






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	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.
	Health workforce			MoH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At the end of Monday 26 April, 2,990 vaccinators have completed vaccine training nationally and 1,328 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 non-regulated workforce. These actions are on track for scale in June.
	Provider engagement			MoH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pricing agreed. DHBs delivered against national plan for the first published weekly plan.
	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. An MVP version to support codesign with DHBs went live on 9 April; live version with all DHBs expected in late May. First direct engagement on system and functions with Auckland and Christchurch week commencing 19 April.
	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 to strengthen Border Workforce Testing Register implementation. QFTZ has gone with Australia, preparation is underway for further extensions. Multiple reviews ongoing and in implementation related to in-Managed Isolation Facility transmission.
	Prepare for it			MoH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No barriers anticipated. Reviews, modelling and scenario planning conducted to support continuous improvement.
	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.

Focus Area	Sub-Focus Area	Last Week	This Week	Agency	
MIQ Workforce	Administering vaccinations to MIQ frontline staff	●	●	MBIE MIQ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 95% of the MIQ workforce have received at least one Covid-19 vaccine dose. After 30 Apr 2021 all high-risk work in MIQ will only be completed by vaccinated workers. Further information is included in the report.
	Verification of frontline staff vaccination status onsite	-	●	MBIE MIQ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MBIE is working at pace to establish a process where evidence of worker vaccination status is verified by on-site security before site access can be granted. There are challenges due to the compressed timeframe for data sharing, but this is being worked through. Further information is included in the report.
	Staff testing	●	●	MBIE MIQ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Process for weekly reporting on compliance is in place. Compliance continues to be over 90% for the last three weeks with the majority of non-compliant workers overdue by 1-2 days. Workforce advisors continue to follow up on non-compliance with employers. MBIE are continuing to work with MoH and Worksafe on the development of the BWTR monitoring and compliance process. Changes to limit site access to vaccinated workers from 1 May 2021 are expected to further improve data capture.
Operations	Capacity	●	●	MBIE MIQ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Our adjusted capacity as at 27 Apr 2021 is 3,320 rooms. As at 28 Apr 2021, we are projecting peak usage to reach 3,300 rooms in the next 1 to 2 weeks, subject to the downturn in arrivals from India, Brazil, Pakistan, and Papua New Guinea due to the travel ban, combined with cancelled UAE flights to India. Outage of Grand Millenium and Grand Mercure in Auckland has reduced room inventory with 599 rooms now offline and subject to Ventilation review findings. The cancelling of vouchers held by Australians has started. They are being cancelled progressively due to the volume of vouchers. There is availability for the period of May through to July 2021. Further information is included in the report.

	Renewing contracts	●	●	MBIE MIQ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further drafting of the vaccination clauses for the hotel contracts is currently on hold until we know the proposed wording in the Health Order that is currently being drafted. As part of MBIE's PCBU responsibilities we have sought seismic rating assessments from all MIQF hotels, we have started to receive this information. We will have Beca (MBIE's nominated Seismic engineers) conduct desk top reviews to allow us to understand our risk profile. This information will be loaded into our seismic information tool Beacon, which will alert us post-earthquake, whether any of the properties require a level 2 rapid assessment by a seismic engineer. We continue to work through the remainder of the commercials with hotels.
	Reducing Transmission risk – Grand Mercure and Grand Millennium	●	●	MBIE MIQ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The standard joint MOH/MBIE incident reviews continue. We are still waiting on the Grand Millennium Independent Qualified Persons (IQPs) results due 30 April 2021. Returnees have now vacated both the Grand Mercure and the Grand Millennium and no further returnees are to be assigned to these hotels until the ventilation reviews are finalised. Further information is included in the report.
	Transition to cohorting	-	●	MBIE MIQ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The transition to cohorting has commenced and is on track. Seven facilities have implemented cohorting. Further information is included in the report.
	RSE workers	-	●		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning work has commenced for the beginning of the on-going arrivals of RSE workers. The first group of RSE workers earlier in the year presented significant operational challenges, and planning will need to take this into account. Hamilton has been identified as the best option for RSE workers, based on the DHB capacity and capability, as well as other wraparound services (such as translators) and proximity to Auckland. The current planning horizons are tight and a significant amount of work will need to be undertaken quickly to ensure sufficient support is in place in time for arrival. 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"> A project has been set up to improve timeliness of invoicing. The project is in progress and we will provide an update to timeframes in the next fortnight. Further information is included in the report.
Future Planning	COVID-19 Amendment Bill	●	●	MOH/MBIE MIQ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The draft Cabinet paper was provided to the Minister's Office 31 Mar 2021 for Ministerial consultation. We are waiting confirmation from your office regarding timeframes for lodging. Next possible dates are lodging Thursday 29 Apr 2021 for SWC 5 May 2021 followed by CAB 10 May 2021. Permission is now not being sought from the Attorney General to commence legislative drafting prior to policy decisions.

Focus	Sub-Focus Area	Last Week	→ This Week	Agency	
Quarantine Free Travel	Cook Islands quarantine-free travel (two way)	●	●	MFAT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subject to your agreement, officials will provide advice for Cabinet's consideration on 3 May that two-way quarantine-free travel (QFT) with the Cook Islands could commence on May 17 subject to a final assessment of the Cook Islands' health preparedness by the Director-General of Health on 13 May. s7(b)(ii) An update on health readiness will be provided in the paper you have indicated you will be taking to Cabinet on 3 May. s7(b)(ii) Health officials are in the Cook Islands this week to support development of contact tracing capability (including conducting training), further development of response and operational plans and observing and providing feedback on a scenario-planning exercise.
	Niue quarantine-free travel (two-way)	●	●	MFAT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. MoH is hosting Niue officials from 27-28 April on vaccine planning, which will inform discussions on QFT.
	Trans-Tasman quarantine-free travel	●	●	MFAT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On Friday 23 April, New Zealand initiated a pause on flights from Western Australia following three positive community COVID-19 cases linked to a Perth Managed Isolation Facility. The decision to pause was in-line with other Australian states and territories, and has resulted in a number of direct flights to and from New Zealand and Perth being cancelled. Western Australia came out of lockdown on 12.01am Tuesday 27 April, with some restrictions remaining in place until 1 May. On 27 April, the New Zealand Government announced that quarantine-free travel between New Zealand and Western Australia would re-commence at midday on 28 April. Close contacts will still need to complete 14 days of self-isolation and provide evidence of a negative COVID-19 test before departure for New Zealand, while casual contacts will need to isolate for five days and return a negative test. They will also need to monitor their symptoms in place and will not be allowed to travel to New Zealand until 14 days after they were at the location of interest. 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" flights. Engagement with Australian officials on this issue is ongoing.

