

29 May 2020

Scott

By email: fyi-request-12877-ac80b817@requests.fyi.org.nz  
Ref: H202003746

Dear Scott

### Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) on 25 May 2020 for:

*"I am writing to request information on any communications the Ministry of Health had with the Taiwan Centers for Disease Control, or any representatives of this institution, during the month of January 2020. The data I am requesting specifically pertains to the following two points:*

- 1) The date and time the Ministry of Health received any communications, or initiated any communication, with the Taiwan Centers for Disease Control (whether by email, telephone conference, VoIP call, or otherwise) during the month of January 2020*
- 2) The content of the above described communications, including but not limited to the body of emails, notes of meetings, or the Ministry of Health's summaries of these communications, or any documents/sections of documents in the Ministry's possession which are informed by the contents of these communications."*

The information you have requested is outlined in Appendix 1 of this letter. Please note that pursuant to section 16(1)(e) of the Act, the requested information may be made available by providing a summary of the contents as to not prejudice the interests protected by section 6(a) of the Act:

*Section 6(a) – if the making available of that information would be likely to prejudice the security or defence of New Zealand or the international relations of the Government of New Zealand*

I trust that 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 of Health website.

Yours sincerely



Natalie Richardson  
**Director**  
**COVID-19 Response**

## Appendix 1: Summary of communications

#	Date correspondence received from Taiwan Centres for Disease Control	Summary of correspondence
1	20 January 2020	Advised about a New Zealand citizen who was identified as a Rubella case contact in a flight.
2	23 January 2020	Advised about a New Zealand citizen who was identified as a COVID-19 case contact in a flight. The contact did not sit in the same row or the three rows in front of or behind the index case.
3	26 March 2020	Advised about a confirmed COVID-19 case who visited and developed symptoms four days after returning from New Zealand. The email also advised about the case's itinerary while in New Zealand.
4	27 March 2020	Advised about a tourist who had recently travelled to New Zealand from Taiwan during 6 March to 20 March. The individual developed symptoms on 16 March. The email also included information on the individual's flight details and itinerary for contact tracing purposes.