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1. Status Summary

Key		
Symbol	Colour	Meaning
●	Green	On track, no roadblocks, no significant delays anticipated
●	Amber	Slow progression, some delays, some roadblocks present
●	Red	Not progressing, on hold, significant delays

Focus Area	Sub-Focus Area	Last Week	→ This Week	Agency	Agency Comment on Status
Vaccine and Immunisation Programme	Purchasing and approvals	●	●	MoH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No barriers anticipated.
	Population definition and sequencing	●	●	MoH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No barriers anticipated.
	Distribution and inventory management	●	●	MoH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Programme focus on developing processes and technology to scale to more sites. There are scalability challenges to building a more flexible network which are being addressed via co-design with DHBs. Some improvements have already been made, but area will remain at Amber until plan is finalised, with co-design wrapping up early May and any further technology and process solutions implemented following that.
	Health workforce	●	●	MoH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At the end of Tuesday 4 May, 3,989 vaccinators have completed vaccine training nationally and 1,582 vaccinators have been active in the programme. There are scalability challenges with the health work force. Work continues to scale this workforce through implementation of improvements to the surge workforce database and developing and enabling a safe and appropriate non-regulated workforce. These actions are on track for scale in June.
	Provider engagement	●	●	MoH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pricing agreed. DHBs delivered against national plan for the first three published weekly plans, with cumulative performance of 103 percent to the week ending 2 May 2021.
	Registration, appointment and immunisation	●	●	MoH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work continues on national booking system to enable general population onboarding and demand management. An MVP version to support codesign with DHBs went live on 9 April Booking system is now live with two DHBs, with rollouts to further DHBs expected throughout May.
	Post event	●	●	MoH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No barriers anticipated.
Elimination Strategy	Keep it out	●	●	MoH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Workforce remains under significant pressure, work ongoing with DHBs to support. QFTZ has gone live, thanks to tremendous efforts of teams across sectors. Teams remain at heightened readiness and planning has commenced for extension of QFTZ. Multiple reviews ongoing and in implementation related to in-Managed Isolation Facility transmission.
	Prepare for it	●	●	MoH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No barriers anticipated. Reviews, modelling and scenario planning conducted to support continuous improvement.
	Stamp it out	●	●	MoH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No barriers anticipated. Technology programme aligning to enhance contact tracing and support the quarantine-free travel zone.
	Manage the impact	●	●	MoH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No barriers are anticipated to the broader programme. Risks related to the vaccine programme are outlined above.

Focus Area	Sub-Focus Area	Last Week	This Week	Agency	Agency Comment on Status
MIQ Workforce	Administering vaccinations to MIQ frontline staff	●	●	MBIE MIQ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100% of the MIQ workforce currently working in Managed Isolation or Quarantine Facilities have received at least one Covid-19 vaccine dose. 79% of the MIQ workforce have received their second Covid-19 vaccine dose. Further information is included in the report.
	Verification of frontline staff vaccination status onsite	●	●	MBIE MIQ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MBIE has established a process where evidence of worker vaccination status is verified by on-site security before site access can be granted. This was implemented with minimal impact to facilities on 1 May 2021. Any exceptions for unvaccinated workers who are required to complete urgent activity to prevent the facility from ceasing operation have required approval from GM MIQ Ops. On 30 April 2021, MBIE issued 4,800 MIQ Vaccination Certificates to employers to distribute to staff whose vaccination status could be verified. Challenges remain on getting a single source of truth of vaccination status data in the BWTR system. A full dataset is not expected until 13 May 2021.
	Staff testing	●	●	MBIE MIQ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compliance was 93.3% for the week of 26 April through to 2 May 2021. Workforce advisors continue to follow up on non-compliance with employers. MBIE are continuing to work with MoH and Worksafe on the development of the BWTR monitoring and compliance process. A new Team Leader for MIQ Workforce Testing has started this week, and will work to ensure all processes, reports and monitoring is embedded into a BAU process by the end of May 2021.
Operations	Capacity	●	●	MBIE MIQ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As at 5 May 2021, we are projecting peak usage to reach 2,969 rooms in the next fortnight. The reduction in demand is due to the travel ban for arrivals from India, Brazil, Pakistan, and Papua New Guinea. Outage of Grand Millennium and Grand Mercure in Auckland has reduced room inventory, with 599 rooms now offline and subject to Ventilation review findings. All vouchers held by Australians have now been cancelled. There is availability for the period of May through to September 2021. Further information is included in the report.
	Renewing contracts	●	●	MBIE MIQ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drafting of the vaccination clauses for the hotel contracts has resumed following the release of the new COVID-19 Health Order on 1st May 2021. The process for decommissioning the Ramada as a MIQF for the 501s has commenced.

	Reducing Transmission risk – Grand Mercure and Grand Millennium	●	●	MBIE MIQ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The joint MOH/MBIE incident review for the Grand Millennium continues. The Grand Mercure joint incident review is due to be provided to the Minister’s office on Friday 7 May 2021. We are waiting on the Grand Millennium Independent Qualified Persons (IQPs) results due 7 May 2021. The Grand Mercure and the Grand Millennium are empty and no further returnees are to be assigned to these hotels until the ventilation reviews are finalised. The Grand Mercure’s onsite assessment is complete and a maintenance proposal has been received from the hotel for our review. There will be further discussions with the hotel owner to work through next steps. The rollout of air filtration units to shared spaces within each facility is on track to be completed by 30 May 2021. The installation of filtration units in swabbing rooms continues on an as needed basis where the size of, and ventilation within, the room poses a specific risk. Further information is included in the report.
	Transition to cohorting	●	●	MBIE MIQ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The transition to cohorting has commenced and is on track. Seven facilities have implemented cohorting.
	RSE workers	●	●	MBIE MIQ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning work has commenced for the beginning of the on-going arrivals of RSE workers. The first group of RSE workers earlier in the year presented significant operational challenges, and planning will need to take this into account. Hamilton has been identified as the best option for RSE workers, based on the DHB capacity and capability, as well as other wraparound services (such as translators) and proximity to Auckland. The current planning horizons are tight and a significant amount of work will need to be undertaken quickly to ensure sufficient support is in place in time for arrival. Work is underway to understand how the industry will meet timeframes and ensure MIQ has sufficient information in time to plan appropriately.
	Fees collection / debt recovery	●	●	MBIE MIQ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A project has been set up to improve timeliness of invoicing. The focus areas are the invoicing system, invoice backlog and reporting consolidation, and improved data acquisition. The project is in progress and we will provide an update to timeframes in two weeks.
Future Planning	COVID-19 Amendment Bill	●	●	MBIE MIQ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The draft Cabinet paper was provided to the Minister’s Office 31 Mar 2021 for Ministerial consultation. The Minister’s Office has advised the paper will be lodged this week for SWC on 12 May, followed by CAB on 17 May.

