



3 December 2021

Ref: DOIA 2122-1068

M.R.M

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Dear M.R.M

Thank you for your email of 5 November 2021 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

"Please provide me with all of the relevant information regarding the selection criteria being used to decide - in the Waikato region - which Covid-19 infected cases are required to isolate at the Amohia - Community Isolation Quarantine facility (previously called Distinction (Hotel) Hamilton) and which Covid-19 infected cases can self-isolate in their homes.

Also, please provide me with the exact number of people - in the Waikato region - who have been allowed to self-isolation in their homes to-date, and, what health sector agency or agencies is or are responsible for caring for these cases?

In addition, please provide me with full disclosure information regarding the two other Hamilton managed isolation facilities (Ibis Tainui and Jet Park Hamilton) as follows:-

- 1) Are they still being used as a managed isolation facilities only, and, if so are cases still being transported to Auckland quarantine facilities when they have tested positive for Covid-19 during the 14 day stay period? If not, where are the Covid-19 infected cases moved to?*
- 2) What has the occupancy rate been for all rooms at the abovementioned two other Hamilton managed isolation facilities for the 12 months from 1 November 2020 to 31 October 2021.*
- 3) What has the occupancy rate been for all rooms at the Distinction (Hotel) Hamilton for the period from 1 November 2020 until the date its use was changed to a "community isolation quarantine facility".*
- 4) How much has it cost to-date to manage and operate the Ibis Tainui and Jet Park Hamilton since the date they were first used as managed isolation facilities until 31 October 2021.*
- 5) How much has it cost to-date to provide military, police and security guard services at the Ibis Tainui and Jet Park Hamilton since the date they were first used as managed isolation facilities until 31 October 2021.*
- 6) How much has it cost to-date to manage and operate the Distinction (Hotel) Hamilton since the date it was first used as a managed isolation facility until the date its use was changed to a "community isolation quarantine facility".*

7) How much has it cost to-date to provide military, police and security guard services at the Distinction (Hotel) Hamilton since the date it was first used as a managed isolation facility until the date its use was changed to a "community isolation quarantine facility."

8) How much has it cost in total to-date to do necessary building alterations and improvements - including installation of new air conditioning units, etc. - to the Distinction (Hotel) Hamilton so that it could be used as a "community isolation quarantine facility", and, specify what alterations and improvements were done, as well as their individual and respective costs.

I am writing to advise you the Ministry is extending the due date for response under the following section of the Act:

15A(1)(b) consultations necessary to make a decision on the request are such that a proper response to the request cannot reasonably be made within the original time limit.

Therefore we are extending the timeframe of your request by 15 working days to 24 December 2021. We will respond to you sooner if we are able to.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jacqueline Cooke', written in a cursive style.

Jacqueline Cooke

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