quarter of 2021.</li> <li>The switch from 'amber' to 'green' could occur towards the end of the health-health work programme (which will run March to May 2021) when the extent of progress can be assessed and further decisions have been taken on the timeline for the vaccine roll-out in the Cook Islands.</li> <li>Two-way QFT has been a central topic during the visit of Prime Minister Brown this week, s7(b)(ii)</li> <li>The New Zealand Ministry of Health is working at pace to support the Cook Islands' health sector's readiness for the possible opening of QFT in May 2021. While vaccinations are not considered a prerequisite for QFT, officials are also working to support vaccine rollout to the Cook Islands which will provide an additional layer of protection.</li> </ul>
	Niue quarantine-free travel (one-way)	●	●	MFAT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>COMPLETED:</b> One-way QFT from Niue to New Zealand commenced on Friday 19 March 2021, with the first flight taking place on 24 March, carrying 43 passengers.</li> </ul>
	Niue quarantine-free travel (two-way)	●	●	MFAT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>s7(b)(ii)</li> <li>The timing of the switch from 'amber' to 'green' will be able to be better assessed following a technical visit to Niue by officials and further decisions have been taken on the timeline for the vaccine roll-out in Niue.</li> </ul>
	Trans-Tasman quarantine-free travel	●	●	MFAT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On 22 March, Cabinet agreed in principle that two-way quarantine-free travel (QFT) with Australia could commence in April 2021. Commencement will be subject to the completion of necessary readiness work (including the finalisation of the response framework, engagement with airlines and airports, ensuring regulatory mechanisms are in place, Australia's lifting of its outward travel ban, and the resolution of technical issues such as transit passengers, MIQ fees, and contact-tracing of travellers from Australia) as well as a health assessment from the Director-General of Health.</li> <li>Cabinet has directed officials to report back on readiness for commencement on 6 April. To this end, on 29 March we provided you with a draft Cabinet Paper that you may choose to take to Cabinet on 6 April. The paper seeks Cabinet's approval that, on the basis of work now completed on the eight conditions listed in the bullet point above, and subject to final health advice from the Director-General of Health, QFT from Australia to New Zealand may commence from 19 April 2021. It also seeks a Cabinet decision on whether, and in what circumstances, pre-departure testing will be required for passengers travelling from Australia to New Zealand.</li> <li>The switch from 'amber' to 'green' can occur after a) Cabinet considers officials' report on the readiness work-streams listed above on 6 April, and b) the Director-General of Health provides an assessment that it is safe to commence two-way QFT with Australia (expected to occur shortly before commencement).</li> </ul>

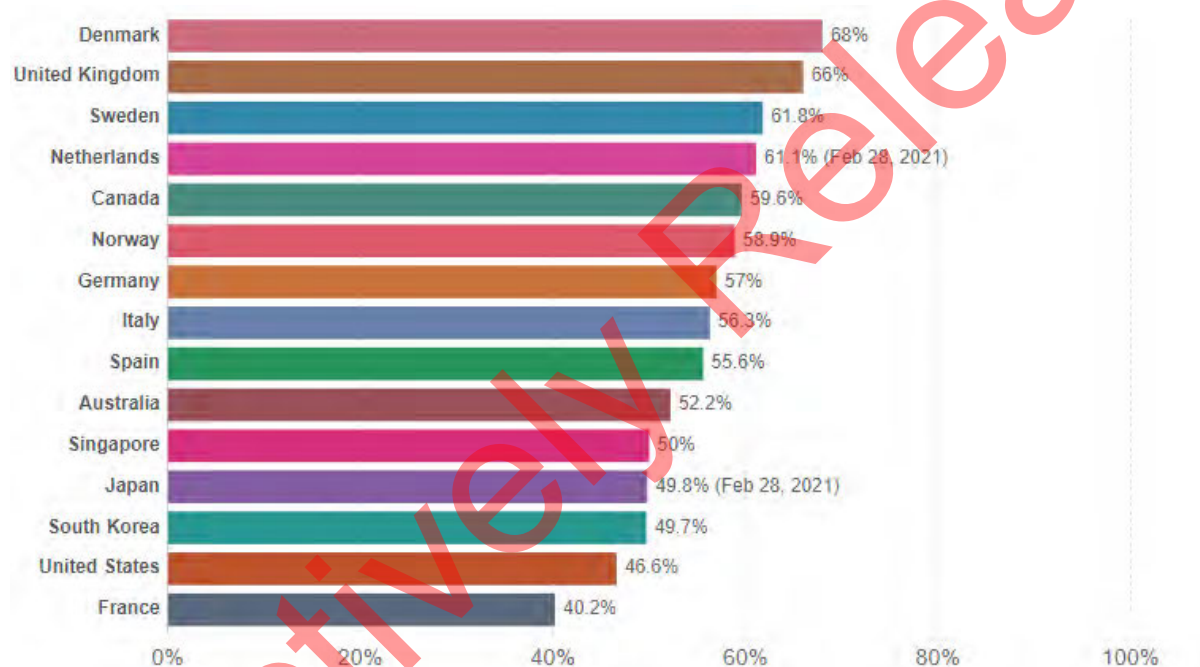
## 2. COVID-19 Insights

### 2.1 Insights of Note

#### 2.1.1 Vaccination Willingness by Nation

The chart below shows the proportion of the population that would choose to get a COVID-19 vaccine if it was available to them, by nation.<sup>1</sup> This percentage represents the share of survey respondents who agree with the statement: “If a COVID-19 vaccine was made available to me this week, I would definitely get it.” Of the nations surveyed, the nation with the highest proportion of the population that were willing to get a COVID-19 vaccine was Denmark at 68%, followed by the United Kingdom at 66%, and Sweden at 61.8%. By comparison, a February Horizon Research survey of New Zealanders indicates that approximately 71% of New Zealanders are willing to have a COVID-19 vaccine.<sup>2</sup> Updated survey results are expected soon.

Figure 1: Vaccination Willingness by Nation as a Proportion of the Population



#### 2.1.2 Fake COVID-19 Vaccination Certificates

Monitoring of the dark web by a private cybersecurity firm has identified discussion by New Zealanders of getting fake COVID-19 vaccine passports, although to date there is no evidence of any being obtained.<sup>3</sup> Internationally, advertisements for fake COVID-19 vaccination documentation on the dark web have increased by approximately 300% since January (currently there are over 1,200).<sup>4</sup> For

<sup>1</sup> Our World in Data. As at 31 March. <https://ourworldindata.org/covid-vaccinations#country-by-country-data-on-covid-19-vaccinations>. (Accessed 1 April 2021). Presenting data from: Imperial College London YouGov Covid 19 Behaviour Tracker Data Hub – Last updated 30 March 2021. Respondents were presented with a 1 to 5 scale, ranging from “strongly agree” (1) to “strongly disagree” (5). Responses of 1 or 2 were considered to be in agreement with the statement.