Focus	Sub-Focus Area	Last Week	→ This Week	Agency	Agency Comment on Status
Quarantine Free Travel	Cook Islands quarantine-free travel (two way)	●	●	MFAT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cabinet agreed on 3 May that two-way quarantine-free travel (QFT) with the Cook Islands could commence on May 17 subject to a final assessment of the Cook Islands' health preparedness by the Director-General of Health on 13 May. The proposed start date was jointly announced by the NZ and Cook Islands PMs on 3 May. The Ministry of Health assesses that outstanding work will be completed before 17 May. This work relates to health readiness, including operationalising a PCR testing lab, staff training, and developing a public health risk assessment guide. Officials continue to work through issues around the protocols to be employed in the event of a COVID-19 outbreak in the context of this QFT initiative. Officials assess this work will also be ready by 17 May.
	Niue quarantine-free travel (two-way)	●	●	MFAT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> s7(b)(ii) Niue has now confirmed their official position that two-way QFT should not commence until at least one month after vaccination roll-out is complete. The timing of the switch from 'amber' to 'green' will be able to be better assessed following discussions between Niuean and New Zealand officials.
	Trans-Tasman quarantine-free travel	●	●	MFAT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flights between Western Australia and New Zealand were paused briefly on 1 May after a worker at a Perth managed isolation facility and two close contacts tested positive for COVID-19. The Ministry of Health held discussions with Western Australian counterparts over the weekend, determining the risk to public health in New Zealand from these cases to be low. Flights resumed on 3 May. Travellers who visited locations of interest in Western Australia since 27 April cannot travel to New Zealand until 14 days after an exposure event. Travellers who had already arrived in New Zealand after visiting locations of interest have been told to self-isolate immediately and call Healthline regarding testing. Officials are continuing to seek a solution for New Zealand travellers from parts of the Pacific who are now unable to transit through Australia due to a lack of "red" flights. Engagement with Australian officials on this issue is ongoing

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2. COVID-19 Insights

2.1 Insights of Note

2.1.1 Flight Arrivals and Departures

In the week of Wednesday 28 April to 4 May 2021 there were a total of 22,057 arrivals to New Zealand, and 19,853 departures. This is 2,204 more people that arrived into New Zealand than departed.¹ This is illustrated in figure 1.²

For Australia, there were 20,660 arrivals into New Zealand and 18,042 departures to Australia. This is 2,618 more arrivals into New Zealand than departures from New Zealand to Australia.

Figure 1: Flight Arrivals and Departures for the Week from 28 April to 4 May 2021

Country	Entries	Departures	Difference*
Australia	20,660	18,042	2,618
Singapore	328	513	-185
Malaysia	290	358	-68
United States of America	244	401	-157
Cook Islands	223	169	54
China, Peoples Republic of	115	240	-125
Korea, Republic of	70	75	-5
Japan	44	5	39
Samoa	39	0	39
Hong Kong	34	50	-16
Tonga	9	0	9
Fiji	1	0	1
Total	22,057	19,853	2,204

*Where the number is positive this indicates that more people entered New Zealand than left. If the number is negative more people left than entered.

For the week, there were 199 flights from Australia into New Zealand, as shown in figure 2. Most flights were into Auckland (113 flights, 14,434 passengers) with flights from all main airports in Australia. Christchurch, Wellington and Queenstown only had flights from some airports in Australia.

Figure 2: Arriving Flights and Passengers by Departure Airport in Australia and Arrival Airport in New Zealand

Airport	Auckland		Christchurch		Queenstown		Wellington		Total Flights	Total Passengers
	Flights	Ppl	Flights	Ppl	Flights	Ppl	Flights	Ppl		
Brisbane	24	3,355	11	914	3	147	5	573	43	4,989
Gold Coast	16	1,560	2	146					18	1,706
Hobart	2	108							2	108
Melbourne	28	3,597	10	868	6	281	12	779	56	5,525
Perth	4	1,040							4	1,040
Sydney	39	4,774	12	952	11	625	14	941	76	7,292
Total	113	14,434	35	2,880	20	1053	31	2,293	199	20,660

¹ Personal communication, Senior Advisor Customs, 06 May 2021.

² Note this the most recent port and so does not indicate original country or final destination.

2.1.2 COVID-19 Vaccinations in New Zealand and Australia

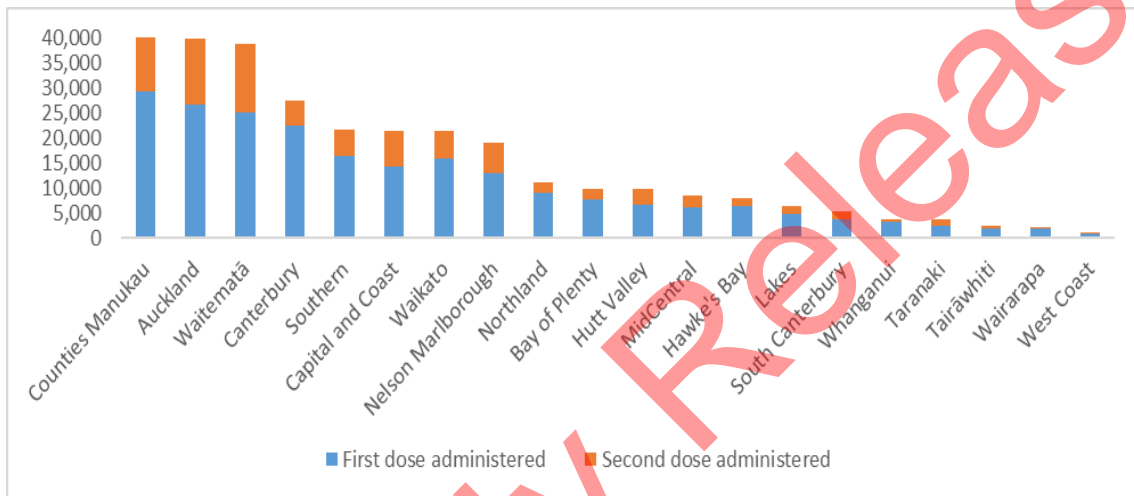
COVID-19 Vaccinations in New Zealand

- In New Zealand there have been 304,000 vaccination doses administered:³
 - 217,000 first doses
 - 87,000 second doses.
- This is approximately 1.7% of the population that have been fully vaccinated.⁴

First and Second Doses of Vaccine

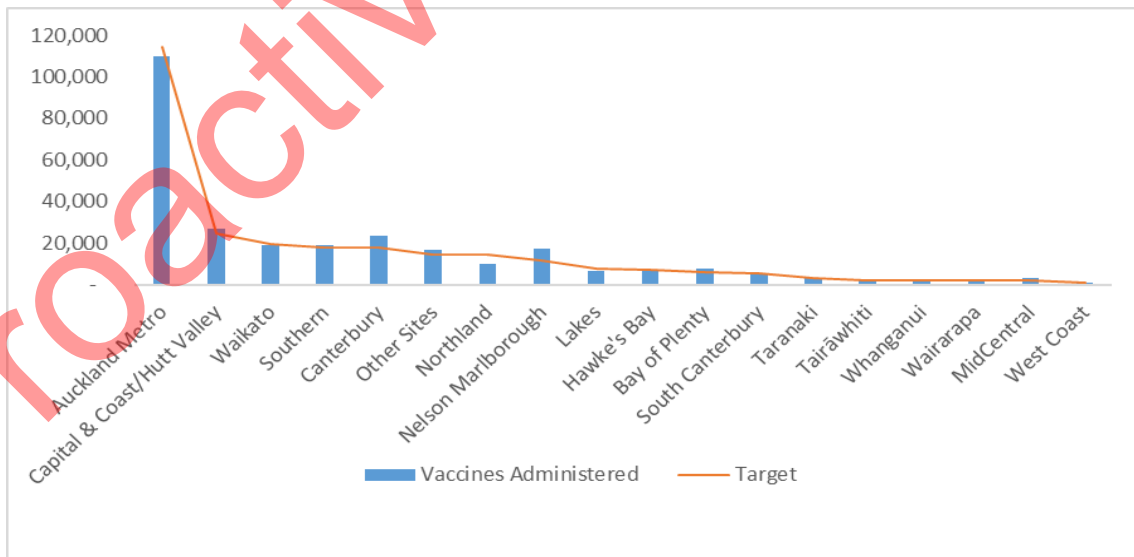
Vaccination levels differ by region. Figure 3 below shows first and second doses of the COVID-19 vaccine by DHB of residence.

