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By email: s 9(2)(a)  
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### 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 24 February 2022. The Ministry apologises for the delay in responding to your request. Your request is responded to below.

*“A weekly rundown from MOH of rapid antigen tests – how many on order/how many stored/how many distributed (and of those, how many to private firms). The timeframe of my request is from the date orders were first received to today’s date”*

The number of rapid antigen tests (RATs) in stock and distributed per week by the Ministry are itemised in the table below.

Week ended	No. in stock (million)	No. distributed in the last week (million)	No. on order (million)
14 Jan 2022	3.5	0.8	42.9
21 Jan 2022	4.5	0.9	63.0
28 Jan 2022	3.9	1.2 *	88.1
4 Feb 2022	4.4	1.8 *	185.1
11 Feb 2022	4.6	2.2 *	183.2
18 Feb 2022	4.4	3.1	182.2
25 Feb 2022	4.0	2.9	179.8
4 Mar 2022	9.3	8.8	167.6
11 Mar 2022	14.7	13.4	150.0

\* = number of RATs distributed in the previous 10 days, not 7 days

The number of RATs distributed to private firms is refused under section 18(g) of the Act, as the information requested is not held by the Ministry. Please note, the Ministry contracts Healthcare Logistics (HCL), a member of the EBOS group of companies, for the provision of RATs warehousing and distribution services. The Ministry also requires HCL to provide it with regular reports on the number of RATs held in stock and distributed. The distribution reporting specifies the regions to which RAT deliveries are dispatched, but it does not provide a breakdown of the recipients of RAT deliveries.

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](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).

Nāku noa, nā,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'CO'Connor', written over a light blue horizontal line.

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