
From: Brenda Hynes <Brenda.Hynes@health.govt.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, 27 July 2021 6:39 pm
To: CURR, Jonathan (SVA); LESLIE, Helen (DEVPP); CRANE, Antony (DEVPP)
Subject: RE: Medevac from Fiji

Yes I have just heard that the hospital has now declined them.

Thank you for your support on this matter.

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Sent: Tuesday, 27 July 2021 6:20 pm
To: Brenda Hynes <Brenda.Hynes@health.govt.nz>; LESLIE, Helen (DEVPP) <Helen.Leslie@mfat.govt.nz>; CRANE, Antony (DEVPP) <Tony.Crane@mfat.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Medevac from Fiji

[UNCLASSIFIED]

Kia ora Brenda – you may already know this, but the UN has been informed by Counties Manukau that the relevant Medical Officer of Health has declined the medevac. Ngā mihi, Jonathan

Jonathan Curr

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From: LESLIE, Helen (DEVPP)
Sent: Tuesday, 27 July 2021 1:01 pm
To: Brenda Hynes
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PODMORE, Michelle (SVA); KETCHEN, Mike (PACMM); OJALA, Anton (PACMM);
FRASER, Kate (DEVPP)
Subject: RE: Medevac from Fiji
Importance: High
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Hi Brenda, thanks for the call just before – I'm copying our Fiji High Commission and our Fijian team in Wellington into this response. We understand from the UN in Suva that the decision to refer this medevac was made in Geneva. Our High Commissioner Jonathan Curr (copied) is following up with the UN today but we are unlikely to hear back by this afternoon.

In terms of MFAT's involvement, as I mentioned on the phone, we have only provided information on the process to the UN who approached our High Commission. This is not a MFAT referral –the referral is being managed by the UN.

Thanks

Helen

From: Brenda Hynes <Brenda.Hynes@health.govt.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, 27 July 2021 12:10 PM
To: LESLIE, Helen (DEVPP) <Helen.Leslie@mfat.govt.nz>
Subject: Medevac from Fiji

Helen

As per our discussion.

The DG is asking why New Zealand and not Australia, can you please provide some information regarding how MFAT became involved in the process

Many thanks in advance

Brenda

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Sent: Tuesday, 27 July 2021 10:33 am
To: MINETT, Constance (PACREG)
Cc: TUPANGAIA, Desmond (API); FRASER, Kate (DEVPP); LESLIE, Helen (DEVPP)
Subject: RE: Evacuation of Canadians from Fiji to NZ

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Hi Connie

Yes that is fine by me.

Regards,

Tony

From: MINETT, Constance (PACREG) <Constance.Minett@mfat.govt.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, 27 July 2021 10:31 AM
To: CRANE, Antony (DEVPP) <Tony.Crane@mfat.govt.nz>
Cc: TUPANGAIA, Desmond (API) <Desmond.Tupangaia@mfat.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Evacuation of Canadians from Fiji to NZ

[IN CONFIDENCE]

Hi Tony and Desmond.

Final sign off. Is DEVPP happy with the email and documents as they are currently attached? I have removed all contacts from the documents, but have included a generic contact in the covering email to help alleviate pressure on our posts. Are we comfortable with this?

Text of email is below:

Kia ora colleagues,

I am aware of your ongoing interest in the New Zealand medical evacuation process and was deeply sorry to hear of ill health of a member of your staff stationed in Fiji. Our thoughts are with your staff member and their family at this time.

In order to aid your understanding of medical evacuation to New Zealand, the New Zealand Ministry of Health has provided the attached documents that set out the process for medical evacuation to New Zealand. There are four documents:

1. New Zealand Ministry of Health internal document – Guidance on urgent incoming medical referrals
2. Medevac Standard Operating Procedure
3. Visa support Standard Operating Procedure
4. Medevac flowchart

Medical evacuation requests to New Zealand are approved based on clinical need. The clinical need and appropriateness will be determined by the sending country's clinical staff, in conjunction with the receiving clinical service, usually the receiving New Zealand based District Health Board or private medical care provider. Each medical evacuation is unique and subject to many factors including any pressure on New Zealand's medical services, such that a principle is that no guarantees can be given to third parties regarding possible Medevac agreements. In

addition, the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade has no influence over the medevac process and limited ability to engage in it.