Figure 3: First and Second Vaccinations by DHB



To date, total vaccinations administered are 3% above the planned targets. Most vaccination targets have been met, as shown in figure 4.

Figure 4: DHB Vaccination Targets



³ Ministry of Health, COVID-19: Vaccine Data: <https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-data-and-statistics/covid-19-vaccine-data>. (Accessed 06 May 2021).

⁴ Stats New Zealand, Population Statistics for 30 December 2020, <https://www.stats.govt.nz/topics/population> (Accessed 06 May 2021).

3. Ministry of Health Weekly Report



3.1 Policy/Programme Updates

3.1.1 COVID-19 Vaccine and Immunisation Programme

As at 4 May 2021, 304,900 vaccinations have been delivered, including 87,297 people who are fully vaccinated. Of those fully vaccinated 8.8 percent are Māori, 7 percent are Pasifika, and 19.2 percent are Asian. 190 sites were active on 4 May 2021.

The allocation plan for the next seven days is for 60,840 doses across Zealand.

Mass vaccination events

Work is underway to scope and plan for large vaccination events.

A joint programme team has been established across the Ministry of Health, metro Auckland district health boards (DHBs), and our event planner. We are indicatively aiming for a first large event in June 2021 to test and learn from the concept in the New Zealand context. The volumes that could be achieved through this model are being worked through in discussion with DHBs. The anticipated start date for the large volumes will be from late August 2021.

A key dependency of mass vaccination events is the National Booking System, as set out below.

Technology (National Booking System)

The National Booking System will be used by administrators at two DHBs and a call centre as a production pilot this week. It is expected that five sites will use the National Booking System by mid-May 2021. Rollout will progress rapidly following a successful pilot.

The Programme is confident that the National Booking System will be ready in time for mass vaccination events to commence.

DHB plans to end of June 2021

DHB week by week plans are now available to the public on the COVID-19 website. The Ministry of Health is monitoring DHBs against plans and working with DHBs that are not tracking to these plans. A planning session between the Ministry, Northland and Northern Region Health Co-ordination Centre (NRHCC) is taking place on 5 May 2021 to assist with forward order planning and assess other support that might be required.

Border worker vaccinations to date

Work continues to ascertain accurate data regarding the number of vaccinated and unvaccinated border and managed isolation and quarantine workers. The Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment is reporting the vaccination of border workers separately.

The COVID-19 Public Health Response (Vaccinations) Order 2021, which came into force on 30 April 2021, will enable the Ministry of Health to release all information on the vaccination status of employees to border employers. We will provide information either through the Border Worker Testing Register or other mechanisms, where this is available.

Incident reporting

A routine vaccination monitoring report to Medsafe highlighted the people under 16 that are receiving vaccinations. On verification of each COVID-19 Immunisation Register (CIR) event, a total of eight children were confirmed to have been administered a COVID-19 dose.

The age range of the eight children was 13 to 15 years. The children reside in five DHBs. One of the eight children was fully vaccinated.

A letter was sent to the affected DHBs on 30 April 2021. The letter included clinical advice that there are no additional safety concerns for the children. It also provided clear guidance not to proceed to the second dose until the children age into the programme i.e. turn 16 years of age. Each DHB has an investigation underway to identify the local contributing factors.

Response-led system changes are already in place, including a new flag alert in the CIR to highlight that a person is under 16 years of age and a review of programme collateral to strengthen messages on age eligibility. Media lines are prepared in case of public interest.

Workforce

As of 4 May 2021, 3,989 vaccinators have completed COVID-19 vaccinator training and 1,582 vaccinators have actively vaccinated in the programme so far.

The current focus is on building the workforce pipeline for DHB recruitment through:

- an enhanced surge workforce registration process
- a data cleanse of the existing surge database
- implementing consistent workforce planning protocols at DHB level to improve national forecasting of vaccinator need
- addressing regulatory and training hurdles to activate a non-regulated vaccinator workforce.

The Programme Steering Group approved to proceed on a regulatory change to allow the non-regulated workforce to administer vaccines under supervision. The first pilot training programme for this workforce is expected to be held on 13 to 14 May 2021.

Distribution and inventory management

As at 4 May 2021, we have made 573 deliveries to sites across the country with zero failures. This equates to delivery of 52,615 vials or 315,690 doses.

The Ministry of Health has received approval to proceed with the direct sourcing of a second national distribution hub in Christchurch to supply South Island sites and to mitigate the risk of a single supply from Health Care Logistics in Auckland. The Christchurch hub is due to come online in July 2021.

Communications

Phase two of the national information campaign has started with household mailer drops, digital billboards and press and radio advertisements.

Other key activities include planning for launch events focussed on Pacific communities in Counties Manukau in early May 2021, and the development of misinformation toolkits and key messages.

Rollout of the vaccine to Polynesia

Cook Islands

The Ministry of Health continues to meet weekly with the Cook Islands Ministry of Health to discuss progress against the jointly developed plan to support its vaccine rollout from mid-May 2021. The target date for wet run (vaccination of vaccinators) is 19 May 2021, with subsequent rollout on 20 May 2021. Confirmation of the rollout date will be made once Vaccine

Ministers have confirmed dose donation to the Cook Islands, arrangements have been formalised with the pharmaceutical company, and the Cook Islands have confirmed the flight schedule.

Donation of AstraZeneca to Fiji

New Zealand has offered 500,000 doses of AstraZeneca from New Zealand's domestic vaccine portfolio, which also includes \$2 million of Official Development Assistance for Fiji's National Deployment Vaccination Plan to support vaccine rollout.

AstraZeneca confirmed they are comfortable with this donation being shared publicly. An official announcement of the donation is expected to happen over the next few days.

Next steps

We will provide you with a further update in the next Weekly Report.

3.2 Technical Advisory Group: Update

Technical Advisory Group meeting on 30 April 2021

The Technical Advisory Group (TAG) met on 30 April 2021. TAG was updated on draft documents and thinking relating to the Elimination Strategy and Reconnecting New Zealand. TAG provided feedback on the draft documents and issues to consider in terms of phases of border re-opening.

COVID-19 Vaccine Technical Advisory Group meeting on 27 April 2021

The COVID-19 Vaccine Technical Advisory Group (CVTAG) met on 27 April 2021. The key points that were discussed were:

- Vaccines in immunocompromised individuals: The Ministry of Health aims to communicate that the vaccine is safe and effective, and the decision should be made by the individual in conjunction with their healthcare provider. CVTAG will receive an update on the Cancer Control Agency's vaccination guidance.
- Vaccine rollout: A request was received for administrative and IT purposes to define a maximum allowable time interval between doses. The suggestion based on current evidence and recommendations from the Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation and United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is for six weeks, however, this is solely for administrative purposes and is not a clinical recommendation. In general, the second dose should be given as close to the recommended three-week gap as possible. The Ministry of Health will follow up with the CIR team to make sure this advice is clear.
- Adverse event reporting: Issues with the adverse event reporting system (CIR) were being addressed by the Ministry of Health. More information will be provided to CVTAG on this matter.
- CVTAG received an update on the baseline survey of adverse events study. The study has been re-prioritised and will no longer look at anaphylaxis but will focus on priorities that were initially set, including thrombotic issues. Funding from the Global Vaccine Data Network will allow for collaboration and evaluation of baseline rates.
- Seroprevalence study: Researchers at the University of Auckland found that New Zealand has low seroprevalence of ~0.1%, suggesting a very low amount of undetected community transmission. It was highlighted that the more vulnerable Māori and Pacific populations were underrepresented in this study. CVTAG noted that at this stage there is no current need for

further seroprevalence studies in New Zealand, given the low rate of infection, however, this may change as border restrictions are amended and as New Zealand's situation changes.

