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By email: **s 9(2)(a)**
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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) received by the Ministry of Health (the Ministry) on 30 December 2021 for information relating to COVID-19 travel exemptions. You specifically requested:

"In accordance with clause 105 of the COVID-19 Public Health Response (Protections Framework) Order 2021;

- How does a person or company make an application for exemption in accordance with clause 105? There does not appear to be a legislative pathway.*
- How many applications for exemptions under clause 105 have been made?*
- How many applications for exemptions under clause 105 have been granted?"*

There is no formal application process for applying for an exemption under clause 105. However, several exemptions have been granted to people who have requested them. The following tables provide the number of applications made and granted under clause 105.

Table 1: Number of Applications made for Business-related Travel Exemptions.

Category	Applied	Approved
Business-Related travel exemptions	186	37

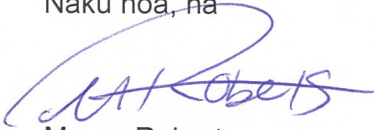
Table 2: Number of Applications made for Personal Travel Exemptions.

Category	Applied	Approved
Personal travel exemptions	1,733	1,228

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 website at: www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases.

Nāku noa, nā



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