

22 March 2022

s 9(2)(a)

By email: **s 9(2)(a)**
Ref: H202201462

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) received on 15 February 2022 for information regarding isolation and quarantine requirements under the Maritime Border Order. I will respond to each part of your request in turn:

- 1. The number of New Zealanders/travellers that have arrived in Opuā on board yachts - and been subject to Ministry of Health isolation and quarantine requirements under the Maritime Border Order*
- 2. How many arrived unannounced/having not submitted an Extended or Advanced Notice of Arrival?*

On 2 March 2022, these parts of your request were transferred to the New Zealand Customs Service (Customs) in accordance with section 14(b)(ii) of the Act. You can expect a response from Customs in due course.

- 3. How many of these people were on foreign vessels with exemptions granted by the Director General of Health?*

429 people have arrived at Opuā onboard a foreign registered vessel that was permitted to arrive and given an exemption by the Director-General of Health since the Maritime Border Order came into force in June 2020. A breakdown of the number of people that arrived on foreign vessels and were granted an exemption by month since April 2020 is outlined in a document that Customs will provide as part of their response to questions one and two that was transferred by the Ministry on 2 March 2022.

- 4. How many of them isolated in the marina?*
- 5. How many were transferred to an MIQ facility?*
- 6. How many have tested positive for Covid-19 while in the marina?*

Please find attached to this letter a document that breaks down the figures by month since April 2020 to February 2022 that shows the number of people who were subject to quarantine and isolation under the Maritime Border Order at Marina.

I trust this 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 of Health website at: www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases.

Nāku noa, nā



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“Under the Official Information Act, s 9(2)(a) requests the following, broken down by month, since April 2020”

Month/year	How many of them isolated in the marina?	How many were transferred to an MIQ facility?	How many have tested positive for Covid-19 while in the marina?
April 2020	2	Nil	Nil
May	2	Nil	
June	1	Nil	
July	4	Nil	
August	Nil	Nil	
September	Nil	2	
October	42	9	
November	51	50	
December	35	10	
January 2021	51	4	
February	10	Nil	Nil
March	3	5	
April	29	2	
May	2	Nil	
June	14	6	
July	46	2	
August	17	Nil	
September	32	2	
October	63	29	
November	112	Nil	
December	106	Nil	
January 2022	7	Nil	
February	21	Nil	