3.3 Upcoming Communications Issues and Activities

As at 5 May 2021

Date	Activity	Lead agency	Comms material	Ministerial involvement
5 May 21	COVID Tracer App Release 7 – enhancements to user dashboard and Bluetooth colour indicator (orange if switched off, green if switched on)	Health	Paragraph in 1pm press release	No
Week commencing 10 May 21	Privacy Week Ask an Expert video with Shayne Hunter discussing privacy of personal information in the COVID Tracer App	Health	Video for Ministry social media channels	No
Week commencing 10 May 21	Release of Grand Millennium review	Health	Frequently asked questions, key messages	Optional

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4. Managed Isolation and Quarantine Weekly Report

4.1 Top Items to Note

4.1.1 Staff testing update – compliance statistics for 19-25 April 2021

- Last week's staff testing compliance information shows that 4,495 people undertook work in our facilities last week and of these:
 - 3,825 were compliant with their obligations;
 - 273 were overdue; and
 - 397 were still to have their NHI-matched (157 of these only had their BWTR profile created this week).
- Of those that were NHI-matched, 93.3% were compliant and 6.7% were overdue. This is the highest compliance rate since we started regularly reporting on staff testing compliance.
- Of the 273 who were overdue, 226 had a previous swab and 47 were recorded as not having had a swab, although 12 of these people have already provided evidence to the workforce testing team that they are regularly being swabbed.
- We are continuing to proactively work with each of the employers who have staff listed as not having had a test to ensure compliance is achieved and staff are being tested in accordance with their obligation. Work is ongoing with the Ministry of Health to ensure that any data / technical issues are resolved as quickly as possible.

4.1.2 Vaccination of frontline staff update

- 100% of the MIQ workforce currently working in MIQFs have received at least their first dose of the Pfizer vaccine.
- Employers are still working through employment processes with 51 unvaccinated workers, and these workers are not able to work in the MIQF while this process is occurring.
- From 5 June, all MIQ workers must have received their second dose of the Pfizer vaccine and will be required to provide evidence of the second dose to be allowed access to a MIQF.
- MBIE has established a process where evidence of worker vaccination status is verified by on-site security before site access can be granted.
- MBIE are aware that not all the border workforce and employers have readily available access to evidence of their vaccination status. As such, MoH have generated a report of vaccination status from BWTR that can be used to issue an MIQ Vaccination Certificate, which can be produced by the worker as evidence of vaccination to meet the conditions of entry.

4.2 Operational update

4.2.1 Capacity update

- From early March to present, over 62,200 returnees from over 180 countries have secured a voucher to return home during the period of March through to the end of July 2021.
- On the 5th of May, 5,673 rooms were released for August and September 2021.
- As at 6am 6th May 2021, there were over 2,607 rooms available for the period of May through to September 2021, spread across all months.
- All vouchers held by Australians have been cancelled.

4.2.2 Wellington NZDF Terminal IPC Audit

- Noting the Cabinet decision allowing Green/Red flights to operate from the NZDF Terminal at Rongotai, the MoH Quality Assurance and Safety team conducted an audit. Notably the audit was conducted during the arrival of the latest group to arrive in Wellington for MIQ. The following points are noted:
- Overall no major concerns were raised with the process. Minor areas for improvement included: positioning of staff, surface cleaning in buses, adjust IPC station procedures and a recommendation for the contracted bus drivers and a police officer to have a refit for the N95 mask.
- The audit indicated that the recent redesign of the flow process within the NZDF terminal facility has seen significant improvements. Not only was reduced time at the facility observed, but the upstairs lounge will only need to be used in a contingency situation, thus increasing the number of people who could arrive on a red domestic transfer flight (agreed lounge limit with the NZDF is 60).
- No assessment has been made, or planning conducted, for the facilitation of international arrival red flights. WIAL has been clear with MIQ that it has no plans (or desire) to open terminal services at Wellington Airport to international red flights.

4.2.3 Update on investigations – Grand Mercure and Grand Millennium

Grand Mercure

- The findings of the Grand Mercure ventilation review have been reviewed by the hotel. The hotel has provided a formal response detailing their maintenance proposal and have indicated this work is expected to take around two weeks, commencing 3 May 2021.
- The detailed report on the Grand Mercure findings along with the hotel's maintenance proposal response were shared with the MIQ Technical Advisory Group (TAG) on 4 May 2021. Further discussions are to be held with the hotel to clarify the proposed work.
- The joint Ministry of Health / MIQ incident review has been completed and will be provided to your Office on Friday 7 May 2021.
- We will be writing to the 14 returnees who were at the Grand Mercure and had their stay extended by an additional 14 days as a result of the bubble breach on the bus to a Managed Isolation Walk, to provide them with a copy of the MIQ investigation and what we have done in response.
- We are also proposing to waive the MIQ fees for those returnees who are eligible and were required to stay an additional 14 days.

Grand Millennium

- We are still waiting on the results from the Independent Qualified Persons (IQP) assessment, these are now expected around 7 May 2021.
- Once the IQP assessment is received, internal MBIE analysis will be undertaken and an HVAC Engineer will also review the findings.
- These findings with an initial view of the hotel's response will be presented to the TAG for consideration.

4.2.4 MIQ Facilities Ventilation Review

- The MBIE-led onsite testing of ventilation systems continues.
- 23 of 31 sites have provided full or provisional onsite test results to MBIE.

- MBIE have prepared written test results for 17 of the 23 sites. The HVAC Engineer has reviewed all 17 reports and has completed summary reports for 8 of the sites, with the remaining 9 partially complete pending additional testing detail / clarification from the IQP.
- Of the remaining 8 sites, the on-site ventilation testing is underway for 7 and is scheduled for the remaining 1.

4.2.5 Filtration Unit Deployment

- Following the establishment of the panel of suppliers of air filtration units, the Ministry of Health has confirmed the requirements for 7 Auckland facilities. The units are in the process of being delivered and installed.
- The requirements for the 6 Christchurch facilities have been confirmed, with delivery of units and installation expected to be complete by 9 May 2021.
- The roll out of units for shared spaces within facilities is expected to be complete by 30 May 2021.
- In addition, the Ministry of Health are progressing the installation of units in the swabbing rooms of facilities, where the size of and ventilation within the room poses a specific risk. Units were installed in the Sebel Manukau in mid-April 2021, and will be installed in the three Rotorua facilities in the week beginning 3 May 2021.

4.2.6 Ombudsman update

- We have responded to the Office of the Ombudsman on the Jet Park Final Report – we have accepted the recommendations and noted that all recommendations had already been addressed and that we will put a process in place to ensure we maintain these.
- We have received the final report for the Four Points and are required to respond to the Office on whether or not we accept all recommendations.

4.2.7 Employers Network

- Building on our existing relationships, we are looking to establish the MIQ Employers Network. The purpose of this group is to take an integrated and forward-thinking approach to planning for, supporting and managing the MIQ workforce. We are looking to host the first meeting during May 2021.

4.2.8 Appointment of the MIQ Director Māori

- On 27 April 2021, Sam Bishara was welcomed into MIQ as the permanent Director Māori, replacing our interim Director Māori, with a focus on strengthening engagement and enhanced relationships with iwi across the MIQ regions.
- MIQ's interim Director developed Te Arawhiti engagement guidelines and a capability framework which helped improve relationships and engagement with iwi. The appointment of a permanent director, who will be supported by regional roles, will help MIQ further meet our obligations and strengthen partnerships.
- Sam Bishara is currently working on supporting MIQ intention to undertake a wānanga with our regional iwi partners here in MIQ head office that will be held the week commencing 14 June 2021.

4.3 Schedule of Reviews

A number of reviews are underway at any given time, which are used to drive improvements to the MIQ system. A list of key reviews follows. We will provide a more complete list of reviews in the next report.