As a last point of call, please contact medevacs@health.govt.nz for health enquiries and isolationexemptions@MBIE.govt.nz for immigration enquiries. We ask that you treat these details with discretion.

If you have any further questions based on this documentation, we are able to set up a meeting with New Zealand based Health colleagues for further discussion.

From: CRANE, Antony (DEVPP) <Tony.Crane@mfat.govt.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, 27 July 2021 9:21 AM
To: MINETT, Constance (PACREG) <Constance.Minett@mfat.govt.nz>; TUPANGAIA, Desmond (API) <Desmond.Tupangaia@mfat.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Evacuation of Canadians from Fiji to NZ

[UNCLASSIFIED]

Hi Connie and Desmond

Having reviewed the docs, I don't think we should send contact details. This will encourage an agency to try to bypass the system if they are frustrated or panicky (as our current case suggests). I have therefore deleted all contact details.

Additionally, these are internal process docs, so I am unsure some of them should go. I think the best one is the Guidance on urgent incoming medical referrals (attached as amended), it has only one contact deleted and gives the best overall view of the process.

I have also amended the others but, as I said, I think they should not be sent. The process map is unchanged as it had no contacts.

Cheers

Tony

Regards,

Tony

From: MINETT, Constance (PACREG) <Constance.Minett@mfat.govt.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, 27 July 2021 7:09 AM
To: TUPANGAIA, Desmond (API) <Desmond.Tupangaia@mfat.govt.nz>; CRANE, Antony (DEVPP) <Tony.Crane@mfat.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Evacuation of Canadians from Fiji to NZ

[UNCLASSIFIED]

Hi Desmond and Tony,

An email drafted for Justin/Jonathan to pass across to UN colleagues on the New Zealand medevac process for your review. Tony I will leave it to you as to whether Helen needs to see this. Let's try and get this done by the end of the day?!

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The documents contain the key contact details of New Zealand based personnel at each stage of the process. We ask that you treat these details with discretion.

Medical evacuation requests to New Zealand are approved based on clinical need. The clinical need and appropriateness will be determined by the sending country's clinical staff, in conjunction with the receiving clinical service, usually the receiving New Zealand based District Health Board or private medical care provider. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade has limited influence over this process.

If you have any further questions based on this documentation, we are able to set up a meeting with New Zealand based Health colleagues for further discussion.

Constance Minett

Policy Officer
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From: TUPANGAIA, Desmond (API) <Desmond.Tupangaia@mfat.govt.nz>

Sent: Monday, 26 July 2021 3:04 PM

To: MINETT, Constance (PACREG) <Constance.Minett@mfat.govt.nz>

Subject: RE: Evacuation of Canadians from Fiji to NZ

[UNCLASSIFIED]

Hi Constance

I wonder if you could draft a short email for Jonathan/ Justin and Alex to send on to UN counterparts including offering a follow-up meeting if necessary. I'm happy to review.

Cheers
Desmond

From: MINETT, Constance (PACREG) <Constance.Minett@mfat.govt.nz>

Sent: Monday, 26 July 2021 2:54 PM

To: JEBSON, Alex (UNHC) <Alex.Jebson@mfat.govt.nz>; CONWAY, Keith (PACMM) <Keith.Conway@mfat.govt.nz>;
CURR, Jonathan (SVA) <Jonathan.Curr@mfat.govt.nz>

Cc: TUPANGAIA, Desmond (API) <Desmond.Tupangaia@mfat.govt.nz>; RAMSDEN, Mark (UNHC) <Mark.Ramsden@mfat.govt.nz>; FEPULEAI, Justin (NYK) <Justin.Fepuleai@mfat.govt.nz>

Subject: FW: Evacuation of Canadians from Fiji to NZ

[UNCLASSIFIED]

Hi all,

With thanks to Tony, confirming that documents can be shared with UN partners, reiterating the following points:

We understand that the process is triggered by a clinical assessment and acceptance of the referral. This discussion occurs with the receiving New Zealand based DHB, who will need to accept care of the patient. This is not a matter for New Zealand's Ministry of Health.