2. COVID-19 Insights

2.1 Insights of Note

2.1.1 Focus on International Passenger Capacity and Passenger Flows into New Zealand

This insight will focus on projected capacity of airlines to carry passengers into New Zealand for the period of 19 April to 16 May 2021, where passengers are coming from and to highlight a specific port of departure. Its purpose is to illustrate the potential to model risk factors in the event of full or partial suspension of QFT travel with Australia or any other QFT destination.

Based on the information provided it is possible to see the scheduled number of flights, the seating capacity of each flight and the flights last port of departure (as well as other data such as flight number and arrival time). However, it is important to note this data is a projection only and subject to change as airlines adjust to demand.

Who is doing the most carrying and what is their max carry capacity?

Unsurprisingly, Air New Zealand is the single largest carrier for air passengers into New Zealand with a total passenger capacity of approximately 117,000 for the period which is 51.3% of all inbound traffic from over 20 destinations across Australia, The Pacific, North America and Asia as shown in figure 1.

Figure 1: Air New Zealand Carry Capacity by International Regions

Region	Percentage	Seat Capacity
Australia	86.4%	101653
Pacific	6.3%	7453
Asia	5.4%	6342
North America	1.9%	2200
Totals	100%	117648

Qantas is second largest carrier with a capacity of 65,193 (28.4%) from three regions that are all inside Australia as can be seen in figure 2.

Figure 2: Qantas Carry Capacity by Internal Region

Region	Percentage	Seat Capacity
New South Wales	46.3%	30192
Victoria	28.9%	18846
Queensland	24.7%	16155
Totals	100%	65139

Between the two airlines their estimated carry capacity is nearly 80% (79.7%) for all incoming passengers into New Zealand.

Beyond this there is a range of airlines (Jetstar, Singapore Airlines and Emirates) that carry a further 14.5% totalling 33,310 potential passengers) and many numerous small airlines which carry passengers and cargo into New Zealand that make up the remainder.

City Focus: PERTH

With the recent lockdown in Perth and Western Australia we have focused on this city to illustrate the potential carry capacity on flights emanating directly from this region and how such data can be modelled for risk.

For the period there are 22 flights scheduled from Perth To New Zealand with a maximum capacity of 5775 seats. All flights will land at Auckland International Airport as shown in figure 3 and all flights are by Air New Zealand.

Figure 3: Flights from Perth to New Zealand

City	Flights scheduled	Seat capacity	Ports of entry
Perth	22	5775	Auckland

In this case the means to detect and identify passengers flows coming from this city is not too difficult as there is only one direct flight and a number of internal connector flights which could be tagged (for a 24 or 48 hour period if needed) to ensure that individuals are not seeking to evade border or quarantine controls.

However, as it is known that individuals have used internal connecting flights as a means to avoid any quarantine/lockdown measures, there is a need to obtain internal flight data from Australia to ensure that there is the full spectrum of coverage in the event of future events as it is not currently known.

For situations with more flights coming from more ports of departure the complexity would naturally increase but with the right data modelling should still be possible, especially as the current majority of flights and passengers into New Zealand emanate from Australia.

*Personal communication, Manager: Analytics & Modelling, Ministry of Transport, 21 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 of Health is planning to release the two most recent fortnightly COVID-19 disease indicator summary reports (indicator reports) on the Ministry's website covering the period from 12 March 2021 to 8 April 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 these reports are:

- Within these reporting periods, there were two cases - Case A and Case B in the March Auckland managed isolation and quarantine facility (MIQF) cluster and their associated close contacts. As there were only two cases during these periods the metrics for indicators C001, L001, and P001 have either 0 or 100 percent performance. The metrics for all other indicators are impacted by the low number of close contacts associated with these community cases.
- While the system and community level indicators S001, S002, S003 and C001 are below target due to the delayed identification of cases following symptom onset, P001 shows that once a case has been identified, the case investigation system performance is above target at 100 percent for these reporting periods. The time between symptom onset and case identification depends on a number of factors, including the person recognising that they require a test as a result of their symptoms, and the availability and processing time for testing.
- During these reporting periods, additional exposure events involving household visits to relatives were identified several days following the initial case investigation. This has contributed to lower performance against the S001, S002, S003, and P002 metrics. However, indicator metrics P003 (80 percent by 0 to 24 hours) and P004 (80 percent by 24 to 28 hours) show that, once a contact has been identified in the National Contact Tracing Solution, contact tracing system performance is above target at 100 percent and 94 percent, respectively, for these reporting periods.
- There were 55 cases in MIQF during the period from 12 March 2021 to 25 March and 79 cases during the period from 26 March 2021 to 8 April.

Next steps

The reports will be released on the Ministry of Health's website in the week of 26 April 2021.

3.1.2 Nurse COVID-19 vaccination concerns

The National Nurse Leaders group (NNLg) is a representative leadership group made up of the nursing organisations, educators, unions and regulated authorities in New Zealand. This item informs you that NNLg may raise some concerns via the media on the COVID-19 vaccine workforce.

The issues can be summarised as concerns about professional regulation of the workforce and the administration of vaccines.

Next steps

We will address the concerns that have been raised can be addressed through:

- improving engagement with the nursing organisations;
- providing accurate consistent information for specific workforces i.e. nursing non-APC, unregulated;
- working with the Immunisation Advisory Centre to improve vaccinator training.

3.2 Policy/Programme Updates

3.2.1 COVID-19 Vaccine and Immunisation Programme

Phase 1 vaccine rollout

As at 27 April 2021, 232,588 vaccinations have been delivered, including 60,024 people who are fully vaccinated. Of those fully vaccinated nine percent are Māori, seven percent are Pacific, and 19 percent are Asian. Seventy sites were active on 27 April 2021.

The allocation plan for the next seven days is for 69,171 doses across New Zealand.

District health board plans to end of June 2021

Last week the Ministry published the first set of actual weekly vaccinations administered per DHB against their plans. The release of this information coincided with the announcement of the health and disability sector, so we expect strong media and public interest when the next set of data is published this week.