Specific issues

- **Grand Millennium** – underway – release date expected to be this month.
- **Grand Mercure** – release date expected to be this month.
 - Joint-incident review (finalised this week)
 - Manged Isolation Walk review (complete)
 - MIQ internal investigation (complete)
- **Staff testing**
 - KPMG audit – final due this week – release date TBC
 - First Security Review – finalised – they will not release, but a statement will be issued today from them on this.
 - BEB-led review – phase one due to be completed by 24 May.

System reviews

- **Rapid Assessment** – finalised – date of release TBC in May. A briefing is being provided to your Office on our action plan to address the recommendations in the report

Regular, ongoing reviews

- **IPC audits** – ongoing.
- **Ventilation Reviews** – ongoing.

4.4 Large Group Arrivals Update

Summary of approved group arrivals as at 4 May 2021

Group	Date of Arrival	Pax Numbers	Comments
Olympic athletes	29 Mar - 25 Apr 2021	12	Returnees from Tokyo Olympic qualifying events. Various return dates. Original numbers reduced from 41 due to cancelled events, vouchers secured via MIAS and athlete withdrawal.
Olympic athletes	May – Jul 2021	157	Returnees from Tokyo Olympic qualifying events. Various return dates.
Refugees quota re-start - Cohort 2	6 Apr – 12 May 2021	63	One family is unable to travel for medical reasons (unrelated to COVID-19). This brings the total pax for this cohort down to 63. All arrivals for this cohort are from Malaysia, Thailand and Ecuador.
Refugees quota re-start - Cohort 3	25 May – 1 Jun 2021	71	Four family groups have low literacy levels. Additional support will be arranged to ensure families understand key information which is usually provided in translated written format. Arrivals for this cohort will arrive from Malaysia, Thailand, Ecuador, Indonesia, Iran, Afghanistan, Colombia and Rwanda.
RSE – 150 rolling entry per 16 days	TBC 20/21 Jun 2021 – Mar 2022	Approx. 2,550	Total number of workers will depend on agreed start and end dates, noting a reduction in numbers during Oct 2021 due to high demand for group allocations. These RSE arrivals will be accommodated in Hamilton for duration of the arrivals.
Inbound rugby team	Jun 2021	60	Final team to be confirmed, Italy has now had to withdraw and it is likely to be Fiji.
Returning Olympic Athletes (3 Cohorts)	Aug 2021	Approx. 600	Athletes, staff and media returning from the Olympics, 3 cohorts in Aug 2021.
Inbound netball team	Aug 2021	30	Details to be confirmed.
Paralympic athletes	Sep 2021	100	Athletes and management returning from the Paralympics' in Tokyo, single cohort. Details to be confirmed.

4.5 Upcoming Communications Issues and Activities

As at 3 May 2021

Date	Activity	Lead Agency	Comms Material	Ministerial Involvement Y/N
TBC – 10 May 2021	RSE workers announcement	Min. of Ag.	Proactive	N
10 May 2021	Time critical travel – new MIQ application category	MIQ	Website material	N
12 May 2021	End of Ramadan – proactive media on Ramadan in MIQ	MIQ	Proactive communications and engagement	N
12/13 May 2021	MIQ Senior Leaders Forum	MIQ	Internal communications and planning – Minister may attend	Y
16 May 2021	Cohorts in operation across MIQ	MIQ	Proactive communications	TBC
12 or 19 May 2021	Health Select Committee	MoH/MBIE	Preparation for questions/ media queries	N
TBC – 17 May 2021	Rapid report on MIQ	CE MBIE	Proactive communications	N
16 Feb – 20 May 2021	Refugees arrive in New Zealand (4 groups arriving)	MIQ	Bespoke group communications (i.e. welcome pack)	N
Mid-May 2021	Overview of Grand Millennium issues	MIQ	Proactive communications and engagement	N
May/June 2021	Onsite survey of all MIF ventilation	MoH	Reactive information	N
6 June 2021	All MIQ workers have second vaccine dose	MIQ	Proactive	TBC
10 May 2021	Ruby Jones 'Thanks from Iso' exhibition to be displayed in Beehive (followed by CH, HAM & ROT)	MIQ	Proactive communications and engagement	N

4.6 Fees

4.6.1 Invoicing

- A system issue has delayed the production of this week's reporting on invoicing. This will be provided on 7 May 2021 as a late update.

4.6.2 Waivers

- A system issue has delayed the production of this week's reporting waivers. This will be provided on 7 May 2021 as a late update.

4.7 Emergency Allocation Applications

- 3,228 applications have been processed since 30 Oct 2020.
- 24 applications were received in the week ending 2 May 2021 and 10 applications were processed.
- From the applications processed in the week ending 2 May 2021, 90% of the applications were approved.

Emergency Allocation Applications	Weekly Totals	Year to Date Totals
	26 Apr 2021 to 2 May 2021	30 Oct 2020 to 2 May 2021
Approved	9	1,787
Declined	1	1,441
Applications processed*	10	3,228

*This number does not reflect applications declined at triage stage, rather incomplete applications, or applications not submitted within 14 days of intended departure.

Note: Data integration started on 28 Apr 2021 to import and capture manual applications processed between 05 Dec 2020 and 20 Dec 2020. We have imported 85 out of 216 applications.

Total Rooms Approved	9
Rooms Allocated in MIAS	8
Cancelled by the applicant	0
Awaiting flight details or MIAS registrations from the applicants to complete the room allocation process	1

Approvals by Category

- New categories came into force after the 1 Apr 2021:

1a - NZ citizen or resident with serious risk to health

1b - To provide care and protection to a child

2a - NZ citizen or resident to provide critical care for a dependant

2b - Critical worker for delivering a critical public or health service

2c - NZ citizen or resident unable to legally remain in their current location

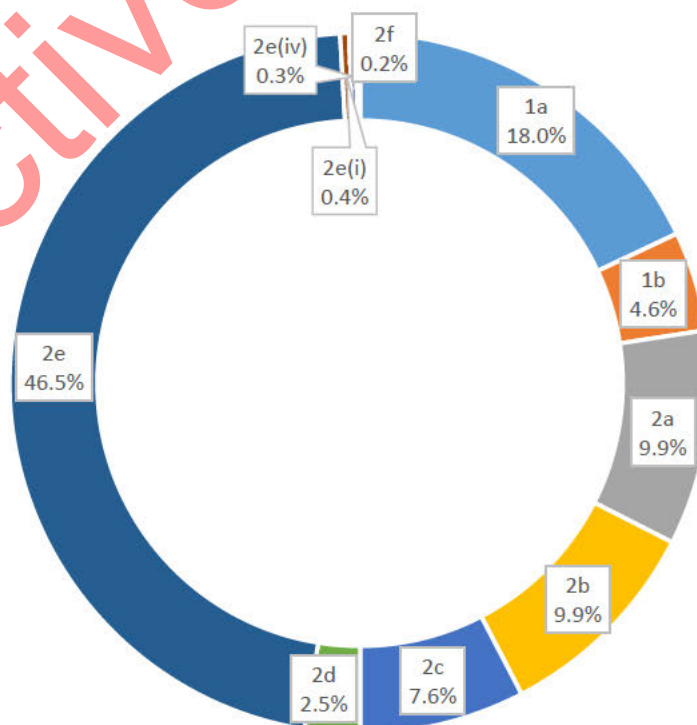
2d - Travel required for National security, interest or law enforcement reasons

2e - NZ citizen or resident categories

- i) Entering New Zealand to visit a close relative living with a terminal illness or end-stage disease (with a life expectancy of six months or less) where timely travel is unlikely to be possible if the person books through MIAS; OR
- ii) Who are living with a terminal illness or end-stage disease (with a life expectancy of six months or less) entering New Zealand to visit a close relative or to reside in New Zealand, where timely travel is unlikely to be possible if the person books through the MIAS system; OR
- iii) Who are living with a terminal illness or end-stage disease (with a life expectancy of six months or less) who have travelled or are travelling to visit a close relative who reside overseas, where timely return is unlikely to be possible if the person books through the MIAS system; OR
- iv) Who have travelled or are travelling to visit a close relative who is living with a terminal illness or end stage disease (with a live expectancy of six months or less) and resides overseas where, timely return travel is unlikely to be possible if the person books through MIAS.

