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Dear Shanna

Thank you for your email of 17 February 2021 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Our union represents 400 Hotel Workers, most of which are currently working at MIQ facilities.

We wish to be provided with:

- -A list of hotels MBIE has had discussions with regarding paying a Living Wage to workers.
- -Any and all information including meeting minutes and emails where the Living Wage is discussed.
- -Does the Ministry intend to make the payment of a Living Wage a compulsory condition of all future supplier contracts for Managed Isolation Facilities, and if so, from what date?

I respond to each of your questions below.

A list of hotels MBIE has had discussions with regarding paying a Living Wage to workers.

Attached is a list of Managed Isolation and Quarantine (MIQ) that MBIE have been in discussions with.

Any and all information including meeting minutes and emails where the Living Wage is discussed.

MBIE is refusing this part of your request under section 9(2)(b)(ii) of the Act; protect information where the making available of the information would likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.

Does the Ministry intend to make the payment of a Living Wage a compulsory condition of all future supplier contracts for Managed Isolation Facilities, and if so, from what date?

The Ministry is working with MIQ hotel suppliers to achieve a commitment to paying the Living Wage as part of future contracts, the implementation date will be mutually agreed with MIQ hotels during consultation.

Currently, of the 32 MIQ hotels, 27 of these hotels have agreed in principle to their staff receiving the living wage whilst the hotels are on contract with the Crown. The Ministry is still working with the remaining hotels on this.

You have the right under section 28(3) of the Act to request a review by the Ombudsman. The relevant details can be found here: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz

Yours sincerely

Andrew Milne

Associate Deputy Chief Executive
Managed Isolation and Quarantine

Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment

List of Managed Isolation Quarantine Hotels

AUCKLAND

• Crowne Plaza

Grand Mercure

Holiday Inn

• Four Points

Grand Millennium

Jet Park

M Social

Novotel Airport

Pullman

Naumi

• Novotel/Ibis Ellerslie

Ramada

Rydges

SO Auckland

Sudima Airport

Sebel Manukau

• Stamford Plaza

Waipuna

HAMILTON

Distinction

Ibis

JetPark

ROTORUA

Rydges

Ibis

Sudima

WELLINGTON

• Bay Plaza

Grand Mercure

CHRISTCHURCH

• Chateau on the Park

• Crowne Plaza

Novotel airport