Pacific border workers

This section responds to a request from the 27 April 2021 meeting with Ministers.

As at 27 April 2021 2,226 Pacific border workers had received their first dose of the vaccine and 1,521 have received the second dose and are fully vaccinated.

1,696 Pacific members of border worker households have received the first dose of the vaccine and 870 have received the second dose and are fully vaccinated.

Border workers are identified through the Border Worker Testing Register and also from vaccine recipients who have self-identified as border workers at the time of vaccination in the COVID-19 Immunisation Register.

We are unable to provide the number of border workers or household contacts yet to be vaccinated. New staff and new groups are being added over time, which means that the size of this group changes regularly. As a result, the number of household contacts also changes and we are unable to provide a definitive denominator¹.

Response to draft Office of the Auditor-General report

¹ Data is based across all DHBs and includes all doses administered and entered into CIR before 27 April 21 midnight.

Last week the programme received a draft of the Office of the Auditor-General Performance Audit of the Covid-19 Vaccination and Immunisation Programme report.

We are working with the Office of the Auditor-General through the consultation period to provide further accuracy and context prior to the report's expected publication in late May 2021.

Quarantine free travel

Vaccination sites have been established near Queenstown Airport and Wellington Airport to support the vaccination of eligible staff.

COVID-19 vaccine export restrictions

In a recent meeting with New Zealand officials Pfizer confirmed that the EU vaccine authorisation measure had not created any issues for Pfizer's exports to date. Pfizer will be in touch immediately should they encounter any export issues.

Technology

The National Booking System, with the base elements of site capacity and scheduling and appointment selection and confirmation, has been built. The solution is undergoing final testing and security prior to use by administrators at two DHBs and a call centre as a production pilot next week. The expectation is that five sites will use the National Booking System by mid-May 2021. Rollout will progress rapidly following a successful pilot.

Workforce

3,080 vaccinators have completed vaccine training and 1,369 vaccinators have been active in the programme up to and including 27 April 2021.

Programme resourcing

Programme recruitment remains a top priority. The Ministry continues to work closely with the Public Service Commission to identify and onboard candidates from across the public sector. Initial responses from the public sector were lower than expected, however expressions of interest have started to increase to fill the urgent vacancies.

Funding

A simple funding model has been agreed by DHB Chief Executives and the Ministry to be used for non-governmental organisation providers. This is a single base price for each of general practice, pharmacy and occupational health providers to reflect the different costs in those settings. There is also an 'after hours/weekend' price for these settings to recognise and compensate for the higher costs of operating after hours.

Distribution and inventory management

As at 27 April 2021, we have made 1,512 deliveries to sites across the country with zero failures. This equates to delivery of 42,820 vials or 256,920 doses.

The Ministry of Health has received approval to proceed with direct sourcing a second national distribution hub in Christchurch to supply South Island sites and to mitigate the risk of a single supply from Health Care Logistics in Auckland. The Christchurch hub is due to come online in July 2021.

Communications

This week, the campaign will have a greater focus on the concept of the Stronger our Immunity the Greater our Possibilities.

We are working with the Northern Region Health Co-ordination Centre to create a “launch event” to mark the vaccinations of over-65s living in the Counties Manukau DHB area. This will occur in early May 2021.

Rollout of the vaccine to Polynesia

Cook Islands

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.

This timeframe is subject to securing the operational lead for the rollout (conversations are underway with the New Zealand Defence Force), a final readiness assessment and sign-off, and decisions about usage of New Zealand Pfizer supply.

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 19 April 2021. The next TAG meeting is scheduled for 30 April 2021.

The COVID-19 Vaccine Technical Advisory Group (CVTAG) did not meet in the week commencing 19 April 2021. CVTAG met on 27 April 2021.

3.4 Upcoming Communications Issues and Activities

As at 28/04/21

Date	Activity	Lead agency	Comms material	Ministerial involvement
29 Apr 21	Creation of ‘very high-risk country’ category temporarily restricting arrivals from countries with more than 50 positive cases per 1,000. Comes into force from 11.59pm on 28 April 2021 .	DPMC	Website copy	Possible
Week commencing 10 May 21	Release of Grand Millennium review	Health	FAQs, 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 19-25 April 2021

- Reporting from BWTR shows that 4,469 people undertook work in our facilities last week and of these:
 - 3,760 were compliant with their obligations;
 - 383 were overdue; and
 - 326 were still to have their NHI-matched (70 of these were new workers in MIQ).
- Of those that were NHI-matched, 91% were compliant and 9% were overdue.
- Of the 383 who were overdue, 308 had a previous swab and 75 were recorded as not having had a swab.
- As outlined in last week's Weekly Report, we know that not all those listed as having not having had a swab, have not had a test. Some have had a test and it is not showing up in BWTR (due to NHI-matching issues), some may be duplicates or some may not actually be required to have a test.
- We are proactively contacting each of the employers who have staff listed as not having had a test to ensure compliance is achieved and staff are being tested in accordance with their obligation. This will be occurring every week by a dedicated team.

4.1.2 Vaccination of frontline staff update

- Due to improved reporting processes implemented recently, MIQ now has visibility of the vaccination status for all MIQ workers with 95% having received at least one COVID-19 vaccine dose, and 1% booked in.
- The remaining unvaccinated workers are predominantly those who do not want to take the vaccine or cannot (for medical or health reasons), and their employers are working with them around options for redeployment, or altering their role so they can continue to work from a non-MIQ location (administration roles for example).
- All people who work in a Managed Isolation or Quarantine Facility will have received at least their first vaccination by 30 April 2021, or will have been redeployed.
- MIQ is currently assessing the impact on each of our facilities if some workers are redeployed due to remaining unvaccinated, to ensure operations are maintained.
- MIQ provided advice and support to the cross-agency drafting of the Vaccination Order that was signed 28 April 2021.
- MBIE is working at pace to establish a process where evidence of worker vaccination status is verified by on-site security before site access can be granted. This process has three lines of defence:

- **Education and communication** – working with employers and employees so they understand their obligations under the Order from 1 May 2021, ensure they understand that no unvaccinated workers will be allowed on site and the process to work with MoH to get their workers prioritised for vaccination. In particular, working with hotels to ensure they have discussions with third party suppliers
- **Site conditions of entry check** – establishing processes and standard operating procedures to ensure workers provide evidence of identity and vaccination status to site security before they are allowed on site.
- **Reporting and Assurance** – working with MoH to ensure vaccination status is loaded into BWTR to ensure this can be reconciled against attendance on site daily, and identify any instances where an unvaccinated worker (without a valid exemption) has accessed the site, and ensure that worker cannot access the site moving forward. Implementing spot checks of site access checks to ensure standard operating procedures are being followed.
- MBIE are aware that not all the border workforce and employers have readily available access to evidence of their vaccination status. As such, we are working with MoH to generate a report of vaccination status from BWTR that can be used to issue an MIQ Vaccination Certificate, which can be produced by the worker as evidence of vaccination to meet the conditions of entry.