2f - Citizens or residents of Pacific countries requiring access under an official medical treatment scheme to time-critical medical treatment in New Zealand

Chart 1: Breakdown of approvals by the different categories within emergency allocation.



4.8 Resolutions Update

- Data from the Complaints and Feedback Customer Management System for the week 27 Apr to 3 May 2021 is as follows:

Week	Received	Active Cases	Resolved
27 Apr 2021 – 3 May 2021			
Complaints	48	35	35
Improvements	0	0	0
Compliments	1	1	1
Queries	4	0	4
Ombudsman	1	2	15
Parliamentary/OIA	1	1	0
Other	2	0	2
Total	56	39	57

- Average number of complaints received each week since the start of MIQ is 107. For the last 4 weeks the average is 59 per week.
- This week we have received 56 new cases and have resolved 57 cases.
- 57% of these complaints were about facilities. The number of complaints for other complaint types remained steady.

5. Ministry of Business innovation and Employment



5.1 Items of Note

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6. Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade

6.1 Items to Note

Discussions are continuing in the World Trade Organisation on a proposed waiver of IP rules in support of access to COVID-19 vaccines. The WTO Director General has sought to broaden discussions to include the WHO, NGOs, pharmaceutical companies and generic manufacturers as well as to address wider trade related issues in vaccine supply chains that are limiting availability – including tariff barriers, regulatory restrictions, export restrictions and trade facilitation measures. The announcement by the US that it supports the waiving intellectual property protections for COVID-19 vaccines will dramatically shift the nature of the discussions in the WTO given the US' previous opposition to the waiver. New Zealand has announced it welcomes the US announcement and also supports waiving of IP rules for COVID-19 vaccines.

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7. Border Executive Board Report



7.1 Key Issues Being Considered by the Executive Board

7.1.1 Border Executive Board meeting

The Border Executive Board met on 6 May and will next meet on 13 May.

7.1.2 Border Workforce

- Agencies and affected border organisations are now required to ensure that all affected border staff are vaccinated before carrying out work at a certain places (in summary, this means MIQ workers, government agency border staff and certain domestic cabin crew).
- Ministry of Transport led advice on COVID-19 vaccination requirements at the border (tranche 2 – this is mostly the private transport sector working at the border).
- Use of the Border Workforce Testing Resister is now compulsory.

7.1.3 Risk mitigation for travellers from very high risk countries

- Officials continue to work together to implement the new requirements for restrictions for travellers from very high risk countries.
- Whilst agencies have reported no implementation issues to date, this was likely influenced by very few travellers arriving from very high risk countries.

7.1.4 Quarantine Free Travel

- To support continuous improvement, the Border Executive Board has requested that a rapid review of Quarantine Free Travel be undertaken across relevant agencies. The review is anticipated to consider key events / issues that have occurred since the commencement of the trans-Tasman QFT on 19 Apr 21, along with any reviews already undertaken into these events / issues, to identify areas that have gone well and where aspects could be improved.
- Work is underway by agencies into the possible integration of Quarantine Free Travel into the maritime space, covering both commercial and private vessels. The Ministry of Health is hosting and facilitating an inter-agency workshop on 6 May 21 in relation to this.
- Agencies continue with preparations to implement two-way quarantine free travel with the Cook Islands which is scheduled to commence on 17 May 21.

7.2 Upcoming Communication Activities

Date	Activity	Lead agency	Comms material	Ministerial involvement
7 May 21	Pro-active release of the Review of the COVID-19 Border Measures – Tranche One (Aviation)*	Border Executive Board	Key messages	N

8. New Zealand Customs Service Weekly Report



8.1 Maritime Border Order

- The introduction of the COVID-19 Public Health Responses (Vaccinations) Order 2021 not only affects current Customs' staff but also new appointments to positions covered by the Order.
- Customs is updating its new appointment documentation to reflect the Order requirements. New appointments to positions covered must have received their first vaccination before commencement and then received their second vaccination within 35 days of starting.
- Customs has a new cohort of Assistant Customs Officers (Maritime) due to commence next week. Advice has been provided to these new appointments in order that they can arrange to have their first vaccination before their start date.
- Should a first vaccination not be feasible by their start date then either the start date will be pushed back or the employee will need to be deployed to non-operational work for a short-term period.

8.2 Pre-Departure Testing

- For the period 26 Apr 2021 to 2 May 2021, two infringements were issued.

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- 28 Apr 21 – A passenger was issued an infringement as their PDT documentation was considered insufficient due to it being just a text message on their phone.

Passengers

	Date	26 Apr	27 Apr	28 Apr	29 Apr	30 Apr	1 May	2 May	Week Total	%
	Total Passengers	3192	2414	2289	3698	4205	3354	2631	21783	
	Passengers subject to PDT	258	330	142	262	190	148	104	1434	6.6%
Primary Actions (Passport Control)	Test Certificate Verified	250	316	133	251	185	139	92	1366	95.0%
	Exemption Verified	2	7	5	6	3	4	7	34	2.5%
	Referred to Secondary Area	6	7	4	5	2	5	5	34	2.5%
Secondary Area Actions	Compliant	6	7	2	5	2	5	5	32	94.1%
	Warned	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Infringement	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	5.9%
	Prosecution	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Crew

	Date	26 Apr	27 Apr	28 Apr	29 Apr	30 Apr	1 May	2 May	Week Total	%
	Crew subject to PDT	52	97	54	49	58	62	11	383	
Primary Actions (Passport Control)	Test Certificate Verified	52	97	54	49	58	62	11	383	100%
	Exemption Verified	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Referred to Secondary Area	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Secondary Area Actions	Compliant	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Warned	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Infringement	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Prosecution	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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9. COVID-19 Modelling Steering Group

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9.1 Items to Note/Updates

9.1.1 Te Pūnaha Matatini Modelling

The COVID-19 Modelling Steering Group is working with Shaun Hendy, and other Te Pūnaha Matatini (TPM) researchers, on modelling which explores COVID-19 dynamics across different vaccination coverage states for the New Zealand population. Interpretation of the results has been discussed with the researchers, and officials have separately been considering policy implications.

Officials are discussing the public release schedule and the communications plans with TPM.

Ahead of that:

- Officials and TPM are seeking to share modelling results and discuss insights with the Strategic COVID-19 Public Health Advisory Group in the near future.
- Officials will provide briefings to the Minister of COVID-19 Response, and to the Associate Minister of Health (Public Health). This will include key insights from the modelling, application to current and future policy settings, release schedule for the current results and an indication of near-term modelling priorities.

10. Business Leaders Forum

Business Leaders
Forum

10.1 Key Issues Being Considered by the Business Leaders Forum

The Business Leaders Forum did not meet this week. An update regarding the upcoming meeting on 12 May will be provided in the next report.

