

11 March 2021

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By email:

Ref: [REDACTED] H202101942

Dear [REDACTED]

### **Response to your request for official information**

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) which was transferred from the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet to the Ministry of Health (the Ministry) on 24 February 2021 regarding arrivals from Australia.

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

*“Over the past 12 months, how many people have arrived into MIQ from Australia?”*

Statistics New Zealand collect data on overseas visitor arrivals. Given that all international arrivals are required to spend at least two weeks in a managed isolation or quarantine facility, information in response to this part of your request is captured in the publicly available information on the Statistics New Zealand website: [infoshare.stats.govt.nz](https://infoshare.stats.govt.nz) via the following pathway:

Tourism > International Travel and Migration > Total passenger movements by country of residence, age and sex (Monthly).

*“And of that number, how many tested positive to COVID-19?”*

Between 1 March 2020 and 1 March 2021, 42 people that have travelled from Australia tested positive for COVID-19 in New Zealand (includes confirmed and probable cases). This information has been supplied by the Institute of Environmental Science and Research EpiSurv database. There is more information about EpiSurv at: <https://surv.esr.cri.nz/episurv/index.php>.

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).

Yours sincerely



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