4.1.3 Update on investigations – Grand Mercure and Grand Millennium

Grand Mercure

- The findings of the Grand Mercure ventilation review are with the hotel and we are waiting on their formal response.
- The detailed report on the findings along with an initial view of the hotel's response are to be shared with the Technical Advisory Group (TAG).

Grand Millennium

- We are waiting on the results from the Independent Qualified Persons (IQP) assessment expected 30 April 2021.
- Once the IQP assessment is received, internal MBIE analysis will be undertaken and an HVAC Engineer will also review the findings.
- These findings with an initial view of the hotel's response will be presented to the TAG for review/consideration.

4.2 Operational update

4.2.1 Capacity update

- As at 28th April, a total of 33,400 rooms since late January, have been released for the period of April through to the end of July 2021.
- From early March to present, over 58,400 returnees have secured a date to return home during the period of March through to the end of July 2021.
- Returnees from over 180 countries have successfully secured a voucher to travel during this period.
- As at 7am 28th April 2021, there were over 700 rooms available for the period of May through to July 2021, spread across all months.
- Up until a release on 27 April 2021, capacity had been reduced to a number of days in July, and there did not appear to be too much demand for those dates. Overnight, a significant number of the new dates across May and June were selected, indicating demand for people trying to come to NZ during that period.
- Vouchers held by Australians are being proactively released. As at 28 April 2021, 2,997 rooms remain from 1 June through to 31 July 2021. This task is expected to be completed over the next few days.
- Availability remains across a spread of dates from May to July.

4.2.2 Airport movements

- Noting the Cabinet decision to allow Green/Red flights to operate from the NZDF Terminal at Rongotai, the MoH Quality Assurance and Safety team will conduct an audit scheduled for 29 April 2021 of the current system to see if any improvements or innovations could enhance IPC protocols.
- At Auckland Airport, the adjusted processes in Terminal B continues to be reviewed and adjusted. The next challenge is developing a processing area to increase the number of passengers that can be transferred to Wellington and Christchurch. The current process has a maximum limit of 70 passengers. AIAL, Border agencies and MIQ are finalising plans to reshape the flow pattern inside Terminal B, which will segregate an area that can support a 135 passenger transfer limit. The modification is expected to take 2-4 weeks.

4.2.3 MIQ Facilities Ventilation Review

- The MBIE-led onsite testing of ventilation systems continues.
- 20 of 31 sites have provided full or provisional onsite test results to MBIE.
- MBIE has prepared written test results for 12 of 20 of the sites. The HVAC Engineer has reviewed all 12 reports and has completed summary reports for 8 sites, with the remaining 4 partially complete pending additional testing detail / clarification from the IQP.
- Of the remaining 11 sites, the on-site ventilation testing is underway for 8 and scheduled for 3.
- While there has been some delays receiving assessment results, the aim is to convene a Ventilation Working Group to review the findings this week.

4.2.4 MIQ cohorting implementation update

- MBIE has commenced the transition to cohorting as planned across most hotels in the network (acknowledging that the Grand Millennium and Grand Mercure are currently unavailable). So far, seven facilities have transitioned to cohorting.
- The transition is on track and MBIE anticipates that the majority of arrivals will be cohorted by the planned date of 16 May 2021, unless unexpected events create additional demand on MIQ capacity. A small number of facilities / arrivals will not be cohorted, including those with special needs that are allocated to specific facilities, such as refugees.

4.2.5 Improving fees collection and debt recovery

- The invoicing function was transferred to MBIE Finance in February 2021. A project has been set up to improve timeliness of invoicing.
- The aim of the project is to invoice travellers more quickly (ideally within a week of leaving a MIQF), improve reporting and have an invoicing system which is more automated, flexible, reduces risk to MBIE, and has a clear plan for ongoing improvement.
- The project is underway with three key focus areas; the invoicing system, invoice backlog and reporting consolidation, and improved data acquisition. An update to the invoicing system and improvements to data acquisition are in progress. Timeframes for completing these focus areas will be confirmed in the next fortnight.

4.2.6 Update on Ramada

- With the introduction of the Quarantine Free Travel (QFT) with Australia, there is no longer a requirement for a dedicated facility for managing the deportees from Australia (Ramada MIF).
- As outlined in the Briefing *Impact of Quarantine Free Travel with Australia on MIQ* (2021-3193), we explored with NZDF and health staff if they could use this facility for additional accommodation for staff. Neither have indicated a need for this facility, therefore we will be decommissioning this facility.
- In line with the terms of the contract we will be able to terminate the agreement by giving 90 calendar days' notice in writing. However, we will seek an agreement with the management of this facility to be able to re-contract with them if QFT was to cease for a prolonged period of time and if we needed to stand-up a dedicated 'deportee' facility.

4.2.7 Interislander Ferry update

- The arrival of the Interislander Ferry has been delayed from 3 May 2021 and is now scheduled to arrive back in New Zealand on 9 May 2021.
- We have the 29 rooms booked out in the Grand Mercure Wellington.
- MoH are putting forward for a ministerial exemption to allow them to return to New Zealand without having to do quarantine. Even with the QFT with Australia the Maritime Border Order is unchanged, hence the need for the exemption. The proposal is being put forward on 2 May 2021 for consideration.

4.3 Policy update

4.3.1 Time sensitive allocation update

- MBIE is making good progress towards implementing the new 'time dependent allocation' process (previously the time-sensitive allocation). The development of all processes, guidelines and standard operating procedures is nearing completion.
- MBIE will commence industry engagement on Monday 3 May 2021 as scheduled and the window for accepting applications will now open on Monday 10 May 2021. This will allow for the process to be fully developed before applications open, and for agencies to consult with their sectors in advance of the go-live date. The window for applications will reduce by one week to allow for this, but the start-date for the first travel period remains the same from 1 July 2021.
- There is currently good availability in MIAS so people with time dependent travel between now and July 2021 should be able to secure a voucher through MIAS.
- Regular updates will be provided to you through the weekly report to track the first cycle of applications.