<sup>2</sup> Horizon Research, COVID-19 Vaccines Survey, Attitudes and Tracking, February 2021, Produced for the Ministry of Health in association with the School of Population Health, University of Auckland, February 2021.

<sup>3</sup> Covid19 coronavirus: Fake test results, vaccine passports easily available on dark web. 30 Mar 21. <https://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/covid-19-coronavirus-fake-test-results-vaccine-passports-easily-available-on-dark-web/J7MC3HPUHLZ5T2NNPMGZXS7NY/>. (Accessed 1 Apr 21).

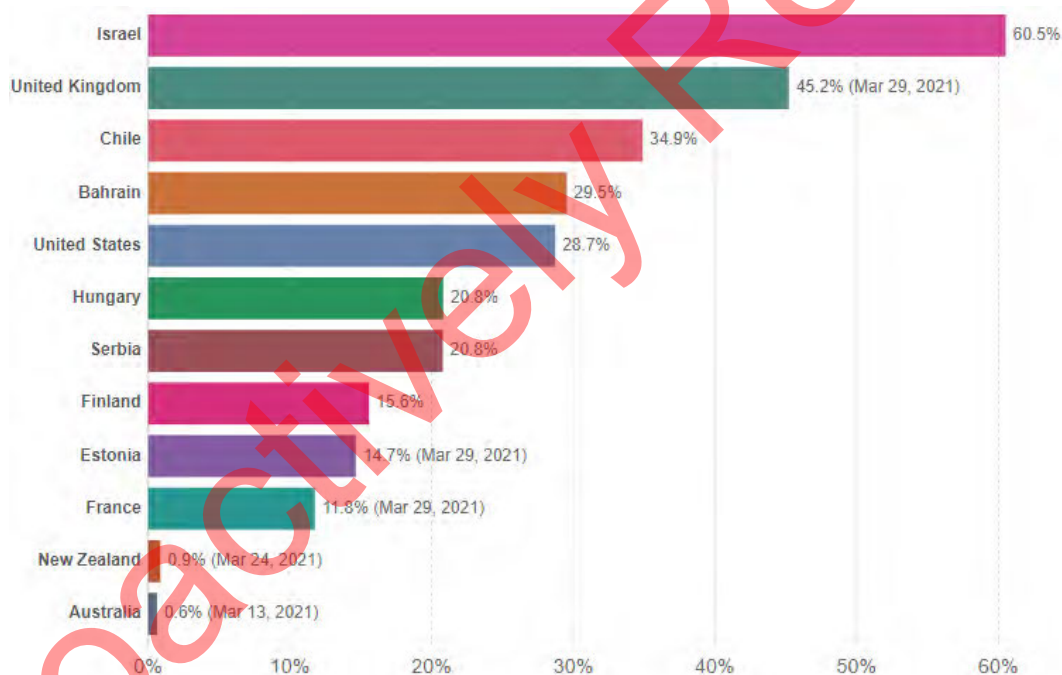
<sup>4</sup> Cybercriminals are increasingly selling forged vaccination certificates on the darknet. 24 Mar 21. <https://fortune.com/2021/03/23/covid-vaccine-cards-fake-vaccination-certificates-darknet-cyber-criminals-selling/>. (Accessed 1 Apr 21).

example, fake vaccination cards from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) are available for purchase.<sup>5</sup> There are various private sector vaccination certificate recording schemes in development (otherwise known as a travel health passes). However, due to the range of schemes and varying processes this may add further confusion to determining the reliability of a vaccine certificate. The International Air Transport Association (IATA) Travel Pass app is one example of a travel health pass, which Air New Zealand have indicated they will trial in April this year.<sup>6</sup> The New Zealand government, as part of its Travel Health Pass work programme (the Programme), is working together with a group of government agencies, to develop verifiable vaccine certification to facilitate international travel. The Programme will consider the international context including possible existing solutions like the IATA Travel Pass. A detailed overview of the Programme is intended to be provided to you in the week of 5 April 2021.<sup>7</sup>

### 2.1.3 Vaccination Progress by Nation

The chart below shows the proportion of the population that have received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine, by nation.<sup>8</sup> As the data does not distinguish between vaccines that require more than one dose, this may not represent the share of the population that are fully vaccinated. The chart shows the top 10 nations, as well as Australia and New Zealand.

Figure 2: Vaccination Progress by Nation as a Proportion of the Population



\*Top 10 countries with a population of over 1 million people

<sup>5</sup> Hackers offering forged "official" COVID vaccination certificates and negative test results on dark net. 24 Mar 21. <https://securitybrief.co.nz/story/hackers-offering-forged-official-covid-vaccination-certificates-and-negative-test-results-on-dark-net>. (Accessed 31 Mar 21).

<sup>6</sup> Air New Zealand trials global digital travel pass. 22 Feb 21. <https://www.airnewzealand.co.nz/press-release-2021-airnz-trials-global-digital-travel-pass>. (Accessed 1 Apr 21).

<sup>7</sup> Personal Communication from Ministry of Transport, 1 Apr 2021.

<sup>8</sup> Our World in Data. As at 31 March. <https://ourworldindata.org/covid-vaccinations#country-by-country-data-on-covid-19-vaccinations>. (Accessed 1 April 2021).

### 3. Ministry of Health Weekly Report



#### 3.1 Items to Note/Updates

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

The Ministry is planning to release the fortnightly COVID-19 disease indicator summary report (indicator report) on the Ministry's website for the period from 26 February 2021 to 11 March 2021.

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

Key points of interest for this report are:

- This reporting period involves four additional community cases linked to the February South Auckland community outbreak (Cases L, M, N and O) and the March Auckland aircrew case, and their respective associated close contacts. Case O was already isolating and as a result has no associated close contacts.
- The indicators listed below are low due to the delayed identification of cases following symptom onset.
  - S001 - Time from exposure to contact isolation / quarantine
  - S002 - Time from case first symptom to contact isolation / quarantine
  - C001 - Time from first symptom to test sample taken for positive cases.
- While **S001, S002, C001** are below target, **S003 - Time from test sample taken to close contact isolation / quarantine** shows that once a case has been identified the system performance is above target (80 percent by 48–72 hours) at 81 percent for this reporting period.
- The public health indicators **P002 - Time from case notification to isolation / quarantine of contact** and **P004 - Proportion of contacts traced in 48 hours** are very close to target (80 percent by 24–48 hours) at 79 percent. The context for this is that during this reporting period, the close contact category was applied to contacts at specific locations of interest which required individuals (who would normally have been classified as casual plus contacts) to self-identify. When contacts self-identify and call Healthline, they are provided the appropriate advice on testing and isolation requirements. However, the time of these inbound Healthline calls are not recorded in the National Contact Tracing Solution (NCTS), and so are not able to be recorded against this metric. A further outbound call is made from the NITC to these contacts to ensure they understand and will comply with the advice given; this call being recorded against the metric. Therefore, in this instance performance against **P002** and **P004** was in reality far better as contacts commenced isolating earlier upon receiving that initial advice.
- **P003 - Time from close contact identification to isolated / quarantine** demonstrates that once a close contact has been identified in the NCTS the system performance is above target, at 93 percent for this reporting period.
- There were 42 cases in MIQF during this period.

