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By email: fyi-request-24511-de0adb0a@requests.fyi.org.nz  
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Tēnā koe Erika

### **Partial/Transfer of your request for official information**

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to Manatū Hauora (the Ministry of Health) on 24 October 2023. You requested:

*“Under schedule 3 of COVID-19 Public Health Response (Air Border) Order 2021, there were exemptions entitled “Exemptions from some COVID-19 provisions”. These were for various groups of people:*

- Diplomatic or consular officials*
- New Zealand Defence Force members returning from service*
- Persons arriving on foreign military craft*
- Persons with permission to arrive for humanitarian reasons*
- Refugees*
- Citizens of Afghanistan*

*Please would you share:*

- the number of exemptions that were applied for under this order?*
- the number of exemptions that were given?*
- the above number by “types of exemption” given and by the “various groups” eg NZDF “All COVID-19 provisions” 100 applied and 99 given.”*

Manatū Hauora does not hold any information relating to your request. However, I have been advised that this information is held by Te Whatu Ora – Health New Zealand. For this reason, I have decided to transfer your request to Te Whatu Ora under section 14(b)(i) of the Act. You can expect a response from Te Whatu Ora in due course.

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.

Nāku noa, na



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## **COPY OF OIA REQUEST**

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**Subject:** Official Information request - Exemptions given by the MoH for the COVID-19 Public Health Response (Air Border) Order 2021

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Yours faithfully,

Erika Whittome