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Lobby New Zealand
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Dear Lobby New Zealand

We are responding to the following part of your request which was transferred to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) from the Ministry of Health on the 28 April 2021. You requested the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

"Today we are requesting for all communications between the April COVID-19 cluster's Case B (MIQ security officer) and any relevant ministry or employer regarding the testing of Case B.

Specifically, Case B's communications explaining why they were not tested for up to five months.

The information you seek is part of an active investigation into the actions of Case B. Releasing any information, including correspondence, would be inappropriate and likely interfere with the process.

Therefore, the Ministry is withholding the requested information in full under section 6(c) of the Act, as making the information available would likely prejudice the maintenance of the law, including the prevention, investigation, and detection of offences, and the right to a fair trial.

While we are withholding this information at the moment, once the investigation is complete; MBIE will be releasing the investigation report proactively in due course. We request you to check with us in the future.

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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