11. Upcoming Cabinet Papers

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12. Official Information Act Requests

12.1 Ministry of Health

Date due	Requester	OIA Request	Status
27 Apr 21	s9(2)(a)	Information relating to the practice of falsifying or sourcing counterfeit COVID-19 test results. The number of people who have been prevented from entering New Zealand due to having doctored COVID-19 test results.	In Minister's office
3 May 21	s9(2)(a)	Information relating to COVID-19 measures, including alert levels and restrictions, and the public's response (including compliance), from 1 January 2021 to 31 March 2021.	In progress
5 May 21	Chris Bishop	Information relating to the Trans-Tasman Bubble; safe-travel zones with Australia, quarantine-free travel.	In progress
6 May 21	Chris Bishop	A copy of the talking points please. Related to Cabinet Paper "Additional Item: COVID-19 and MIQ: Update" on 26 January 2021.	In progress
6 May 21	s9(2)(a)	Information relating to amending the different COVID-19 contact categories to include "casual plus" and "close plus".	In progress
6 May 21	s9(2)(a)	All correspondence between Pfizer and COVID-19 Response Minister Hon Chris Hipkins' office between 1 October 2020 and 7 April 2021 relating to any and all matters relating to the Pfizer/BioNTech (Cominarty) vaccine.	In progress
6 May 21	Chris Bishop	Specific list of documents relating to COVID-19.	In Minister's office
12 May 21	s9(2)(a)	Titles of Cabinet and Cabinet committee papers relating to how a person might provide proof or certification of either having been vaccinated against COVID-19, or otherwise having COVID-19 antibodies.	In progress
12 May 21	Chris Bishop	The full Ministry of Health paper dated 26 January 2021 referred to in the House; and any covering report or aide-memoires from Ministry officials relating to it. The "several updated delivery schedules from Pfizer" referred to in the House "the model" the government operates to which was referred to in the House.	In progress
12 May 21	Chris Bishop	Information relating to the trial of the COVID card in Rotorua.	In progress
24 May 21	Chris Bishop	Information relating to the "very high risk" category of overseas countries.	In progress
25 May 21	s9(2)(a)	Information relating to the COVID card trial.	In progress
25 May 21	s9(2)(a)	Information relating to the "very high risk" category of overseas countries.	In progress
28 May 21	s9(2)	Information relating to the Infectious and Notifiable Diseases Order (No2) 2020.	In progress

Date due	Requester	OIA Request	Status
28 May 21	s9(2)(a)	Advice given to the Minister/Cabinet on the vaccine rollout.	In progress

12.2 Managed Isolation and Quarantine

*Note: Any OIA highlighted in **bold** is a new addition from the previous report.*

Date due	Requestor	Media/Opposition	OIA Request	Status
1 Sep 20	s9(2)(a)	Not applicable	All docs etc. for MIQ charges policy incl. for treaty obligations & BORA.	Overdue
23 Oct 20	s9(2)(a)	Stuff/Dom Post	MIQ infection prevention audit report, docs, etc. re staff testing, ops, etc.	Minister's office
14 Dec 20	s9(2)(a)	MediaWorks	Correspondence with INZ re applications by athlete/sporting organisations.	Minister's office
23 Dec 20	s9(2)(a)	Stuff	Complaints lodged by residents of managed isolation facilities.	Under review
25 Jan 21	Dr Shane Reti (MP)	Opposition	Pre-flight testing for returnees to NZ, specifically regards Russian seamen.	Drafting
2 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	The New Zealand Initiative	Further questions in response to 2021-2022 re: MIQ spaces for America's Cup.	Approved
18 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	NZ Herald	Subsequent advice from meetings with iwi about MIQ facilities.	Decision on request sent
29 Mar 21	s9(2)(a)	Newshub	Complaints at MIQ - Workers who has been dismissed and reasons at MIQ.	Under review
19 Apr 21	s9(2)(a)	Not applicable	Analysis on MIQ decision to only open up spaces three months out.	Drafting
20 Apr 21	s9(2)(a)	TVNZ	Reports and any other trials relating to Bluetooth contact tracing app.	Scoping
20 Apr 21	s9(2)(a)	Not applicable	How many stayed in NZ MIQ & now in system w/ Aussie passports or are Aussie.	Minister's office
20 Apr 21	s9(2)(a)	Stuff	What advice was given/research conducted regards alternative MIQ options.	Under review
22 Apr 21	s9(2)(a)	Stuff	All 2020 corr. with SeaLord, Independent fisheries & Maruha Nichiro.	Drafting
23 Apr 21	s9(2)(a)	Not applicable	COVID-19 positive numbers for arrivals each month into NZ MIQ.	Minister's office
26 Apr 21	s9(2)(a)	Not applicable	Over the past 12 months, how many people have arrived into MIQ from Aussie?	Under review

Date due	Requestor	Media/Opposition	OIA Request	Status
27 Apr 21	s9(2)	Not applicable	Info/evidence re decisions to hold MIQ returnee & 6 month baby for test.	Under review
27 Apr 21	s9(2)(a)	Not applicable	Complaint about Managed Isolation and Quarantine.	Gathering information
28 Apr 21	s9(2)(a)	TVNZ	Info re Emergency MIQ placement, escape attempts & stats.	Minister's office
29 Apr 21	s9(2)(a)	NZ Herald	All Memos etc re advice to MIQ for controls around guest interactions.	Approved
30 Apr 21	s9(2)(a)	Not applicable	Risk management programme for each and every premises used for MIQ.	Drafting
30 Apr 21	s9(2)(a)	RNZ	All docs re COVID contact tracing card trial at Bay Plaza in Welly 7/12/20.	Drafting
4 May 21	s9(2)(a)	Not applicable	RE all comms regarding prep of wiggles OIA response on 30/03/2021.	Draftng
4 May 21	s9(2)(a)	Newshub	Corr. and query regarding COVID card trial in MIQ cost.	Drafting
5 May 21	s9(2)(a)	Stuff	No. of MIQ guests caught smoking in smoke-free areas & punishments.	Approved
5 May 21	Christopher Bishop	Opposition	RE corr. regarding proposals for purpose built MIQ facilities since COVID.	Drafting
5 May 21	s9(2)(a)	Not applicable	RE query on sending of invoices for MIQ.	Minister's office
5 May 21	s9(2)(a)	Not applicable	Query on MIQ welcome pack, non-English guests, translated signage/translator.	Minister's office
7 May 21	s9(2)(a)	NZ Herald	RE all corr. relating to DOIA 2021-1194.	Gathering information
7 May 21	s9(2)(a)	RNZ	Info RE establishing purpose-built quarantine facility in New Zealand.	Under review
11 May 21	s9(2)(a)	Not applicable	Identity of certain NZDF staff at an MIQ facility.	Drafting
11 May 21	s9(2)	Not applicable	Info relating to the MIQ Allocation System.	Gathering information
11 May 21	s9(2)(a)	Not applicable	MIQ hotel(s) allocated to the passengers arriving off flights into Auckland.	Drafting
11 May 21	s9(2)(a)	Not applicable	Info relating to MIQ spots available over past 3 months.	Gathering information
12 May 21	s9(2)(a)	Newshub	All comms between MBIE and Pullman hotel management Jan 2021-Mar 2021.	Under review
13 May 21	s9(2)(a)	TVNZ	Communication between MBIE and security guard known as case 'b'.	Drafting

