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### Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) on 15 March 2021 for:

*"For each month the Covid 19 managed isolation/quarantine facilities have been open the number of arrivals from Australia only, Europe, Asia, Americas, Africa, Middle East along with the initial and final Covid 19 positive numbers for each group"*

A total of 1273 people have been tested positive for COVID-19 (including confirmed and probable cases) in Managed Isolation and Quarantine Facilities (MIQF). Appendix 1 contains a breakdown of arrivals by continent.

Travel history is acquired from the Institute of Environmental Science and Research (ESR) EpiSurv database, the national notifiable disease surveillance database that ESR operates on behalf of the Ministry of Health (the Ministry). EpiSurv collates notifiable disease information on a real-time basis from Public Health Units that includes case demographics, clinical features and risk factors (including travel history). People are asked to provide the last three countries they have been in and this information is recorded in EpiSurv. EpiSurv is a 'living database' and information about individual cases will change as additional information is gathered.

No information is held by the Ministry regarding the country or flight origin of arrivals. Therefore, this part of your request is refused under section 18(g) of the Act as the information requested is not held by the Ministry and there are no grounds for believing it is held by another agency subject to the Act.

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](mailto: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 website at: [www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests](http://www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests).

Yours sincerely



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## Appendix 1

### COVID-19 positive numbers for each group - breakdown by month

Report Month	Middle East	Africa	Americas	Asia	Australia	Europe	Oceania	Unknown
Feb-20	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mar-20	13	8	125	13	28	202	2	11
Apr-20	2	5	49	11	14	80	2	4
May-20	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0
Jun-20	0	1	2	18	0	3	0	0
Jul-20	0	3	2	20	0	9	0	0
Aug-20	6	0	3	29	1	4	0	0
Sep-20	5	1	3	29	0	8	0	0
Oct-20	6	6	5	28	0	68	0	2
Nov-20	2	2	23	20	1	41	0	1
Dec-20	4	5	29	22	0	44	0	0
Jan-21	5	13	21	30	1	64	0	0
Feb-21	6	7	10	21	0	12	1	0
Mar-21	2	3	6	37	0	5	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>541</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>18</b>