#### Next steps

The report will be released on the Ministry of Health's website in the week of 29 March 2021.



## 3.2 Policy/Programme Updates

### 3.2.1 Phase 1 Vaccine Roll-out

As at 30 March 2021, 66,296 vaccinations have been delivered, including 14,113 people who are fully vaccinated. 10 percent are Māori, 8 percent are Pacific, and 19 percent are Asian.

On 30 March 2021, 45 sites were live delivering vaccinations.

#### **Technology**

Work is continuing on ensuring the national booking system and other supporting technology is ready for the Phase 2 roll-out.

This week, features went live to increase digitisation of Centre for Adverse Reaction Management (CARM) reporting and workflow for adverse reactions. This will support improved workflow to enable volume as vaccinations scale.

#### **Workforce**

1,603 vaccinators have completed vaccine training and 646 vaccinators have been active in the programme so far.

The demand for vaccinators continues to grow as roll-out progresses. Several initiatives are underway to increase the size of this workforce, including:

- Reviewing how the workforce 'surge' database can be better utilised to better 'screen' those on the database and enable DHBs to more readily locate suitable candidates
- Investigating further opportunities to generate new interest from potential vaccinators. The Ministry is actively working with other organisations where staff are already able to vaccinate (such as ambulance services) and to also consider non-registered and non-regulated workforces (such as the New Zealand Defence Force).

#### **Distribution and inventory management**

Co-design has commenced with DHBs on an updated distribution network design to allow the network to scale using a hub and spoke model, increasing flexibility and local responsiveness. This design is expected to be finalised through the next two-week design sprint.

#### **Equity**

The Ministry of Health has identified an initial 54 Māori health providers for the \$11 million provider readiness and support funding. The Ministry of Health, with Tumu Whakarae, will confirm the providers and progress to rollout the funding by early April 2021, starting with Māori health providers in the Counties Manukau DHB region.

For Māori communications funding, progress has been made on allocating the \$2 million funding with a two-step process, funding to the Iwi Comms Collective and a grant funding process for all other Māori organisations and providers.

The Ministry has confirmed and allocated the \$4 million to Pacific health providers for provider readiness and support. Contracts have been sent out to providers.

This week \$2 million funding was approved for a disability communications campaign. Co-design will be targeted to specific cohorts within the disability sector to drive specific awareness and comfort campaigns, addressing equity or information and distribution so that all people, regardless of disability, will be well informed and prepared for their vaccination.

### Next steps

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

### 3.3 Technical Advisory Group: Update

The COVID-19 Vaccine Technical Advisory Group (CVTAG) met on 23 March 2021 to discuss the recommendations for vaccinating children, the revised VAANZ cohort study, and advice to inform guidance on symptoms and routine testing of vaccinated border workers 48 hours' post-vaccination.

As the action from this meeting, the Ministry of Health will draft a guidance document for symptoms and testing 48 hours' post-vaccination and provide it to CVTAG for its review.

CVTAG will next meet on 6 April 2021 and TAG will next meet on 16 April 2021.

### 3.4 Recent Communications Issues and Activities

As at 31 March 2021

Date	Activity	Lead agency	Comms material	Ministerial involvement
6 Apr 21	Trans-Tasman quarantine free travel commencement date announcement	Prime Minister's Office (with input from Health)	Key messages, PR, Q&A and talking points will be provided once policy and operational details have been finalised	Yes
8 Apr 21 – TBC pending testing	NZ COVID Tracer app release 6	Health	Key messages, PR, talking points being prepared	TBC
Timing TBC (initially scheduled for 16 Mar 21)	Stakeholder communications to border sector in support of upcoming improvements to the COVID-19 Public Health Response (Required Testing) Order	Health	Key messages – about these specific changes and general key messages about Testing Orders Heads-up advance notice to DHBs / Public Health Units Letter to DHBs / Public Health Units s Letter to border Chief Executives Messages for workers (for the border companies to disseminate) Website edits Media / Minister back pocket talking points	Reactive only

## 4. Managed Isolation and Quarantine Weekly Report

### 4.1 Top Items to Note

#### 4.1.1 Update on Grand Mercure

- In response to the COVID-19 positive returnee being allowed on the bus to a managed isolation walk, MIQ is undertaking an investigation into what occurred and if any changes should be made. The indications from this review are that the returnee should not have been on the bus and that adherence to infection prevention and control (IP&C) measures was inconsistent on the bus to the managed walk.
- Some operational changes have already been made including the introduction of two-door busses, to allow better spacing as returnees get on and off the bus, dedicated seating on the bus to and from the walk, as well as a more formal standardised verbal brief for each journey highlighting the need to adhere to IP&C measures. In addition, hard-plastic screens are now in place behind the driver's seat to separate the drivers and returnees, and drivers are wearing N95 masks.
- This rapid investigation will feed into the joint MOH/MIQ incident review of what has occurred at the Grand Mercure MIF. Further changes are likely as a result of the rapid investigation and the wider incident review.
- The TAG were provided with an update on the initial findings from the preliminary on-site ventilation assessment of the rooms of interest at this facility .
- The assessment was undertaken by s9(2)(b)(ii) an independent ventilation specialist, on behalf of MBIE, on Monday 29 Mar 2021.
- Early indications are that there are variable air flows and pressure differences between these rooms. The TAG noted that aspects of the ventilation design and operation merit further investigation to confirm that performance is consistent with the intended design. The TAG noted that the hotel is scheduled for a more detailed onsite assessment on 6 Apr 2021, with testing expected to be completed within two weeks of this.
- The TAG will reconvene on 13 Apr 2021 to consider the early findings of the more detailed on-site assessment.