Connie

Constance Minett

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Subject: RE: Evacuation of Canadians from Fiji to NZ

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Thanks Brenda – we will emphasise that point.

Kind regards,

Tony

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Subject: RE: Evacuation of Canadians from Fiji to NZ

I am happy for them to go to external agencies, however it needs to be clear. That the discussion occurs with the DHB, who needs to accept the patient not the MOH

Brenda

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Sent: Monday, 26 July 2021 2:29 pm
To: Brenda Hynes <Brenda.Hynes@health.govt.nz>
Cc: MINETT, Constance (PACREG) <Constance.Minett@mfat.govt.nz>; CURR, Jonathan (SVA) <Jonathan.Curr@mfat.govt.nz>
Subject: FW: Evacuation of Canadians from Fiji to NZ

[SEEMAIL] [IN CONFIDENCE]

[SEEMAIL] [IN CONFIDENCE]

Dear Brenda

In Kate Fraser's absence, I wonder if you could advise me on whether the attached documents (which you forwarded to Kate some time ago) are suitable to be released to an outside agency (in this case, the UN) in respect of medevacs to NZ?

We understand that the process is triggered by a clinical assessment and acceptance of the referral.

Many thanks,

Antony Crane (he/him)

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From: MINETT, Constance (PACREG) <Constance.Minett@mfat.govt.nz>
Sent: Friday, 9 July 2021 10:19 AM
To: Brenda Hynes <Brenda.Hynes@health.govt.nz>
Cc: Protocol COVID19 <PROTOCOL-COVID19@mfat.govt.nz>; FRASER, Kate (DEVPP) <KateEl.Fraser@mfat.govt.nz>;

CRANE, Antony (GDS) <Tony.Crane@mfat.govt.nz>; MESSENT, Alana (PACREG) <Alana.Messent@mfat.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Evacuation of Canadians from Fiji to NZ

[IN CONFIDENCE]

Hi Brenda,

Would you please be able to point me to the [public information/full-suite summary of medical evacuation processes](#)? The Canadians have a consular case in Fiji requiring the information, and have asked for our assistance.

I have spoken to Kate Fraser, and she helpfully pointed out that the attached documents can be provided to country counterparts. But wasn't aware of any public facing messaging,

Kindest,

Connie

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From: Protocol COVID19 <PROTOCOL-COVID19@mfat.govt.nz>
Sent: Friday, 9 July 2021 10:00 AM
To: MINETT, Constance (PACREG) <Constance.Minett@mfat.govt.nz>
Subject: FW: Evacuation of Canadians from Fiji to NZ

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Kia ora Connie

Grateful if you could point me to the public information/full-suite summary of medical evacuation processes (e.g including health, immigration, managed iso info etc).

As below, we'd like to point the Canadians to this for their consular case out of Fiji.

Ngā mihi
Becs

From: s9(2)(a) international.gc.ca
Sent: Friday, 9 July 2021 9:55 AM
To: Protocol COVID19 <PROTOCOL-COVID19@mfat.govt.nz>
Cc: WLGTNConsular@international.gc.ca
Subject: Evacuation of Canadians from Fiji to NZ

Good morning,

We have just been informed of another consular case in Fiji. We have a Canadian married couple who have been living in Fiji since 2015. s9(2)(a)

Would it be the usual Immigration exception route? Is it different if she is accompanying him on the air ambulance? I know that it probably doesn't change anything, but they are both fully vaccinated.

Thanks,

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Cc: PATRICK, Hone (SVA); PODMORE, Michelle (SVA); KETCHEN, Mike (PACMM); BECKETT, Kathryn (UNHC); RAMSDEN, Mark (UNHC); LESLIE, Helen (DEVPP); HAWKE, Craig (NYK); FEPULEAI, Justin (NYK); ROBERTS, Llewellyn (DEVPP)
Subject: RE: MoH statement on Fiji to go out this afternoon

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Thanks Jonathan – so we have the MoH statement citing capacity issues in the Auckland region.