4.3.2 Fees review

- MBIE Policy is currently undertaking a review of the MIQ fees regime to ensure the settings remain fit for purpose and align with government objectives. We provided you with some initial advice in February that looked at how well the system had operated to date and recommended an upfront change of reversing the liability settings in the COVID-19 Act so that the default position is that everyone is liable for fees unless they are exempt (currently only specified groups are liable). You agreed to address this recommendation as part of the COVID-19 Act Amendment Bill.
- As part of the next phase of the review we will provide you with advice by 5 May 2021 that will seek your direction on potential changes to:
 - Liability – namely whether all New Zealanders should now be liable for fees.
 - The level of government subsidy for different groups (currently some groups pay the lower fee and others pay the higher fee).
 - How the fees are structured (currently based on room allocation, but could look at a per adult/per child fee).
 - Terms of payment (including when invoices are issued) and waiver eligibility.
- Follow up advice in early/mid-May 2021 will provide recommendations on more minor and technical changes to the fees Regulations to ensure the smooth operation of current settings.
- s9(2)(f)(iv)

4.4 Large Group Arrivals Update

Summary of approved group arrivals as at 27 Apr 2021

Group	Date of Arrival	Pax Numbers	Comments
Olympic Athletes	29 Mar - 25 Apr 2021	12	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.
Olympic Athletes	May – Jul 2021	157	Returnees from Tokyo Olympic qualifying events. Various return dates.
Refugees quota re-start - Cohort 2	Apr/May 2021	63	One family of six is unable to travel for medical reasons (unrelated to COVID-19). This brings the total pax for this cohort down to 63. There are 8 pax left to arrive for this cohort on 12 May 2021. All refugees for this cohort are from Malaysia, Thailand and Ecuador.
Refugees quota re-start - Cohort 3	May/June 2021	72	Cohort details have been received with arrivals scheduled from 25 May – 1 June 2021. Refugees for this cohort will depart from Malaysia, Thailand, Ecuador, Indonesia, Iran, Afghanistan, Colombia, and Rwanda.
RSE – 150 rolling entry per 16 days	TBC 15 Jun 2021- Mar 2022	Approx. 2,550	Total number of workers will depend on agreed start and end dates, noting October reduction in numbers due to high demand for group allocations. These RSE arrivals will be accommodated in Hamilton for duration of the arrivals.

4.5 Upcoming Communications Issues and Activities

As at 27 Apr 2021

Date	Activity	Lead Agency	Comms Material	Ministerial Involvement Y/N
30 April/ 1 May 2021	All MIQ workers to have had their first vaccine by 1 May 2021.	MIQ/MoH	Proactive communications/ PR from MIQ on 30 Apr 2021	N
10 May 2021	Time critical travel – new MIQ application category	MIQ	Website material	N
12 May 2021	End of Ramadan – proactive media on Ramadan in MIQ	MIQ	Proactive communications and engagement	N
12/13 May 2021	MIQ Senior Leaders Forum	MIQ	Internal communications and planning – Minister may attend	Y
16 May 2021	Cohorts in operation across MIQ	MIQ	Proactive communications	
12 or 19 May 2021	Health Select Committee	MoH/MBIE	Preparation for questions/ media queries	N
16 Feb – 20 May 2021	Refugees arrive in New Zealand (4 groups arriving)	MIQ	Bespoke group communications (i.e. welcome pack)	N
Mid-May 2021	Overview of Grand Millennium issues	MIQ	Proactive communications and engagement	
May/June 2021	Onsite survey of all MIF ventilation	MoH	Reactive information	
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	Minister launched exhibition

