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Tēnā koe Anna

## Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) on 20 July 2021 for information regarding Managed Isolation and Quarantine (MIQ). MBIE has transferred the first and third parts of your request to the Ministry of Health as they are more closely aligned with the Ministry's functions.

I will respond to each of those parts of your request in turn.

1. Please provide the total number of MIQ patients with symptoms or who required medical treatment out of all of those testing positive by the nasal swab screening since border testing was implemented in 2020 up until July 2021.

As at 27 July 2021, 1147 MIQ guests tested positive for COVID-19 through all forms of screening since border testing was implemented in 2020. Almost all tests performed are nasal swabs. Of the 1147 who tested positive, 526 had COVID-19 symptoms and 14 required hospitalisation.

3. The total number of Covid-19 tests deployed by MIQ"

As of 27 July 2021, 322,089 COVID-19 tests have been completed in MIQ facilities. This information is also available online on the Ministry of Health's website: www.health.govt.nz/ourwork/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-data-and-statistics/testingcovid-19.

I trust this 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: info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or by calling 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Ministry of Health website at: www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases.

Nāku noa, nā

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