Regards,

Tony

From: CURR, Jonathan (SVA) <Jonathan.Curr@mfat.govt.nz>
Sent: Wednesday, 28 July 2021 9:42 AM
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Cc: PATRICK, Hone (SVA) <Hone.Patrick@mfat.govt.nz>; PODMORE, Michelle (SVA) <Michelle.Podmore@mfat.govt.nz>; KETCHEN, Mike (PACMM) <Mike.Ketchen@mfat.govt.nz>; BECKETT, Kathryn (UNHC) <kathryn.beckett@mfat.govt.nz>; RAMSDEN, Mark (UNHC) <Mark.Ramsden@mfat.govt.nz>; LESLIE, Helen (DEVPP) <Helen.Leslie@mfat.govt.nz>; HAWKE, Craig (NYK) <craig.hawke@mfat.govt.nz>; FEPULEAI, Justin (NYK) <Justin.Fepuleai@mfat.govt.nz>
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clarification has been provided.

I don't know whether subsequent

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Hi Jonathan

What was the reason given?

Cheers

Tony

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FYI – I haven't sent it to MoH as it is hearsay.

Cheers

From: CURR, Jonathan (SVA) <Jonathan.Curr@mfat.govt.nz>
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To: CRANE, Antony (DEVPP) <Tony.Crane@mfat.govt.nz>
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Subject: RE: UN patient Fiji [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

[UNCLASSIFIED]

Thanks Jonathan. Yes please call the UNRC as this query is from the DG of Health so we should be sure. Or we just refer MoH to the applicant which would be normal process.

Thanks

Tony

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Cc: LESLIE, Helen (DEVPP) <Helen.Leslie@mfat.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: UN patient Fiji [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Tony - let me know if you need us to ask the UN. s6(b)(ii)
in Geneva/Brindisi.

May have been a decision taken

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Cc: LESLIE, Helen (DEVPP) <Helen.Leslie@mfat.govt.nz>, CURR, Jonathan (SVA) <Jonathan.Curr@mfat.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: UN patient Fiji

Hi Tony

This is a question for Fiji – whoever did the original referral probably had a choice. Do we know if Australia was ever asked?

Kind regards,

Michelle

Michelle Nicholson-Burr
Senior Programme Manager | Child Health Technical Advisor
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Hi Michelle

MoH are wondering why this patient is coming to NZ and not, for instance, Australia. Dr Bloomfield has to sign this off and he has asked the question.

Can you help answer this? Sign-off this afternoon depends on the answer.

Thanks,

Tony

Antony Crane (he/him)

Programme Manager - Health

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Lucky we said the same thing!

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Subject: RE: Medevac from Fiji

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[SEEMAIL] [IN CONFIDENCE]

Sorry for the double up Brenda, Tony and I must have been sending our emails at the same time!

Best wishes
Helen

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Kind regards,

Tony

From: Brenda Hynes <Brenda.Hynes@health.govt.nz>
Sent: Monday, 26 July 2021 2:33 PM
To: CRANE, Antony (DEVPP) <Tony.Crane@mfat.govt.nz>
Cc: MINETT, Constance (PACREG) <Constance.Minett@mfat.govt.nz>; CURR, Jonathan (SVA) <Jonathan.Curr@mfat.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Evacuation of Canadians from Fiji to NZ

I am happy for them to go to external agencies, however it needs to be clear. That the discussion occurs with the DHB, who needs to accept the patient not the MOH

Brenda

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Subject: FW: Evacuation of Canadians from Fiji to NZ

[SEEMAIL] [IN CONFIDENCE]

[SEEMAIL] [IN CONFIDENCE]

Dear Brenda

In Kate Fraser's absence, I wonder if you could advise me on whether the attached documents (which you forwarded to Kate some time ago) are suitable to be released to an outside agency (in this case, the UN) in respect of medevacs to NZ?

We understand that the process is triggered by a clinical assessment and acceptance of the referral.

