

Gael Gordon

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Dear Gael Gordon

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) on 22 March 2021 for:

*“Of the approx 1.83 million Covid 19 tests undertaken since testing commenced in January 2020, as of today there have been 2106 confirmed cases.
Please advise of those 2106 confirmed cases, the number that were asymptomatic and the number that had symptoms at time of taking the test.”*

As of 22 March 2021, there were 2,105 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in New Zealand. At the time the test sample was taken, 492 cases were asymptomatic, and 1,613 cases presented symptoms. Please note, there is a one case difference in the number of confirmed cases reported in the media release, this is due to a historical case/case reclassification.

I trust 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. 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/responses-official-information-act-requests.

Yours sincerely



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