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Dear Byron Terris

## Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) which was transferred from the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet to the Ministry of Health (the Ministry) on 24 February 2021. You asked for:

"How many people are considered "Border Workers" for Covid-19 vaccination purposes including household close contacts?"

As of 24 February 2021, there is an estimated 50,000 cohort, This estimate includes border and Managed Isolation and Quarantine employers, employees and household contacts. It is important to note that these estimates are approximate and may be revised.

I trust 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. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at: <a href="mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz">info@ombudsman.parliament.nz</a> or by calling 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Ministry website at: <a href="https://www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests">www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests</a>.

Yours sincerely

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