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Ref: DOIA 2021-0403

B Clarke

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Dear B Clarke

Thank you for your email to the Ministry of Health transferred to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) on 24 August 2020 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

Please provide copies of all advice and memoranda (in whatever form) dealing with policy arguments for and against (a) the use of "managed isolation" and (b) charging users for their stay in "managed isolation".

MBIE has interpreted Part A of your request to mean policy advice regarding the use of mandatory Managed Isolation and Quarantine (MIQ) as opposed to other methods such as self-isolation. This part of your request has been referred back to the Ministry of Health (MoH) for a response. MoH are responsible for providing public health advice to Government, including on the manner and place of isolation. Policy advice regarding the decision is not held by MBIE. I understand that MoH has responded to this part of your request.

With respect to Part B of your request, the materials relating to the introduction and implementation of charges for MIQ have been outlined in the document schedule below. These documents have been proactively released and can be found at the following website: https://covid19.govt.nz/updates-and-resources/legislation-and-key-documents/proactive-release/border/.

I am therefore refusing your request for copies of all advice and memoranda dealing with policy arguments for charging users for their stay in MIQ under section 18(d) of the Act as the information is publicly available.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz/ or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

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Air Commodore Darryn Webb

Head of Managed Isolation and Quarantine

| # | Date | Description |
|----|---------------|--|
| 1 | 15 June 2020 | Cabinet Paper and Minute – A Sustainable Quarantine and Managed Isolation System |
| 2 | 17 June 2020 | Briefing – Cost Recovery for Quarantine and Managed Isolation |
| 3 | 26 June 2020 | Cabinet Paper and Minute – Co-payment Options for Managed Isolation and Quarantine |
| 4 | 22 July 2020 | Cabinet Paper and Minute – Establishing Fees for Managed Isolation and Quarantine |
| 5 | 22 July 2020 | Briefing - Design Choices for Managed Isolation and Quarantine Fees System |
| 6 | 26 July 2020 | Briefing – Fees for managed isolation and quarantine: classes of people exempt or liable for fees |
| 7 | 28 July 2020 | Cabinet Paper and Minute – COVID-19 Public Health Response Amendment Bill: Approval for Introduction |
| 8 | 29 July 2020 | Briefing – Advice on potential regulations to set MIQ charges |
| 9 | 3 August 2020 | Briefing – MIQ charges: Feedback from consultation on regulations |
| 10 | 4 August 2020 | Cabinet Paper and Minute - COVID-19 Public Health Response (Managed Isolation and Quarantine Charges) Regulations 2020 |