

24 June 2020

Scott

By email: fyi-request-12877-ac80b817@requests.fyi.org.nz  
Ref: H202003923

Dear Scott

### **Response to your request for official information**

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) on 29 May 2020 for:

*"I would like to request in addition any communications the Ministry of Health had with the following 9 agencies during the month of January 2020*

- 1) Thailand Department of Disease Control
- 2) Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention
- 3) Korea Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- 4) Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (United States)
- 5) National Institute of Infectious Diseases (Japan)
- 6) Centre for Health Protection (Hong Kong)
- 7) Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (Macau)
- 8) World Health Organisation Incident Management Team
- 9) Wuhan Municipal Health Commission"

The information you have requested is outlined in Appendix 1 of this letter. Please note that pursuant to section 16(1)(e) of the Act, the requested information may be made available by providing a summary of the contents as to not prejudice the interests protected by section 6(a) of the Act:

*Section 6(a) – if the making available of that information would be likely to prejudice the security or defence of New Zealand or the international relations of the Government of New Zealand*

I trust that this information fulfils your request. Under section 28(3) of the Act you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request.

Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Ministry of Health website.

Yours sincerely



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**Director**  
**COVID-19 Response**

## Appendix 1: Summary of correspondence

#	Date of email	Agency	Summary of correspondence
1	29 January 2020	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (United States)	<p>Advised about New Zealand citizens/residents who were identified as COVID-19 case contacts in a flight. It included information on the confirmed individual's flight details and itinerary for contact tracing purposes.</p> <p>It is also noted in the email that CDC conducted a contact investigation for this flight.</p>
2	29 – 30 January 2020	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (United States)	The Ministry sought additional advice for border measures and options around temperature screening for broader public health controls.