Many thanks,

Antony Crane (he/him)

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From: MINETT, Constance (PACREG) <Constance.Minett@mfat.govt.nz>

Sent: Friday, 9 July 2021 10:19 AM

To: Brenda Hynes <Brenda.Hynes@health.govt.nz>

Cc: Protocol COVID19 <PROTOCOL-COVID19@mfat.govt.nz>; FRASER, Kate (DEVPP) <KateEl.Fraser@mfat.govt.nz>;

CRANE, Antony (GDS) <Tony.Crane@mfat.govt.nz>; MESSENT, Alana (PACREG) <Alana.Messent@mfat.govt.nz>

Subject: RE: Evacuation of Canadians from Fiji to NZ

[IN CONFIDENCE]

Hi Brenda,

Would you please be able to point me to the [public information/full-suite summary of medical evacuation processes](#)? The Canadians have a consular case in Fiji requiring the information, and have asked for our assistance.

I have spoken to Kate Fraser, and she helpfully pointed out that the attached documents can be provided to country counterparts. But wasn't aware of any public facing messaging,

Kindest,

Connie

Constance Minett

Policy Officer
Pacific Regional Division
New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Trade | Manatū Aorere

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To: MINETT, Constance (PACREG) <Constance.Minett@mfat.govt.nz>
Subject: FW: Evacuation of Canadians from Fiji to NZ

[IN CONFIDENCE]

Kia ora Connie

Grateful if you could point me to the public information/full-suite summary of medical evacuation processes (e.g including health, immigration, managed iso info etc).

As below, we'd like to point the Canadians to this for their consular case out of Fiji.

Ngā mihi
Becs

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From: CRANE, Antony (DEVPP)
Sent: Monday, 26 July 2021 4:13 pm
To: CURR, Jonathan (SVA)
Cc: ROBERTS, Llewellyn (DEVPP); LESLIE, Helen (DEVPP); MINETT, Constance (PACREG)
Subject: FW: Fiji patient

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Hi Jonathan

Good news.

The barrier will not be money (they will pass that cost on), it will likely be the ability of the subcontractor to meet NZ conditions. However this won't be their first rodeo....

Regards,

Tony

From: Michelle Nicholson-Burr (CMDHB) <Michelle.Nicholson-Burr@middlemore.co.nz>
Sent: Monday, 26 July 2021 4:10 PM
To: CRANE, Antony (DEVPP) <Tony.Crane@mfat.govt.nz>
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At the earliest. It takes some time to get all the approvals in place:

Aviation
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Plus all the preparations in Suva.

Kind regards,

Michelle

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Thanks Michelle – tomorrow? (Assuming terms are agreed)

From: Michelle Nicholson-Burr (CMDHB) <Michelle.Nicholson-Burr@middlemore.co.nz>
Sent: Monday, 26 July 2021 4:04 PM
To: CRANE, Antony (DEVPP) <Tony.Crane@mfat.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Fiji patient

Hi Tony

NZAA have agreed to carry the patient and have outlined their terms and conditions. They will be contracting to International SOS to do this medevac. It is all subject to the terms and conditions being acceptable to the NZAA team.

Kind regards,

Michelle

Michelle Nicholson-Burr

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To: Michelle Nicholson-Burr (CMDHB)
Subject: RE: Fiji patient

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[UNCLASSIFIED]

Hi Michelle

Just heard that the alternative provider would not be able to evac until Thursday.

Cheers

T

From: Michelle Nicholson-Burr (CMDHB) <Michelle.Nicholson-Burr@middlemore.co.nz>
Sent: Monday, 26 July 2021 3:02 PM
To: CRANE, Antony (DEVPP) <Tony.Crane@mfat.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Fiji patient

Hi Tony,

I have just had a conversation with the CEO of NZAA. They have not declined or confirmed this medevac as yet. They are still working through their business case and approvals with NZ Public Health who determine what requirements the NZAA staff must follow on return to NZ.

They will update me in a few hours and I will let you know the outcome. They did confirm every transfer is assessed as a case-by-case.

