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K Roe

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Dear K Roe

I am writing in response to the email you submitted on 10 June 2021. Your request has been considered pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

As section 14(b)(i) of the Act allows, MBIE transferred part of your initial request to New Zealand Police as the information requested was deemed to be more closely aligned with the functions of Police.

The part of your request I will respond to is, specifically:

1. *And I wanting to know how many of those people the Government chooses to keep in institutions. So ... From quarantine, some will be labelled 'criminals' and they will go from quarantine into prisons.*

Over 145,000 returning travellers have isolated in the Managed Isolation & Quarantine facilities since the start of COVID-19 in 2020. Unless a returnee has been extradited from another country to face serious criminal charges in New Zealand, all returnees are held in managed isolation and not a prison, irrespective of their previous convictions, therefore this part of your request is refused pursuant to section 18(g) of the Act as the information requested is not held by Police.

I trust that you are satisfied with my response to your request. If not, you have the right under section 28(3) of the Act to ask the Ombudsman to seek an investigation and review of my decision.

Yours sincerely,



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