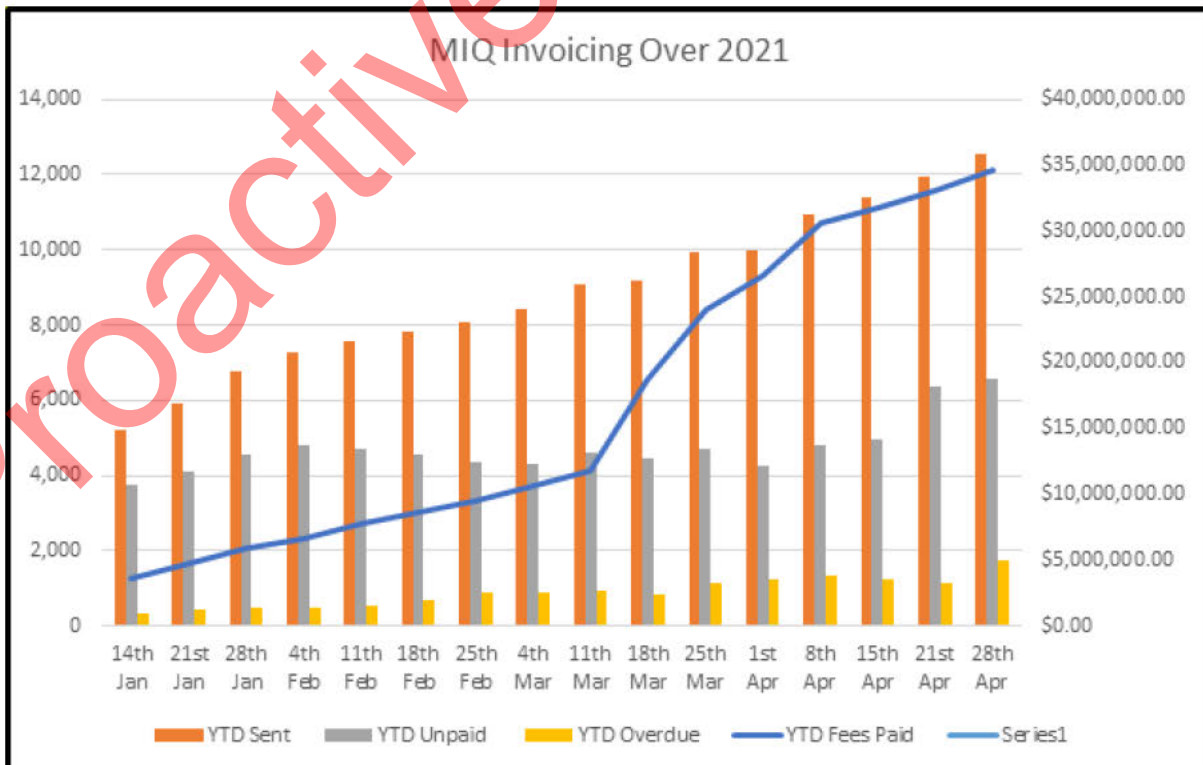
4.6 Fees

4.6.1 Invoicing

- The table below shows the number of invoices issued up to 25 Apr 2021. These relate to people who arrived in managed isolation up to 11 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	2,837	35	0	0	35	29	\$12,279,414	2	4	0
Maritime	1,215	268	0	0	268	150	\$626,840	89	29	6
Aircrew	2,824	196	0	26	170	83	\$662,709	83	4	0
All other arrivals	26,850	20,903	3,919	4,910	12,074	5,744	\$21,094,768	4,603	1,727	306
Total	33,726	21,402	3,919	4,936	12,547	6,006	\$34,663,731	4,777	1,764	312

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 25 Apr 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	5,840	682	5,158	636	4,522	78	3,962	558	560

4.7 Emergency Allocation Applications

- 3,191 applications have been processed since 30 Oct 2020.
- 15 applications were received in the week ending 25 Apr 2021 and 6 applications were processed.
- From the applications processed in the week ending 25 Apr 2021, 33% of the applications were approved.

Emergency Allocation Applications	Weekly Totals 19 Apr 2021 to 25 Apr 2021	Year to Date Totals 30 Oct 2020 to 25 Apr 2021
Approved	2	1,755
Declined	4	1,436
Applications processed*	6	3,191

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

Total Rooms Approved	2
Rooms Allocated in MIAS	1
Cancelled by the applicant	1
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

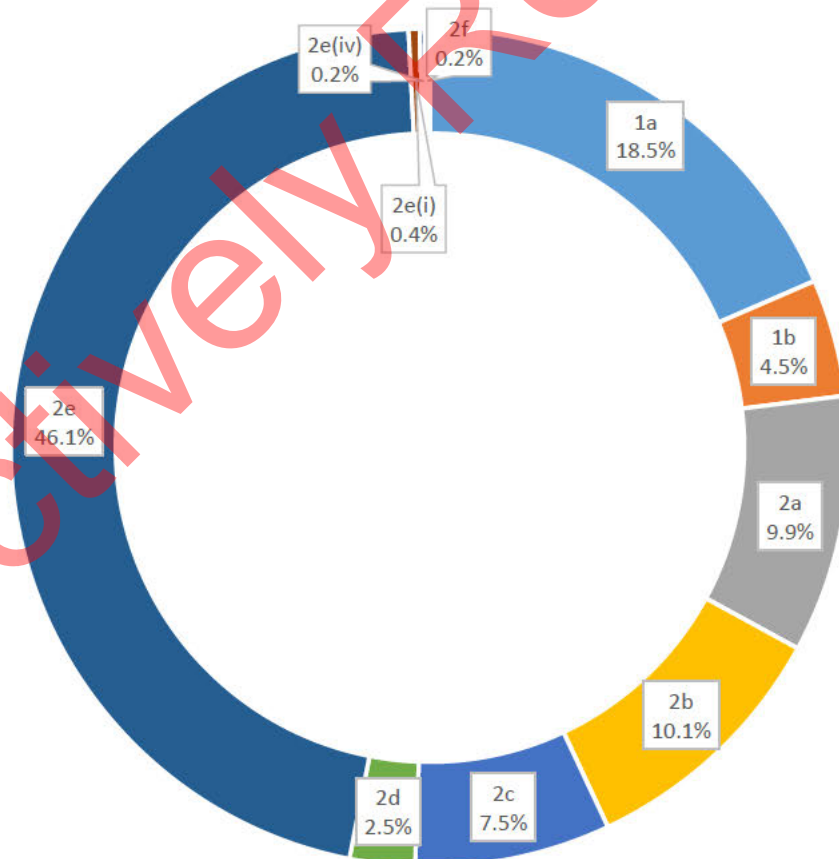
2d - Travel required for National security, interest or law enforcement reasons

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.



4.8 Resolutions Update

- Data from the Complaints and Feedback Customer Management System for the week 20 Apr to 26 Apr 2021 is as follows:

Week	Received	Active Cases	Resolved
20 Apr 2021 – 26 Apr 2021			
Complaints	47	40	35
Improvements	0	0	0
Compliments	0	0	0
Queries	2	0	2
Ombudsman	3	4	15
Parliamentary/OIA	0	0	0
Total	52	44	52

- Average number of complaints received each week since the start of MIQ is 106. For the last 4 weeks the average is 58 per week.
- This week we have received 52 new complaints and have resolved 52 complaints. 40% of these complaints were about facilities. MIAS/vouchers/special complaints remain low at 23%.

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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 22 April and will next meet on 6 May.

5.1.2 Border Workforce

- Agencies continue working closely together to ensure maximum uptake of the COVID-19 vaccination, including removing logistical impediments to accessing appointments.
- Significant work occurred across the entire border workforce (MIQ, government agencies and broader transport sector) to provide advice on vaccination requirements for the border workforce and to support the redeployment of staff who are unable or unwilling to be vaccinated (or to share their vaccination status with their employer).
- Under the COVID-19 Public Health Reponses (Vaccinations) Order 2021, from 1 May, all affected persons must be vaccinated before carrying out work at a certain places (in summary, this means MIQ workers, government agency border staff and certain domestic cabin crew).
- On 27 April it became mandatory for a Person Conducting a Business or Undertaking (PCBU) to utilise the Border Workforce Testing Resister.

5.1.3 Risk mitigation for travellers from very high-risk countries

- Officials are working through the implementation of restrictions for travellers from very high-risk countries.
- The Ministry of Transport has provided updated guidance to stakeholders and will remain in contact with the Board of Airline Representatives of NZ as the new restrictions come online, and to understand any operational challenges that need resolution.
- The new requirements came into effect at 23.59hrs on 28 April.

