



23 February 2021

Ref: DOIA 2021-1511

Christopher Auld
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Dear Christopher

Thank you for your email of 14 February 2021 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

I request the following information for the 6 month period 1 August 2020 to 1 February 2021;

- 1. The number of arrivals into MIQ facilities grouped by country of original departure to New Zealand.*
- 2. The number of persons testing positive for COVID-19 during their stay in an MIQ facility grouped by their country of original departure to New Zealand.*

I would appreciate receiving this information in a form that allows these values to be determined on a week-by-week basis. However, I am happy to receive that data as such temporal granularity, up to and including single per-country values for the whole 6 month period, as may be required to protect the privacy of natural persons under s9 of the Act.

This letter is to advise you that your request has been partially transferred to the Ministry of Health, as it is more closely related to their functions. The following is being transferred:

- 2. The number of persons testing positive for COVID-19 during their stay in an MIQ facility grouped by their country of original departure to New Zealand.*

This is because the information you have requested is not held by MBIE. Section 14(b)(i) of the Official Information Act allows MBIE to transfer any request where the information is not held, but is believed to be held by another department, organisation or Minister of the Crown.

MBIE will provide a response to the remainder of your request.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Rose Chamberlain', written in a cursive style.

Rose Chamberlain
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