Kind regards,

Michelle

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Subject: RE: Fiji patient

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Thanks Michelle

Can you confirm that COVID point – either a COVID patient or a bad COVID area? And if it is COVID-caution – would they pick up a NZ citizen?

Many thanks,

Tony

From: Michelle Nicholson-Burr (CMDHB) <Michelle.Nicholson-Burr@middlemore.co.nz>

Sent: Monday, 26 July 2021 2:31 PM

To: CRANE, Antony (DEVPP) <Tony.Crane@mfat.govt.nz>

Subject: RE: Fiji patient

Correct – NZAA has declined to uplift. Another company has been contacted.

It is not clear to me why NZAA declined sorry. Previously we have had agreement from NZAA that positive Covid patients would be carried.

Kind regards,

Michelle

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To: Michelle Nicholson-Burr (CMDHB)

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[UNCLASSIFIED]

Hi Michelle

Just heard that NZ Air Ambulance has pulled the plug on this – any news at your end?

Thx

Antony Crane (he/him)

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Sent: Monday, 26 July 2021 4:11 pm
To: 'Michelle Nicholson-Burr (CMDHB)'
Subject: RE: Fiji patient

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Thanks Michelle I'll pass that on to Suva.

Regards,

Tony

From: Michelle Nicholson-Burr (CMDHB) <Michelle.Nicholson-Burr@middlemore.co.nz>
Sent: Monday, 26 July 2021 4:10 PM
To: CRANE, Antony (DEVPP) <Tony.Crane@mfat.govt.nz>
Subject: Re: Fiji patient

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Kind regards,

Michelle

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Sent: Monday, 26 July 2021 11:55 am
To: 'Michelle Nicholson-Burr (CMDHB)'
Cc: LESLIE, Helen (DEVPP)
Subject: RE: Fiji patient: Medevac

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Many thanks Michelle

Regards,

Tony

From: Michelle Nicholson-Burr (CMDHB) <Michelle.Nicholson-Burr@middlemore.co.nz>
Sent: Monday, 26 July 2021 11:54 AM
To: CRANE, Antony (DEVPP) <Tony.Crane@mfat.govt.nz>
Cc: LESLIE, Helen (DEVPP) <Helen.Leslie@mfat.govt.nz>
Subject: Fiji patient: Medevac

Dear Tony,

FYI. CMH has accepted a respiratory patient from Suva. This patient is funded by the employers health insurance, I am supporting the CMH Operations team with the necessary applications for approval (MOH and Immigration). The NZ Air Ambulance Service is likely to be engaged for the medevac.

This is not an NZMTS patient.

Kind regards,

Michelle

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From: CRANE, Antony (DEVPP)
Sent: Monday, 26 July 2021 11:05 am
To: LESLIE, Helen (DEVPP)
Subject: RE: POTENTIAL MEDEVAC REQUIRED FOR UN PERSONNEL BASED IN FIJI

Security Classification:
RESTRICTED

Hi Helen

I think only Counties can clarify the process and delay (if any). UNRC should just keep contacting them. Any enquiry by us might look like political interference, don't you think?

If Counties decide on a schedule for clinical reasons and then encounter Immigration/MIQ delays, we might be able to help but their relationship with the MoH Medevac team is strong.

Regards,

Tony

From: LESLIE, Helen (DEVPP) <Helen.Leslie@mfat.govt.nz>
Sent: Monday, 26 July 2021 11:00 AM
To: CURR, Jonathan (SVA) <Jonathan.Curr@mfat.govt.nz>; MINETT, Constance (PACREG) <Constance.Minett@mfat.govt.nz>; CRANE, Antony (DEVPP) <Tony.Crane@mfat.govt.nz>; TUPANGAIA, Desmond (API) <Desmond.Tupangaia@mfat.govt.nz>; RAMSDEN, Mark (UNHC) <Mark.Ramsden@mfat.govt.nz>; CONWAY, Keith (PACMM) <Keith.Conway@mfat.govt.nz>; FRASER, Kate (DEVPP) <KateEl.Fraser@mfat.govt.nz>
Cc: CURRIE, Pamela (PACPF) <Pamela.Currie@mfat.govt.nz>; ROBERTS, Llewellyn (DEVPP) <Llewellyn.Roberts@mfat.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: POTENTIAL MEDEVAC REQUIRED FOR UN PERSONNEL BASED IN FIJI

[RESTRICTED]

Thanks for the update Jonathan. This is a tough one – as it could be related to a number of things (clinical decisions, availability of beds, immigration requirements) none of which we would really want to weigh in on. Let me have a quick think about this and get back to you asap.