5.1.4 Cooks Islands – Two Way Quarantine Free travel

- Officials will report to Cabinet on 3 May 2021 to seek approval for the commencement of two-way quarantine free travel with the Cook Islands with a view to commence two-way quarantine free travel on 17 May 2021.
- A Customs' information sharing agreement with the Cook Islands has been developed. The agreement will allow Customs to formally share details of potentially ineligible passengers at check-in in New Zealand with the Cook Islands to prevent them from boarding a quarantine free flight. The agreement was circulated to Cook Islands' agencies for their consideration and signature on 27 April 2021.
- Customs is currently working with New Zealand and Cook Islands agencies to ensure smooth implementation of two-way quarantine free travel. The Cook Islands has developed a comprehensive implementation plan and officials are working on underpinning that document.

5.1.5 Border System Improvement

- The Border Executive Board considered Auckland International Airport Limited's plans for redevelopment, in particular the space available for border agencies to process international passengers and baggage.

5.2 Upcoming Communication Activities

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

*This review was commissioned by the Border Sector Governance Group (now replaced by the Border Executive Board) in July 2020, on the COVID-19 border measures in the aviation passenger pathway. The review sought to provide assurance to the Border Sector Governance Group that the required border measures are in place so that people arriving in New Zealand are appropriately managed, minimising the opportunities for the spread of COVID-19. It will be pro-actively released on the Border Executive Board webpage (hosted on the NZ Customs Service website).

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6. New Zealand Customs Service Weekly Report



6.1 s6(c)

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6.2 Pre-Departure Testing

- For the period 19 Apr 2021 to 25 Apr 2021, no infringements or warnings were issued.

Passengers

	Date	19 Apr	20 Apr	21 Apr	22 Apr	23 Apr	24 Apr	25 Apr	Week Total	%
	Total Passengers	4750	4568	2083	3931	4106	2985	2057	24,480	
	Passengers subject to PDT	255	213	117	266	159	205	101	1316	5.4%
Primary Actions (Passport Control)	Test Certificate Verified	241	205	108	251	143	197	96	1241	94.3%
	Exemption Verified	6	4	3	5	6	6	1	31	2.3%
	Referred to Secondary Area	8	4	6	10	10	2	4	44	3.4%
Secondary Area Actions	Compliant	8	4	6	10	10	2	4	44	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	19 Apr	20 Apr	21 Apr	22 Apr	23 Apr	24 Apr	25 Apr	Week Total	%
	Total Crew	275	337	194	279	311	260	261	1613	
	Crew subject to PDT	69	64	74	56	57	5	52	338	21.0%
Primary Actions (Passport Control)	Test Certificate Verified	69	64	74	56	57	5	52	338	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

Proactively Released

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

8. Official Information Act Requests

8.1 Ministry of Health

Date due	Requester	OIA Request	Status
27-Apr-21	s9(2)(a)	Information relating to the practice of falsifying or sourcing counterfeit COVID-19 test results and the number of people who have been prevented from entering New Zealand due to having doctored COVID-19 test results.	At Minister's office
3-May-21	s9(2)(a)	Information received by the Minister regarding 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
3-May-21	s9(2)(a)	The advice given to the Minister/Cabinet on the vaccine rollout.	In progress
5-May-21	Chris Bishop	Information relating to the Trans-Tasman Bubble; safe-travel zones with Australia, quarantine-free travel.	In progress
6-May-21	Chris Bishop	Talking points related to Cabinet Paper "Additional Item: COVID-19 and MIQ: Update" on 26 January 2021.	In progress
6-May-21	s9(2)(a)	Information about advice from medical or public health professionals about expanding the classifications for different COVID-19 contact categories to include "casual plus" and "close plus".	In progress
6-May-21	s9(2)(a)	All correspondence between Pfizer and the Minister's office between 1 October 2020 and 7 April 2021 relating to the Pfizer/BioNTech (Cominarty) vaccine.	In progress
6-May-21	Chris Bishop	Specific list of documents.	In progress
12-May-21	s9(2)(a)	Copies of Cabinet papers about vaccination proof/certificates.	In progress
12-May-21	Chris Bishop	The full Ministry paper dated 26 January 2021 referred to in the House; and any covering report or aides-mémoire from the Ministry 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	Copies of all reports the Minister has received this year on the trial of the COVID card in Rotorua.	In progress
24-May-21	Chris Bishop	Information relating to the decision to restrict entry to New Zealand from people from "very high-risk countries" that takes effect from 28 April.	In progress
25-May-21	s9(2)(a)	Information relating to the "very high-risk" category of overseas countries.	In progress

8.2 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
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
2 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	s9(2)(a) The New Zealand Initiative	Further questions in response to 2021-2022 re: MIQ spaces for America's Cup.	Approved
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.	Gathering information
19 Apr 21	s9(2)(a)	Not applicable	Analysis on MIQ decision to only open up spaces three months out.	Gathering information
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)	Not applicable	How many stayed in NZ MIQ & now in system w/ Aussie passports or are Aussie.	Drafting
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
23 Apr 21	s9(2)(a)	Not applicable	COVID-19 positive numbers for arrivals each month into NZ MIQ.	Under review
26 Apr 21	s9(2)(a)	Not applicable	Over the past 12 months, how many people have arrived at MIQ from Aussie?	Under review
27 Apr 21	s9(2)(a)	Not applicable	Why seafarers are not classed as key workers w no allocation to secure MIQ.	Minister's office
27 Apr 21	s9(2)	Not applicable	Info/evidence re decisions to hold MIQ returnee & 6-month baby for test.	Under review

