

By email: [REDACTED]  
Ref: H202002565

Dear [REDACTED]

### Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request to the Ministry of Health (the Ministry) under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) on 23 April for:

*"The cost incurred from the COV/0-19 response of purchasing new*

- Testing kits
- Swabs
- PPE
- Ventilators or other respiratory devices"

As at April 30 2020, approximately \$172.9 million of PPE stock, \$15.4 million of test kits, reaction agents, swabs and other laboratory equipment, and \$20.3 million ventilators and other respiratory equipment has been ordered or purchased by the Ministry. These figures include the cost of freight.

The interpretation of 'Personal Protective Equipment' for the purposes of this response includes the following items: Protective eye wear (such as goggles or face shields), masks, gowns or aprons, gloves, hand sanitiser or wipes.

Please note that the cost against these items changes by the day as new orders are placed to meet demand and there is a lag time between ordering and delivery.

The Ministry routinely publishes the latest on the Government's response on the COVID-19 section of the Ministry's website. The Government also provides regular updates on the Unite against COVID-19 website.

I trust that this information fulfils your request. Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Ministry website.

Yours sincerely



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