Cheers

Helen

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From: LESLIE, Helen (DEVPP)
Sent: Wednesday, 4 August 2021 10:01 am
To: OWENSON, Hannah (DEVPP)
Subject: FW: Background info for Fiji Medevac Brief

Importance: High

Security Classification:
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From: LESLIE, Helen (DEVPP)
Sent: Wednesday, 28 July 2021 11:53 AM
To: JEBSON, Alex (UNHC) <Alex.Jebson@mfat.govt.nz>
Cc: CRANE, Antony (DEVPP) <Tony.Crane@mfat.govt.nz>; RAMSDEN, Mark (UNHC) <Mark.Ramsden@mfat.govt.nz>; ROBERTS, Llewellyn (DEVPP) <Llewellyn.Roberts@mfat.govt.nz>; CURR, Jonathan (SVA) <Jonathan.Curr@mfat.govt.nz>; PODMORE, Michelle (SVA) <Michelle.Podmore@mfat.govt.nz>; OJALA, Anton (PACMM) <Anton.Ojala@mfat.govt.nz>; MCLEAN, Rachel (CPCD) <Rachel.McLean@mfat.govt.nz>; TAYLOR, David (CPCD) <David.Taylor@mfat.govt.nz>; SHACKLETON, Peter (PHM) <peter.shackleton@mfat.govt.nz>; COLLINS, Deb (PHM) <deborah.collins@mfat.govt.nz>; KINGS, Jonathan (DS PDG) <Jonathan.Kings@mfat.govt.nz>; KETCHEN, Mike (PACMM) <Mike.Ketchen@mfat.govt.nz>; CONWAY, Keith (PACMM) <Keith.Conway@mfat.govt.nz>; KEMPKERS, Joanna (GDS) <Joanna.Kempkers@mfat.govt.nz>
Subject: Background info for Fiji Medevac Brief
Importance: High

Kia ora Alex, here is some background info that we have put together on the timeline of events for the Fiji Medevac which you are welcome to use for the briefing you are putting together for MFA. Grateful if we could look at the final brief before it goes to MFA

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Ngā mihi

Helen

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From: LESLIE, Helen (DEVPP)
Sent: Wednesday, 4 August 2021 10:03 am
To: OWENSON, Hannah (DEVPP)
Subject: FW: NZ/UN interactions regarding UN Covid Medevac

Importance: High

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Fyi – email initiated by Llewellyn

From: LESLIE, Helen (DEVPP)
Sent: Tuesday, 3 August 2021 9:01 AM
To: JEBSON, Alex (UNHC) <Alex.Jebson@mfat.govt.nz>
Cc: RAMSDEN, Mark (UNHC) <Mark.Ramsden@mfat.govt.nz>; ROBERTS, Llewellyn (DEVPP) <Llewellyn.Roberts@mfat.govt.nz>
Subject: FW: NZ/UN interactions regarding UN Covid Medevac
Importance: High

Hi Alex, the info below that Llewellyn sent to MoH might be useful for the paper you're putting together for MFA
Cheers
Helen

From: ROBERTS, Llewellyn (DEVPP) <Llewellyn.Roberts@mfat.govt.nz>
Sent: Monday, 2 August 2021 9:57 AM
To: Megan McCoy <Megan.McCoy@health.govt.nz>
Cc: LESLIE, Helen (DEVPP) <Helen.Leslie@mfat.govt.nz>; RAMSDEN, Mark (UNHC) <Mark.Ramsden@mfat.govt.nz>; KETCHEN, Mike (PACMM) <Mike.Ketchen@mfat.govt.nz>
Subject: NZ/UN interactions regarding UN Covid Medevac