Date due	Requestor	Media/Opposition	OIA Request	Status
27 Apr 21	s9(2)(a)	Not applicable	Complaint about Managed Isolation and Quarantine.	Gathering information
28 Apr 21	s9(2)(a)	Not applicable	All comms between MIQ & Stamford Auckland (1996) re client.	Drafting
28 Apr 21	s9(2)(a)	NZ Herald	Copies of the filled health matrixes for declined MIQ exemption request.	Scoping
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.	Under review
30 Apr 21	s9(2)(a)	RNZ	Correspondence relating to increase in MIQ fees & data on MIQ fees to date.	Gathering information
30 Apr 21	s9(2)(a)	Stuff	Questions regarding MIQ contracts negotiated by MBIE.	Approved
30 Apr 21	s9(2)(a)	Not applicable	Risk management programme for each and every premises used for MIQ.	Gathering information
30 Apr 21	s9(2)(a)	RNZ	All docs re COVID contact tracing card trial at Bay Plaza in Welly 7/12/20.	Drafting
3 May 21	s9(2)(a)	Newshub	MP Menendez-March's application for MIQ and his partners visa application.	Minister's office
4 May 21	s9(2)(a)	Not applicable	RE all comms regarding prep of wiggles OIA response on 30/03/2021.	Draftng
4 May 21	s9(2)(a)	Newshub	Corr. and query regarding COVID card trial in MIQ cost.	Drafting
5 May 21	s9(2)(a)	Stuff	No. of MIQ guests caught smoking in smoke-free areas & punishments.	Drafting
5 May 21	Christopher Bishop	Opposition	RE corr. regarding proposals for purpose built MIQ facilities since COVID.	Gathering information
5 May 21	s9(2)(a)	Newshub	All comms between MBIE and Pullman hotel management Jan 2021-Mar 2021.	New item
5 May 21	s9(2)(a)	Not applicable	RE query on sending of invoices for MIQ.	Under review
5 May 21	s9(2)(a)	Not applicable	Query on MIQ welcome pack, non-English guests, translated signage/translator.	Under review
6 May 21	s9(2)(a)	Newsroom	Fees & payment records for MIQ, waivers & instalment plans.	Minister's office
7 May 21	s9(2)(a)	NZ Herald	RE all corr. relating to DOIA 2021-1194.	Gathering information
7 May 21	s9(2)(a)	RNZ	Info RE establishing purpose-built quarantine facility in New Zealand.	Gathering information
11 May 21	s9(2)(a)	NZ Herald	Most recent audit on Grand Millennium MIQ hotel.	Minister's office

Date due	Requestor	Media/Opposition	OIA Request	Status
11 May 21	s9(2)(a)	Not applicable	Identity of certain NZDF staff at an MIQ facility.	Scoping
11 May 21	s9(2)	Not applicable	Info relating to the MIQ Allocation System.	Gathering information
11 May 21	s9(2)(a)	Not applicable	MIQ hotel(s) allocated to the passengers arriving off flights into Auckland.	Drafting
11 May 21	s9(2)(a)	Not applicable	Info relating to MIQ spots available over past 3 months.	Gathering information
13 May 21	s9(2)(a)	TVNZ	Communication between MBIE and security guard known as case 'b'.	Drafting
13 May 21	s9(2)(a)	Not applicable	Maritime capacity as per MNZ maritime industry update #69.	Gathering information
13 May 21	s9(2)(a)	Not applicable	Criteria for MIQ waiver application.	Under review
14 May 21	Lobby Zealand ^{New}	Not applicable	Comms between Aprils Covid-19 cluster and MIQ security officer.	Drafting
14 May 21	Chris Bishop	Opposition	Surveys done by facilities and DHBs of people who stayed at MIQ.	Under review
18 May 21	s9(2)(a)	Not applicable	How many MIQ spots have been granted under 2c and under what conditions?	Scoping
18 May 21	s9(2)(a)	Not applicable	Percentage of MIQ entrants who have returned & who have paid their fees.	New item
18 May 21	s9(2)	Not applicable	Information on Security Staff and Service Workers hired for MIQ facilities.	Gathering information
19 May 21	s9(2)(a)	TVNZ	Correspondence relating to MIQ exemption applications.	Gathering information
19 May 21	s9(2)(a)	Stuff	Rough cost to the Government of each person's 14 day MIQ stay.	New item
19 May 21	s9(2)(a)	NZME	How many attempts there had been at absconding from MIQ facilities.	Gathering information
20 May 21	s9(2)(a)	RNZ	Details on MIQ breaches from 14th of June 20 until the 21st of April 21.	New item
20 May 21	s9(2)(a)	Not applicable	RE corr. regarding costs of MIQ per person.	Gathering information
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.	Scoping
21 May 21	s9(2)(a)	Newshub	Consequence of privacy breach of private info sent with MIQ emails to wrong applicant.	Gathering information
24 May 21	s9(2)	Not applicable	Information around Oriental Bay Plaza Wellington requesting no MIQ signs.	Scoping

Date due	Requestor	Media/Opposition	OIA Request	Status
	s9(2)(a)			
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
10 Jun 21	s9(2)(a)	TVNZ	corr. reviews on MIQ to stop programmes from booking vouchers for other people.	Gathering information

8.3 COVID-19 Group

Date due	Requestor	OIA Request	Status
29/03/2021	s9(2)	All documentation pertaining to the COVID-19 response and recovery efforts that your organisation has been involved in 2020.	Drafting
3/05/2021	s9(2)	Various details about the 'Unite against Covid-19' tee-shirts.	Scoping
3/05/2021	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
5/05/2021	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
5/05/2021	s9(2)	Information relating to the hiring of Topham Guerin.	Scoping
10/05/2021	s9(2)	Modelling documents and associated email 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.	QA
10/05/2021	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.	Scoping
10/05/2021	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.	Scoping
10/05/2021	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.	Scoping
12/05/2021	s9(2)	Information relating to the development of the Governments COVID-19 strategy.	Scoping
12/05/2021	s9(2)	All documents that detail the agreement between you and the Minister of health regarding invoking section 5(1) of the Epidemic Preparedness Act 2006(with regard to COVID-19).	Scoping
13/05/2021	s9(2)	All correspondence between Pfizer and the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet between midnight October 1, 2020 and midnight April 7, 2021 on/about any and all matters relating to the Pfizer/BioNTech (Comirnaty) vaccine.	Scoping
13/05/2021	s9(2)(a)	Details of the cost of the COVID-19 Easter Egg advertisement featuring the Director-General of Health, Dr Ashley Bloomfield.	Scoping

Date due	Requestor	OIA Request	Status
13/05/2021	s9(2)	Can the DPMC please provide any complaints that were received in regards to content that was produced by Topham Guerin.	Scoping
17/05/2021	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
21/05/2021	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.	Scoping

8.4 New Zealand Customs Service

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

Date due	Requestor	OIA Request	Status
5 May 21	s9(2)(a)	Requests copies of Customs' policies on staff & COVID-19 injections and copies of any Ministerial directions or instructions from the Ministry of Health, the Director-General of Health or any other agency in respect to how Customs should handle employees who refuse the vaccination.	In progress
18 May 21	s9(2)	Total number of people who have arrived in New Zealand from India since 28 March 2021.	Scoping