Date due	Requestor	Media/Opposition	OIA Request	Status
13 May 21	s9(2)(a)	Not applicable	Maritime capacity as per MNZ maritime industry update #69.	Gathering information
13 May 21	s9(2)(a)	Not applicable	Criteria for MIQ waiver application.	Under review
14 May 21	Lobby Zealand ^{New}	Not applicable	Comms between Aprils Covid-19 cluster and MIQ security officer.	Drafting
14 May 21	Chris Bishop	Opposition	Surveys done by facilities and DHBs of people who stayed at MIQ.	Under review
18 May 21	s9(2)(a)	Not applicable	How many MIQ spots have been granted under 2c and under what conditions?	Under review
18 May 21	s9(2)(a)	Not applicable	Percentage of MIQ entrants who have returned & who have paid their fees.	Under review
18 May 21	s9(2)	Not applicable	Information on Security Staff and Service Workers hired for MIQ facilities.	Under review
19 May 21	s9(2)(a)	Stuff	Rough cost to the Government of each person's 14 day MIQ stay.	Decision on request sent
19 May 21	s9(2)(a)	NZME	How many attempts there had been at absconding from MIQ facilities.	Gathering information
19 May 21	s9(2)(a)	Not applicable	All comms between MIQ & Stamford Auckland (1996) re client.	Drafting
20 May 21	s9(2)(a)	RNZ	Details on MIQ breaches from 14th of June 20 until the 21st of April 21.	Scoping
20 May 21	s9(2)(a)	Not applicable	RE corr. regarding costs of MIQ per person.	Gathering information
20 May 21	s9(2)(a)	NZ Herald	RE request for MIQ facility improvement undertakings MBIE has made & costs.	Drafting
21 May 21	s9(2)(a)	Not applicable	Expansions of MIQ facilities for reports to officials, Ministers & studies.	Scoping
21 May 21	s9(2)(a)	Newshub	Consequence of privacy breach of private info sent with MIQ emails to wrong applicant.	Gathering information
24 May 21	s9(2)(a)	Not applicable	Information around Oriental Bay Plaza Wellington requesting no MIQ signs.	Scoping
25 May 21	s9(2)(a)	Not applicable	Details around any security breaches at MIQ facility on Oriental Parade.	Under review
25 May 21	s9(2)()	Not applicable	Numbers of those choosing hospital over MIQ.	Under review
26 May 21	s9(2)(a)	NZ Herald	Copies of the filled health matrixes for declined MIQ exemption request.	Gathering information

Date due	Requestor	Media/Opposition	OIA Request	Status
27 May 21	s9(2)(a)	Not applicable	Request for copy of investigation report of Grand Mercure in March 2021.	Scoping
27 May 21	Lobby New Zealand	Not applicable	All communications between April's COVID cluster's case B and any Ministry.	Scoping
27 May 21	s9(2)(a)	NZ Herald	Request for paper on assessment of proposals for sport MIQ.	Scoping
27 May 21	s9(2)(a)	Stuff	What is the allocated budget for MIQ alterations and minimal close down fee.	Scoping
27 May 21	s9(2)(a)	NZ Herald	Query into regulation of border workers and COVID-19 testing requirements.	Scoping
1 Jun 21	s9(2)(a)	Stuff	Info relating to Christchurch Regional Isolation and Quarantine centre.	Drafting
2 Jun 21	s9(2)(a)	Newshub	RE corr. regarding building of purpose built MIQ facilities, including non-hotels.	Under review
4 Jun 21	s9(2)(a)	RNZ	Correspondence relating to increase in MIQ fees & data on MIQ fees to date.	Under review
10 Jun 21	s9(2)(a)	TVNZ	corr. reviews on MIQ to stop programmes from booking vouchers for other people.	Drafting

12.3 COVID-19 Group

Date due	Requestor	OIA Request	Status
29 March 2021	s9(2)	All documentation pertaining to the COVID-19 response and recovery efforts that your organisation has been involved in 2020.	Drafting
3 May 2021	s9(2)	Various details about the 'Unite against Covid-19' tee-shirts.	Scoping
3 May 2021	s9(2)	Documents received by the minister regarding Covid-19 measures, including alert levels and restrictions, and the public's response (including compliance), from January 1, 2021 to March 31, 2021.	Drafting
5 May 2021	s9(2)	Emails, reports or briefing documents which relate to posts on the Unite Against COVID-19 Facebook page concerning Case I, Case J and Case L.	Drafting
5 May 2021	s9(2)	Information relating to the hiring of Topham Guerin.	Drafting
10 May 2021	s9(2)	Modelling documents and associated email communications that have contributed to the recent policy decision for Auckland to be placed at Alert Level 3 and New Zealand at Alert Level 2.	QA
10 May 2021	New Zealand	Advice given to Cabinet by any Ministry and/or public officials on the legitimacy of putting a temporary and/or permanent ban of New Zealand citizens and permanent residents from entering New Zealand from overseas, including from other Nations in the Realms of New Zealand, based on the grounds of Covid-19.	Scoping
10 May 2021	s9(2)	all information pertaining to advice received and decision making regarding the recent decision to temporarily suspend incoming arrivals to NZ who have been in India in the last 14 days.	Scoping

Date due	Requestor	OIA Request	Status
10 May 2021	s9(2)(a)	All advice, communications, materials, cabinet papers and other relevant official information produced between 1 February 2020 and 31 January 2021 relating to the domestic human rights law implications of limiting and/or prohibiting return by New Zealand citizens and permanent residents abroad during the COVID-19 pandemic, both generally and on a case-by-case basis.	Scoping
12 May 2021	s9(Information relating to the development of the Governments COVID-19 strategy.	Drafting
12 May 2021	s9	All documents that detail the agreement between you and the Minister of health regarding invoking section 5(1) of the Epidemic Preparedness Act 2006(with regard to COVID-19).	Drafting
13 May 2021	s9(2)	All correspondence between Pfizer and the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet between midnight October 1, 2020 and midnight April 7, 2021 on/about any and all matters relating to the Pfizer/BioNTech (Comirnaty) vaccine.	Drafting
13 May 2021	s9(2)(a)	Details of the cost of the COVID-19 Easter Egg advertisement featuring the Director-General of Health, Dr Ashley Bloomfield.	Scoping
13 May 2021	s9(2)	Can the DPMC please provide any complaints that were received in regards to content that was produced by Topham Guerin.	Scoping
13 May 2021	s9(2)	All records and results of compliance checks that have been undertaken including spot checks of any kind to ensure border employers are carrying out their legal obligations under the Covid-19 Public Health Response (Required Testing) Order to tell employees when they need to be tested and records of workers' tests.	Drafting
17 May 2021	s9(2)	Any and all briefings, reports, emails, or presentations prepared for or to the Director-General, or presented by the Director General of Health Dr Ashley Bloomfield, in relation to conspiracy theories or misinformation in relation to New Zealand's response to COVID-19. I ask that information be included from the last six months.	Drafting
17 May 2021	s9(2)	For the periods: 25/03/20 - 01/04/20, 12/08/20 - 19/08/20, 14/02/21 - 21/02/21 Transcripts of speeches at the daily briefings from officials. Details on the amount of time COVID-19 advertisements were played each day on TV and radio and the cost of communication consultants and consultancies for the entire period. Meeting notes and memoranda surrounding COVID-19 response.	Scoping
21 May 2021	s9(2)	Amount spent by the NZ government on advertising with all radio stations, all publications, all television channels, any and all advertising outlets in any form that used government funding to provide any type of information associated with Covid19 from January 2020 to date.	Drafting
25 May 2021	s9(2)	All documents sent from the World Health Organisation (WHO) to Jacinda Ardern or the NZ government with Covid-19 guidelines and/or recommendations.	Scoping

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12.4 New Zealand Customs Service

Note: Any OIA highlighted in **bold** is a new addition from the previous report.

Date due	Requestor	OIA Request	Status
12 May 21	s9(2)(a)	Requests copies of Customs' policies on staff & COVID-19 injections and copies of any Ministerial directions or instructions from the Ministry of Health, the Director-General of Health or any other agency in respect to how Customs should handle employees who refuse the vaccination.	Internal sign out
18 May 21	s9(2)	Total number of people who have arrived in New Zealand from India since 28 March 2021.	In progress

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