#### 4.1.2 New managed isolation walk (MIW) site in Auckland

- In Oct 2020, the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) agreed that a portion of their land at the Unitec site in Mt Albert could be used for managed isolation walks for four of our facilities.
- HUD have informed us that they are planning some infrastructure works to start in May 2021, and one set of them is likely to directly affect the land that is currently being used for the managed walks. As such, we will need to vacate this site.
- HUD has offered the use of the upper rugby fields at the same site to accommodate MIW. The Auckland RIQ has assessed the site as suitable. As part of this work, there is a meeting next week with the local iwi as well as with Unitec to ensure they are fully briefed and understand the IP&C and security requirements that are in place to ensure the safety of the returnees, staff and the community.

#### 4.1.3 Auckland International Airport

- MIQ, AIA and border agency stakeholders have an in-principle agreement on passenger processing at Terminal B for onward travel to Auckland, Rotorua and Hamilton MIQFs.
- The parties are also in discussions regarding the domestic charter transfer process at Terminal B for onward travel to Wellington and Christchurch MIQFs.
- Testing of both processes will continue ahead of the beginning of Quarantine Free Travel.

#### 4.1.4 Vaccinations update

- The vaccination of the MIQ workforce continues to progress as expected.
- System and process limitations are still preventing a large number of vaccination records being linked to an employer, so it is challenging to understand where uptake is low across the system. We are working directly with employers to confirm unvaccinated employees, and employers are working through their health and safety risk assessments.
- The second round of doses for the MIQ workforce continues, as does the first round of doses for workforce close contacts.
- The information pack for employers to provide guidance on managing this with their staff has been released. Additional communications to support the Employment Relations work is under final review.

### 4.2 Operational update

#### 4.2.1 Capacity update

- A total of 29,877 rooms have been released for Apr-Jul 2021 over the past 8 weeks (since late Jan 2021).
- 38,448 returnees are coming home across the period of Apr-Jul 2021.
- Returnees from over 180 countries successfully secured a voucher to travel during this period.
- A further top-up of 1,996 rooms across 28 Mar-30 Apr 2021 was released on 23 Mar 2021.
  - As at 30 Mar 2021, there were 334 rooms remaining for the period 31 Mar-30 Apr 2021.
  - As at 30 Mar 2021, there were 2,365 rooms available for the period Apr-Jul 2021
- Last week we received a record low number of complaints with regards to the MIAS system due to the voucher releases.

#### 4.2.2 MIQ Facilities Ventilation Review

- Work is underway to assess the ventilation system operations across the portfolio of hotels.
- An onsite inspection programme began on 22 Feb 2021. It is estimated that the programme will take 2-3 months to complete, subject to accessibility to hotels, availability of assessors, etc.
- The review is being carried out in two stages:

##### **Stage 1: Desktop assessments**

- MoH-led initiative to assess hotel ventilation systems based on system design specifications. The preliminary assessments are largely complete with a range of recommendations

identified and being worked through (including some immediate mitigations implemented). One key recommendation was the need to undertake onsite assessments in order to gain a more accurate view of ventilation system operations.

**Stage 2: Onsite assessments**

- MBIE-led initiative to assess ventilation systems within existing MIQ accommodation to understand the operation of the existing systems and the risks associated with them.
- The focus for onsite testing is the remaining 31 of 32 sites (32nd site is the Pullman – the ventilation review is complete and remediation work is underway).
- 11 sites have requested extensions to the planned 10-day turnaround to provide provisional results back to MBIE.
- 2 of 31 sites have provided provisional results to MBIE for internal analysis (M-Social, Auckland and Novotel Christchurch Airport).
- A small number of hotels have indicated that they are having issues engaging an Independent Qualified Person (IQP) to complete the onsite testing.
- As assessments are received an analysis of results will be undertaken and then reviewed by a Technical Advisory Group.

4.3 Policy Update

**Potential issues with the charging of MIQ fees for some Australians**

We have identified some potential technical issues relating to the application of the MIQ fees provisions for certain groups of Australians entering New Zealand.

These issues relate to:

- Australians who travelled to New Zealand as critical workers or critical health workers, but who are granted New Zealand residence class visas on arrival.
- Australians who enter New Zealand as partners of New Zealand citizens (a border exception introduced after the fees regime came into force) and who only ever hold a residence class visa.

The concern is that, as residence class visa holders, unless they left New Zealand after 11 Aug 2020 or are staying for less than 90 days (or 180 days from 1 Jun 2021), they are not specified in the MIQ Charges Regulations as liable for fees. The default setting in the charges provisions is that you are only liable for fees if you are part of a specified class of people.

s9(2)(h)



We are exploring potential remedial options with Crown Law. These include:

- s9(2)(h) [Redacted]

- s9(2)(h) [Redacted]

We will provide you with advice and recommendations on this issue as part of a package of advice on the fees regime later this month.

#### 4.4 Large Group Arrivals Update

*Summary of approved group arrivals as at 29 Mar 2021*

Group	Date of Arrival	Pax Numbers	Comments
Refugees quota re-start - Cohort 1B	16 - 28 Mar 2021	44	The total pax who will arrive for Cohort 1B is 44 pax arriving over 16 – 28 Mar 2021. 33 pax arrived 16 Mar 2021, as planned. 2 pax arrived 25 Mar 2021. The final 9 pax from Ecuador arrived 28 Mar 2021. To date there have been no issues with refugees while in MI – all are super happy to finally be in NZ.
Olympic Athletes	29 Mar - 25 Apr 2021	19	Returnees from Tokyo Olympic qualifying events. Various return dates. Original numbers reduced from 41 due to cancelled events, vouchers secured via MIAS and athlete withdrawal.
Refugees quota re-start - Cohort 2	5 - 9 Apr 2021	69	RQP have advised the following schedule: 23 pax on 6 Apr 2021, 20 pax on 10 Apr 2021, 12 pax on 16 Apr 2021, 8 pax on 11 May 2021, and 6 pax on 12 May 2021. From Malaysia, Thailand and Ecuador.
Rocket Lab	Early May 2021	8	Arrival dates TBC. Request has reduced from 14 vouchers to 8 as many have secured vouchers via MIAS. They have also requested 3 short stays for charter flight crew.
Refugees quota re-start - Cohort 3	24 - 28 May 2021	70	Arrival schedule and Cohort details TBC – likely to slip right into late May/June. PGA are working with RQP on EOI for FY 21/22

#### 4.5 Upcoming Communications Issues and Activities

*As at 31 Mar 2021*

Date	Activity	Lead Agency	Comms Material	Ministerial Involvement Y/N
31 Mar 2021	Further information sent to Border worker employers on approach to workers around vaccines	MBIE/MoT/Customs	Pack of information	N
Apr 2021	Pullman report on ventilation	MoH	Reactive information	N
Apr 2021	Desktop survey of all MIF ventilation	MoH	Reactive information	
Apr 2021	CDHB survey of MIF workers – to be released nationally	Canterbury District Health Board		N
16 Feb – 20 May 2021	Refugees arrive in New Zealand (4 groups arriving)	MIQ	Bespoke group communication (i.e. welcome pack)	N
24 Feb – May 2021	Ruby Jones 'Thanks from Iso' exhibition to be displayed in Beehive (followed by CH, HAM & ROT)	MIQ	Proactive communications and engagement	TBC
1 Apr 2021	Emergency Allocation changes	MIQ	Proactive communications and engagement	N

