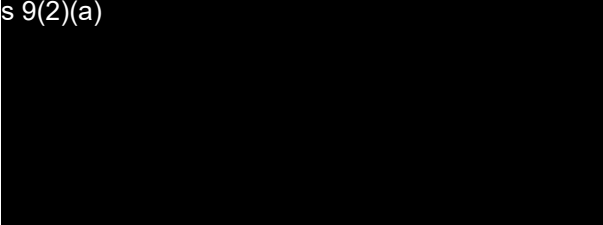


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Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) for:

- “1. current figures for the number of people in managed isolation/quarantine and the number of people who have completed managed isolation/quarantine to June 9?
5. Between March 14 (when direction for all arrivals to self-isolate came into effect) and April 9 (when managed isolation and quarantine took effect), how many people arriving in New Zealand isolated in hotels provided by the government?
6. Between April 9 and June 9, how many people completed managed isolation/quarantine?
7. Between March 14 and April 9, what was the total cost of providing facilities for people to self-isolate? Between April 9 and June 9, what was the total cost of providing facilities for managed isolation/quarantine?
10. To June 9, how much has been spent to hire/provide campervans as a possible option for self-isolation/managed isolation/quarantine?
11. To June 9, were there any people who did not complete managed isolation/quarantine? If so, why?
12. To June 9, how many incidents were there where people tried to leave managed isolation/quarantine? What action was taken after each of these incidents?”*

On 20 July 2020, your request was transferred from the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) under section 14 of the Act.

Firstly, I apologise that your request has been passed between agencies following the transfer for responsibility for managed isolation facilities between the Ministry of Health (the Ministry) and MBIE.

The Ministry's focus has been on the swift establishment and the operation of the facilities as part of the country's response to COVID-19. Current information about the facilities, which are now overseen by MBIE, can be found on the following link: www.miq.govt.nz

Information in response to each part of your request is as follows.

“1. current figures for the number of people in managed isolation/quarantine and the number of people who have completed managed isolation/quarantine to June 9?”

The current number of people in managed isolation and quarantine are publicly available. As such, this part of your request is withheld under section 18(d) of the Act. This information can be found in the follow link: <https://covid19.govt.nz/updates-and-resources/data-and-statistics/miq-data>.

All travelers entering New Zealand on flights after 11:59pm on 9 April 2020 have been required to complete 14 days of isolation in managed isolation or quarantine facility. The total number of individuals who had completed managed isolation or quarantine as of 9 June 2020 was 9,411.

5. Between March 14 (when direction for all arrivals to self-isolate came into effect) and April 9 (when managed isolation and quarantine took effect), how many people arriving in New Zealand isolated in hotels provided by the government?

1,465 individuals arrived in New Zealand and were isolated in hotels provided by the government between 14 March and 9 April 2020.

6. Between April 9 and June 9, how many people completed managed isolation/quarantine?

Please refer to the information in part one of this request.

7. Between March 14 and April 9, what was the total cost of providing facilities for people to self-isolate? Between April 9 and June 9, what was the total cost of providing facilities for managed isolation/quarantine?

Invoices received will be for varying periods of service and it is not possible for them to be split from a specific date. The total amount spent is \$81.973 million (GST inclusive) up to 30 June 2020. This covers food and accommodation for guests, and direct costs that aren't covered in all of government staff baselines, which are met by the respective organisations who are providing those staff.

10. To June 9, how much has been spent to hire/provide campervans as a possible option for self-isolation/managed isolation/quarantine?

The total amount that has been spent to provide campervans for managed isolation and quarantine as of 9 June 2020 is \$1,041,130.46 (GST exclusive).

11. To June 9, were there any people who did not complete managed isolation/quarantine? If so, why?

All returning individuals into New Zealand are required to complete the 14-day managed isolation and quarantine period. Even if an exemption was granted, the individuals are still required to self-isolate at a different address. As such, there have been zero individuals that have not completed self-isolation.

12. To June 9, how many incidents were there where people tried to leave managed isolation/quarantine? What action was taken after each of these incidents?"

There were no instances where any individuals tried to leave managed isolation and quarantine as of 9 June 2020. At that time, the only individuals that left managed isolation before the completion of the 14-day managed isolation period were those who were granted an exemption from managed isolation on compassionate grounds.

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.

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

Yours sincerely



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