

16 June 2020

By email: [REDACTED]  
Ref: H202003924

Dear [REDACTED]

### Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to the Ministry of Health (the Ministry) on 29 May 2020 for:

*“Medical exemption from managed isolation  
Please could you tell me how many exemptions from managed isolation for people arriving into New Zealand have been granted since the current restrictions were introduced in April this year, up until the day you answer this request. If possible, could I have the number granted each week or each day.”*

The Ministry has granted a total of 262 exemptions, these include exemptions from 12 April 2020 to 11 June 2020. Of these, 55 were medical exemptions and other needs unable to be met in the managed isolation facilities. Please be advised, the Ministry is unable to provide figures broken down by each day and each week historically.

For your reference, medical exemption figures are publicly available on the Ministry website and are updated weekly: <https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-current-situation/covid-19-border-controls/covid-19-quarantine-and-managed-isolation-numbers>.

I trust this information fulfils your request. You have the right, under section 28 of the Act, to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request.

Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Ministry website.

Yours sincerely



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