Date	Activity	Lead Agency	Comms Material	Ministerial Involvement Y/N
9 Apr 2021	1 year MIQ anniversary – acknowledge our workers	MIQ	Comms plan with MoH/Customs etc	Y
Late Apr 2021	Overview of Grand Mercure issues	MIQ	Proactive communications and engagement	
12/13 May 2021	MIQ Senior Leaders Forum	MIQ		Y

## 4.6 Fees

### 4.6.1 Invoicing

- The table below shows the number of invoices issued up to 30 Mar 2021. These relate to people who arrived in managed isolation up to 14 Mar 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	2,838	34	0	1	33	20	\$9,396,299	13	0	0
Maritime	1,114	222	0	0	222	130	\$553,600	82	10	3
Aircrew	2,076	167	0	10	157	47	\$434,050	106	4	0
All other arrivals	28,366	21,927	2,856	9,484	9,587	4,325	\$16,212,715	4,047	1,215	133
<b>Total</b>	<b>34,394</b>	<b>22,350</b>	<b>2,856</b>	<b>9,495</b>	<b>9,999</b>	<b>4,522</b>	<b>\$26,596,664</b>	<b>4,248</b>	<b>1,229</b>	<b>136</b>

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

### 4.6.2 Waivers

- The table below breaks down the waiver application information between 11 Aug 2020 and 30 Mar 2021. The numbers below relate to all waiver applications; waivers can be applied for before, during and after an individual has stayed in managed isolation. The ‘waivers approved’ in the table above are a subset of the total waiver applications which have been approved; they relate to people who have left managed isolation and would otherwise have now been due to receive an invoice.

	Waiver applications received	In progress	Total completed	Total financial hardship applications	Total special circumstances applications	Approved waiver applications		Declined waiver applications	
						Financial Hardship	Special Circumstances	Financial Hardship	Special Circumstances
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,896</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>4,788</b>	<b>589</b>	<b>4,199</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>3,696</b>	<b>515</b>	<b>503</b>

#### 4.7 Emergency Allocation Applications

- 3,149 applications have been processed since 30 Oct 2020.
- 53 applications were received in the week ending 28 Mar 2021 and 64 applications were processed.
- From the applications processed in the week ending 28 Mar 2021, 72% of the applications were approved.

Emergency Allocation Applications	Weekly Totals	Year to Date Totals
	22 Mar 2021 to 28 Mar 2021	30 Oct 2020 to 28 Mar 2021
Approved	46	1,727
Declined	18	1,422
Applications processed*	64	3,149

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

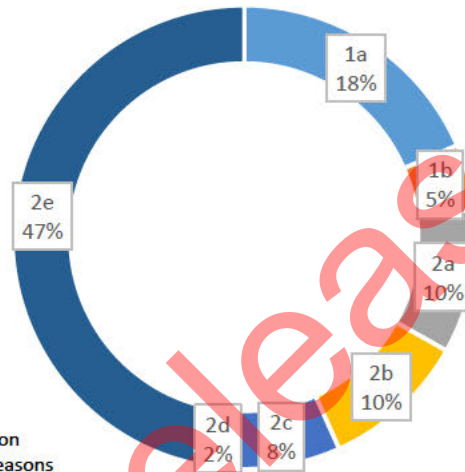
<b>Total Rooms Approved</b>	<b>48</b>
Rooms Allocated in MIAS	38
Cancelled by the applicant	4
Awaiting flight details or MIAS registrations from the applicants to complete the room allocation process	6



**Approvals by Category**

- The below chart represents the weekly breakdown of approvals by different categories within the emergency allocation process from 14 Dec 2020 to 28 Mar 2021.

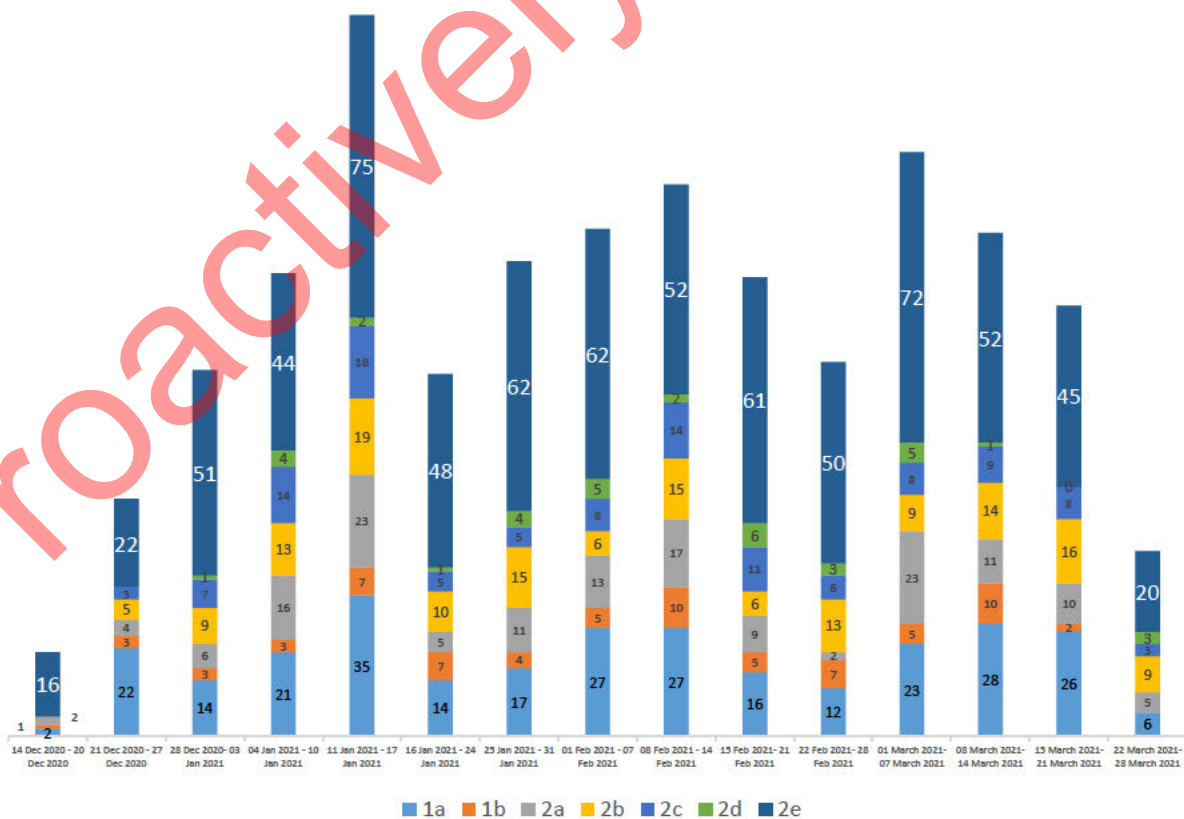
Chart 1: 65% of Applications were approved under 2e and 1a



