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Dear Leighton

Thank you for your email of 26 December 2020 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

Are costs paid to each contracted MIQ hotel on a per room basis or a per person basis for each returnee or person requiring MIQ?

If on a per room basis - please provide the cost paid to each individual MIQ hotel either as a daily rate, or as a total cost per 14day stay.

If costs are paid per person - please provide the cost paid per person to each individual MIQ hotel either as a daily rate, or as a total cost per 14day stay.

If there is another basis for payment, please provide that cost for each individual MIQ hotel?

This response will be addressed with respect to each of the questions in your request above.

Are costs paid to each contracted MIQ hotel on a per room basis or a per person basis for each returnee or person requiring MIQ? The Ministry is able to confirm that costs for managed isolation quarantine (MIQ) are paid on a per room basis dependent on the number of people residing in each room.

If on a per room basis - please provide the cost paid to each individual MIQ hotel either as a daily rate, or as a total cost per 14day stay. This aspect of your request is withheld under section 9(2)(j) of the Act, to enable a Minister of the Crown or any department or organisation holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations). The release of this information could jeopardise the future negotiating position of the Crown with potential suppliers or when renegotiating contracts with existing suppliers. I do not consider that the withholding of this information is outweighed by public interest considerations in making the information available.

If costs are paid per person - please provide the cost paid per person to each individual MIQ hotel either as a daily rate, or as a total cost per 14day stay; If there is another basis for payment, please provide that cost for each individual MIQ hotel? This information is withheld under section 9(2)(j) of the Act, as it is likely to prejudice ongoing negotiations.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this response. 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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