

1 March 2022

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By email: s 9(2)(a)
Ref: H202115663

Tēnā koe s 9(2)(a)

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 8 November 2021 for information relating to Managed Isolation and Quarantine (MIQ) facilities in New Zealand. Please accept my apologies for the delay in responding to your request. A response to each part is outlined below:

The total number of Rotorua Managed Isolation and Quarantine visitors since each facility opened until the latest date possible, broken down by facility.

On 22 November 2021, this part of your request was transferred to the Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment (MBIE) under section 14(b)(ii) of the Act.

The total number of Covid-19 positive cases identified in the Rotorua MIQ facilities, including the departure country of returnees who tested positive.

There were 65 cases identified at Rotorua facilities. Table 1 in Appendix 1 to this letter provides a breakdown of the number of cases by departure country.

The number of positive cases in the Rotorua MIQ facilities who were transferred to a quarantine facility.

All cases are transferred to an isolation facility upon detection, unless cases are deemed historical or non-infectious.

The day of the positive test of the Rotorua MIQ returnees who tested positive.

Table 2 in Appendix 1 shows the day a positive test was return for these individuals in MIQ. Please note that cases are classified as 'Isolated before detection' if they were moved into an isolation facility prior returning a positive COVID-19 test. The primary reason this happens is when a case is identified in a travel bubble and the entire travel bubble is moved to an isolation facility.

I trust this information 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 website at: www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kristin Kalla', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Kristin Kalla

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Appendix 1: Data

Table 1: Positive cases by departure country	
Bahrain	1
Cambodia	1
Canada	1
Croatia	2
England	6
Finland	1
India	1
Indonesia	2
Iran	2
Ireland	3
Italy	2
Japan	1
Netherlands	1
Pakistan	4
Philippines	4
Qatar	1
Russia	1
Scotland	1
Serbia and Montenegro	2
Singapore	3
South Africa	3
Sri Lanka	1
Switzerland	2
Thailand	1
Ukraine	2
United Arab Emirates	4
United Kingdom nfd	9
United States of America	2
Uzbekistan	1
Grand Total	65

Table 2: Day of positive test result	
Isolated before detection	13
Day 0/1	14
Day 3	18
Day 6/7	2
Day 12	8
Other day	10
Grand Total	65