**Emergency allocation categories:**

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

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



#### 4.8 Resolutions Update

- Data from the Complaints and Feedback Customer Management System for the week 23 Mar to 29 Mar 2021 is as follows:

Week	Received	Awaiting more information	Processing	Unassigned	Resolved
23 Mar 2021 – 29 Mar 2021					
Complaints	90	16	7	3	101
Improvements	2	0	0	0	2
Compliments	1	0	0	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>104</b>

- Average number of complaints received each week since the start of MIQ is 114. For the last 4 weeks the average is 135 per week.
- This week we have received 90 new complaints and have resolved 101 complaints. 34% (31 out of 90) of these complaints were regarding MIQ facilities with MIAS/vouchers/special allocations at a record low of 14% (13 out of 90).

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## 5. Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade



### 5.1 Top Items to Note

#### 5.1.1 Vaccines

The European Council has endorsed the expansion of the EU's "Transparency and Authorisation Mechanism", which gives Member States authority to restrict vaccine exports on the basis of importing countries' vaccine access, vaccination coverage and epidemiological situation. This sets a worrying precedent for unilateral assessment of pandemic impacts as "justification" for export restrictions. s6(a)

, Pfizer exports to New Zealand could also be affected. Officials are in regular contact with Pfizer to understand whether the measure will impact supply of the vaccine from Belgium. In s6(a)

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## 6. Border Executive Board Report

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

#### 6.1.1 Border Executive Board meeting

The Border Executive Board is scheduled to meet on 1 April 2021.

#### 6.1.2 Border Workforce

- Vaccination of border workers and their household contacts, including staff who may be required to supplement those currently working at the border (for example, should international flights increase following any commencement of quarantine-free travel)
- Addressing the unvaccinated border workers through the 'educate, expect, support' approach
- Improving the accuracy of data associated with vaccination numbers (challenges associated with this include limitations of the technology solutions, privacy legislation, incorrect and incomplete information provided by employers which resulted in individuals being unable to be matched with their National Health Indicator (NHI), inaccurate or omitted employer details and the nature of the evolving, rotating workforce who undertake roles at the border or in an MIQ)
- Exploring redeployment and other options for those who are unable or unwilling to be vaccinated
- Preparing advice on stronger regulatory levers to support the COVID-19 vaccine rollout to border workers

#### 6.1.3 Quarantine-Free Travel

- Quarantine-free travel preparations
  - Airports and airlines readiness
  - Border agencies worker readiness

#### 6.1.4 Travel Health Pass Work Programme – Update

- The Ministry of Transport, in conjunction with cross agency partners, has provided you with a short paper on the Travel Health Pass Work Programme (the Programme) which describes:
  - what the Programme is
  - the work underway including our engagements internationally; and
  - an indicative timeline for more substantive advice
- The Ministry intends to provide a more detailed overview of the Programme ahead of the inaugural meeting of the COVID-19 Ministerial Group on 15 April 2021.

#### 6.1.5 Assurance

- Following on from the Review of COVID-19 Aviation Border Measures (Tranche One) undertaken by Venter Consulting in August last year, the Border Executive Board has commissioned a separate review so that it has assurance that the required border measures are in place at our sea borders to ensure all people arriving in New Zealand are appropriately managed, minimising opportunities for the spread of COVID-19.
- The COVID-19 Maritime Border Measures (Tranche Two) will be led by Wendy Venter of Venter Consulting
- The scope of the review includes all activities relating to people arriving in New Zealand by sea: passengers and crew on commercial and private vessels. It includes any measures that

are in place throughout the journey to New Zealand, including transit and arrival processing in New Zealand

- The final report is expected to be presented to the Border Executive Board by 30 June 2021

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## 7. New Zealand Customs Service Weekly Report



### 7.1 Items to Note/Updates

#### 7.1.1 Pre-Departure Testing

- For the period 22 Mar 2021 to 28 Mar 2021, no warnings or infringements were issued.

#### Passengers

	Date	22 Mar	23 Mar	24 Mar	25 Mar	26 Mar	27 Mar	28 Mar	Week Total	%
	Total Passengers	297	358	346	459	420	367	258	2505	
	Passengers subject to PDT	233	218	159	258	239	208	113	1428	57.0%
Primary Actions (Passport Control)	Test Certificate Verified	215	198	144	251	225	205	111	1349	94.4%
	Exemption Verified	6	7	4	7	5	2	1	32	2.2%
	Referred to Secondary Area	12	13	11	0	9	1	1	47	3.4%
Secondary Area Actions	Compliant	12	13	11	0	9	1	1	47	100%
	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

#### Crew:

	Date	22 Mar	23 Mar	24 Mar	25 Mar	26 Mar	27 Mar	28 Mar	Week Total	%
	Total Crew	86	165	125	156	108	122	75	837	
	Crew subject to PDT	49	71	75	54	42	59	18	368	43.9%
Primary Actions (Passport Control)	Test Certificate Verified	49	71	75	54	42	59	18	368	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

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

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## 9. Official Information Act Requests

### 9.1 Ministry of Health

Date due	Requester	OIA Request	Status
6-Apr-21	Chris Bishop	A copy of Cabinet Paper "Additional Item: COVID-19 and MIQ: Update" on 26 January 2021	In progress
6-Apr-21	Chris Bishop	Copy of advice referenced in WPO 3483 (2021)	In progress
7-Apr-21	s9(2)(a) [redacted]	All correspondence relating to the tender process for saliva testing	In progress
12-Apr-21	s9(2)(a) [redacted]	Advice to government officials and Cabinet about 14-day quarantine period for air arrivals to New Zealand. Credentials of advisors and all primary and secondary sources of recommendations relating to this	In progress
12-Apr-21	s9(2)(a) [redacted]	All communication related to the use of the phrase "people who are pregnant" in the vaccine sequencing framework information, provided to media on 10 March	In progress
13-Apr-21	Chris Bishop	Specific list of documents related to COVID-19	In progress

19-Apr-21	s9(2)(a)	Documents relating to conspiracy theories or misinformation in relation to New Zealand's response to COVID-19 from the last six months.	In progress
22-Apr-21	s9(2)(a)	Documents that include reference to the subject of undetected community transmission, particularly in relation to the "Valentine's Day" cluster	In progress
27-Apr-21	s9(2)(a)	Information about unnamed meeting.	In progress
27-Apr-21	s9(2)(a)	Documents relating to the practice of falsifying or sourcing counterfeit COVID-19 test results. The number of people who have been prevented from entering New Zealand due to having doctored COVID-19 test results.	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	OIA Request	Status
1 Sep 20	s9(2)(a)	All docs etc. for MIQ charges policy incl. for treaty obligations & BORA	Overdue
23 Oct 20	s9(2)(a)	MIQ infection prevention audit report, docs, etc. re staff testing, ops, etc	Minister's office
10 Nov 20	s9(2)(a)	All concerns / issues raised by MBIE regarding the proposed COVID-Card	Minister's office
14 Dec 20	s9(2)(a)	Correspondence with INZ re applications by athlete/sporting organisations	Minister's office
23 Dec 20	s9(2)(a)	Complaints lodged by residents of managed isolation facilities	Under review
25 Jan 21	Dr Shane Reti (MP)	Pre-flight testing for returnees to NZ, specifically regards Russian seamen	Gathering Information
1 Feb 21	s9(2)(a)	Number gone through managed isolation and number of who have paid	Under review
1 Feb 21	s9(2)(a)	Number gone through managed isolation and number of who have paid	Under review
2 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	Further questions in response to 2021-2022 re: MIQ spaces for America's Cup	Approved
9 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	Copy of application made by Stamford Plaza hotel to be MIQ facility	Decision on request sent
15 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	Questions relating to MIQ exemptions between 01/03/20 and 03/01/21	Under review



Date due	Requestor	OIA Request	Status
18 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	Subsequent advice from meetings with iwi about MIQ facilities	Decision on request sent
24 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	Stamford Hotel occupancy rate as MIQ facility, and revenue	Decision on request sent
29 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	Complaints at MIQ - Workers who has been dismissed and reasons at MIQ	Under review
29 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	MIQ H&S policies and plans, hazard Identification & H&S Reporting	Under review
30 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	Why has MIQ costs for temporary visa holders been increased	Minister's office
30 Mar 21	s9	A price breakdown of all services involved in the \$5520 fee for border MIQ	Minister's office
30 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	Number of workers currently under contract working in MIQ	Minister's office
30 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	Risk management programme for each and every premis used for MIQ	Gathering information
30 Mar 21	@AllCultsAreBad	Correspondence relating to granting The Wiggles spots in MIQ	Minister's office
31 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	Covid 19 positive numbers for arrivals each month into NZ MIQ	Drafting
31 Mar 21	s9(2)	Propaganda that returnees see inside MIQ facilities	Minister's office
31 Mar 21	s9(2)	Decision makers decisions on complaint CAF-002761-G1C1	Approved
31 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	Correspondence to grant The Wiggles MIQ spots	Minister's office
1 Apr 21	s9(2)(a)	Info relating to Christchurch Regional Isolation and Quarantine centre	Scoping
1 Apr 21	s9(2)(a)	Information regarding Australia lady who is MIQ Mecure Wellington	Minister's office
1 Apr 21	s9(2)(a)	Confirmation letter of son's MIQ dates/hotel & destination once departed	Under review
1 Apr 21	s9(2)(a)	Family and domestic violence incidents that has occurred at MIQ	Minister's office
1 Apr 21	Chris Bishop	All documents relating to Trev Pontings declined then accepted application	Approved
6 Apr 21	s9(2)(a)	query on MIQ welcome pack, non english guests, translated signage/translato	Gathering information
6 Apr 21	s9(2)	query on confirmation of free MIQ stay if leaving within the 90 day period	Minister's office
6 Apr 21	s9(2)(a)	Documents about Tom Abercrombie and other families MIQ exemption request	Approved

Date due	Requestor	OIA Request	Status
7 Apr 21	s9(2)(a)	Info re Emergency MIQ placement, escape attempts & stats	Drafting
7 Apr 21	s9(2)(a)	Review of lack of high/low risk MIQ separation & timeframe of public state?	Drafting
7 Apr 21	s9(2)(a)	Fees & payment records for MIQ, waivers & instalment plans	Under review
7 Apr 21	s9(2)(a)	all info re MIQ officials ministerial advice on 570 fishing crew exemption	Minister's office
8 Apr 21	s9(2)(a)	Info RE establishing purpose-built quarantine facility in New Zealand	Drafting
8 Apr 21	s9(2)(a)	conseq of privacy breach of priv info with sent MIQ emails to wrong applica	Gathering information
8 Apr 21	s9(2)(a)	corr. and query regarding COVID card trial in MIQ cost	Drafting
8 Apr 21	s9(2)(a)	MIQ info re extended stays due to refused test	Approved
8 Apr 21	s9(2)(a)	Questions related to billing of MIQ spaces	Under review
9 Apr 21	s9(2)(a)	Info given by MIQ staff to Lucina Baulch during MIQ stay	Scoping
9 Apr 21	Chris Bishop	Green MP Mr Ricardo Menendez March MIQ application	Under review
9 Apr 21	s9(2)(a)	MP's return to New Zealand through the MIQ system	Under review
9 Apr 21	s9(2)(a)	Documents relating to the MIQ emergency application for Trevor Ponting	Drafting
12 Apr 21	s9(2)(a)	corr. reviews on MIQ to stop progrms from booking vouchers for other ppl	Drafting
12 Apr 21	s9(2)(a)	Info between the wiggles an event managers for entering MIQ	Minister's office
12 Apr 21	s9(2)(a)	Correspondence from Jan Logie to MBIE relating to Ricardo Menéndez March	Under review
13 Apr 21	s9(2)(a)	Arrivals at MIQ by country and number testing positive from 1/8/20 - 1/2/21	Under review
13 Apr 21	s9(2)(a)	MIQ - exemptions under Category Class 2C for returning NZ citizens	Gathering information
13 Apr 21	s9(2)(a)	Comms and information between Maritime and MBIE	Drafting
13 Apr 21	s9(2)(a)	MIQ - Exemptions for emergency allocations for citizens returning home	Gathering information

Date due	Requestor	OIA Request	Status
14 Apr 21	s9(2)(a)	Maritime capacity as per MNZ maritime industry update #69	Gathering information
14 Apr 21	s9(2)(a)	Criteria for MIQ waiver application	Scoping
14 Apr 21	s9(2)(a)	NZ citizen and resident seafarers and MIQ emergency allocations	Scoping
14 Apr 21	s9(2)(a)	Visa types/numbers coming into NZ via Managed Isolation Allocation System	Scoping
14 Apr 21	s9(2)(a)	Expansions of MIQ facilities for reports to officials, Ministers & studies	Scoping
16 Apr 21	s9(2)(a)	<b>RE corr of transport to chch hosp from MIQ and back case on 15/03/2021</b>	<b>Scoping</b>
16 Apr 21	s9(2)(a)	Data management plan for MIQ	Scoping
16 Apr 21	s9(2)(a)	<b>Application documents for recent entertainment entrants into NZ</b>	<b>Scoping</b>
19 Apr 21	s9(2)(a)	Analysis on MIQ decision to only open up spaces three months out	Gathering information
19 Apr 21	s9(2)(a)	What qualifies for 'Seriously ill' & Waiver assessment & checklist form	Drafting
20 Apr 21	s9(2)(a)	<b>RE corr regarding building of purpose built MIQ facilities, incl non hotels</b>	<b>Scoping</b>
20 Apr 21	s9(2)(a)	<b>Reports and any other trials relating to Bluetooth contact tracing app</b>	<b>Scoping</b>
20 Apr 21	s9(2)(a)	How many stayed in NZ MIQ & now in system w/ Aussie passports or are aussie	Gathering information
20 Apr 21	s9(2)(a)	Transcript of 7/01/21 Grand Millenium incident & corr etc ricardo march MIQ	Under review
20 Apr 21	s9(2)(a)	Recent audit of Bay Plaza Hotel for Fitness of Purpose for use as MIQ	Drafting
20 Apr 21	s9(2)(a)	Reasons why Ms Lucinda Baulch is being unlawfully detained at MIQ	Drafting
20 Apr 21	s9(2)(a)	What advice was given/research conducted regards alternative MIQ options	Drafting
21 Apr 21	s9(2)(a)	<b>RE corr regarding costs of MIQ per person</b>	<b>Scoping</b>
21 Apr 21	s9(2)(a)	<b>RE request for MIQ facility improvement undertakings MBIE has made &amp; costs</b>	<b>Scoping</b>
22 Apr 21	s9(2)(a)	<b>MIQ booking cosequences on overseas job seekers and their applications</b>	<b>Scoping</b>
22 Apr 21	s9(2)(a)	Breakdown of MIQ paid vs not paid & comparison of cost vs. money collected	Under review
22 Apr 21	s9(2)(a)	All 2020 corr with SeaLord, Independent fisheries & Maruha Nichiro	Gathering information
26 Apr 21	s9(2)(a)	Over the past 12 months, how many people have arrived into MIQ from Aussie?	Gathering information
27 Apr 21	s9(2)(a)	<b>Info/evidence re decisions to hold MIQ returnee &amp; 6 month baby for test</b>	<b>Scoping</b>

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Date due	Requestor	OIA Request	Status
27 Apr 21	s9(2)	Request for BR2021 0162 [COVID-19 response - opening of certain schemes...]	Scoping
27 Apr 21	s9(2)(a)	Complaint about Managed Isolation and Quarantine	Gathering information
27 Apr 21	s9(2)(a)	Amount paid by returnees/amount owed/amount overdue for stays at MIQ	Under review
29 Apr 21	s9(2)(a)	All Memos etc re advice to MIQ for controls around guest interactions	Gathering information
30 Apr 21	s9(2)(a)	All docs re COVID contact tracing card trial at Bay Plaza in Welly 7/12/20	Gathering information
3 May 21	s9(2)(a)	MP Menendez-March's application for MIQ and his partners visa application	Under review
11 May 21	s9(2)(a)	Identity of certain NZDF staff at an MIQ facility	Scoping
11 May 21	s9(2)	Info relating to the MIQ Allocation System	Gathering information
11 May 21	s9(2)(a)	MIQ hotel(s) allocated to the passengers arriving off flights into Auckland	Drafting
11 May 21	s9(2)(a)	Info relating to MIQ spots available over past 3 months	Gathering information

### 9.3 COVID-19 Group

Date due	Requestor	OIA Request	Status
8 Apr 21	s9(2)	Information regarding the establishment, leadership and mandate of the COVID-19 Response Unit. Also the Terms of Reference of the Roche/Simpson Review.	QA
9 Apr 21	s9(2)	Documents and communications that have contributed to the recent policy decision for Auckland to be placed at Alert Level 3 and New Zealand at Alert Level 2.	Scoping
13 Apr 21	s9(2)	All advice that Cabinet received before 11 March 2021 about options and recommendations for prioritising groups and populations for the COVID-19 vaccine rollout	QA
13 Apr 21	Bishop	Specific Documents relating to Auckland Community Cluster.	Drafting
14 Apr 21	s9(2)	Copies of COVID-19 weekly update reporting and response related Cabinet papers.	Drafting
14 Apr 21	Unknown	Cabinet paper relating to the February decision to change Alert Levels, Cabinet's resurgence response plan, and contemporaneous weekly reporting.	Drafting
14 Apr 21	s9(2)	Advice given to government when Cabinet met on Friday March 12th pertaining to the decision to go from Level two to Level one.	QA
22 Apr 21	s9(2)	Information relating to development of the Government's COVID-19 strategy.	Drafting
23 Apr 21	s9(2)	All studies and/or reports in the possession, custody or control of Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern describing the purification of "SARS-COV-2" said to have caused disease in humans.	Scoping
23 Apr 21	s	Correspondence with the Chinese Embassy and Chinese Consulate in New Zealand about the potential distribution of Sinovac or Sinopharm or otherwise developed-in-China Covid-19 vaccines through embassies/consulates.	Drafting
27 Apr 21	s9(2)	All records, documents, emails, records of phonecalls/meetings, including who attended, video conferences etc relating to meetings with specific [named] business people.	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
8 Mar 21	s9(	Requests the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• a copy of the Border Executive Board's Terms of Reference</li><li>• a copy of the Venter Consulting report: "Review of COVID-19 Border Measures – Tranche One (Aviation)"</li><li>• documents that explain Customs' strategies to mitigate and respond to "risk at the maritime border of the impending arrival of small craft during the yacht season".</li></ul>	Customs sign out
8 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	Requests the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• various questions regarding the number of private yachts and small craft arriving in New Zealand since the Maritime Border Order (No 2) came into effect</li><li>• all communications between Customs and the company Xerra Earth Observation Institute since the beginning of October 2020.</li></ul>	Customs sign out
19 Apr 21	s9(	Requests information regarding the vaccination of Customs staff and <b>contractors against COVID-19.</b>	In progress

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