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Hi Megan,

As discussed. s9(2)(g)(i) here's the MFAT interactions with the UN that I'm aware of:

Suva

Tuesday evening: UN Resident Coordinator calls our High Commissioner in Suva to inform him that the medical director at CMDHB had called him to say that the Medical Officer of Health has declined the Medevac. (see email below fyi)

Wednesday morning: High Commissioner in Suva calls UNRC to provide more context to the decline – i.e. that it's not a willingness issue, it's a capacity issue, and that NZ was still looking at whether other options nationally might be available

Wednesday afternoon: CEO MFAT texts UNRC to say that things are sorted

Note: This is incorrect information. There was no text nor any communication between Chris Seed and the UNRC.

Wednesday evening: High Commissioner in Suva calls UNRC to confirm that NZ will take the patient

New York

Tuesday evening (NZT): s6(b)(ii)

Very early Wednesday morning (NZT): s6(b)(ii)

They are reminded of the time in New Zealand.

Wednesday morning (NZT): NZ Permanent Representative calls UN Undersecretary General Khare to provide more context to the decline, and that NZ was still looking at whether other options nationally might be available

Wednesday evening (NZT): NZ Permanent Representative conveys to “senior UN contacts” that NZ will take the patient

All the best

Llewellyn

Llewellyn Roberts

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Sent: Thursday, 29 July 2021 12:42 pm
To: CRANE, Antony (DEVPP)
Cc: LESLIE, Helen (DEVPP); CURR, Jonathan (SVA)
Subject: RE: UN patient Fiji

You already know, patient is on way to us. ETA 1800.

Kind regards,

Michelle

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Sent: Tuesday, 27 July 2021 12:35 p.m.
To: Michelle Nicholson-Burr (CMDHB)
Cc: LESLIE, Helen (DEVPP); CURR, Jonathan (SVA)
Subject: RE: UN patient Fiji

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No way of knowing I'm afraid. Post may know but they would not have been involved. I have asked but Jonathan is on leave today.

It wasn't a clinical choice, for a specific doctor?

Cheers

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From: Michelle Nicholson-Burr (CMDHB) <Michelle.Nicholson-Burr@middlemore.co.nz>

Date: Tuesday, 27 Jul 2021, 12:23 PM

To: CRANE, Antony (DEVPP) <Tony.Crane@mfat.govt.nz>

Cc: LESLIE, Helen (DEVPP) <Helen.Leslie@mfat.govt.nz>, CURR, Jonathan (SVA) <Jonathan.Curr@mfat.govt.nz>

Subject: RE: UN patient Fiji

Hi Tony

This is a question for Fiji – whoever did the original referral probably had a choice. Do we know if Australia was ever asked?

Kind regards,

Michelle

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Cc: LESLIE, Helen (DEVPP); CURR, Jonathan (SVA)
Subject: Re: UN patient Fiji

I have been informed by Brenda Hynes that she has the information she needs and has sent it on to our DG for his assessment and (hopefully) approval.

Kind regards,

Michelle

Michelle Nicholson-Burr

Senior Programme Manager | Child Health Technical Advisor
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Hi Jess,

Just a little bit more information for you – the latest is in the email below.

Cheers

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Thanks for your work and support on this issue today.

Llewellyn

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Subject: RE: Fiji UN Covid Medivac issue.

Colleagues,

An update to the situation. Please keep this information in confidence, s9(2)(g)(i)

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We'll keep you updated.

Cheers

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Subject: RE: Fiji UN Covid Medivac issue.

Hi Jonathan, Michelle,

Just an addendum to this email, please feel free to share this information with UN RC. s6(b)(ii), s9(2)(g)(i)

Cheers

LL

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Thanks Mark,

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We'll provide a further update once we hear more, acknowledging the urgency of this.

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Subject: RE: MoH media response

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Hiya Helen and thanks for that

I've had a separate exchange with Craig who advises that ^{s6(b)(ii)}

so we'll need to get a heads-up across to MFA's office as soon as we can (as discussed just now – UNHC will send a quick message now then you/we can send something more detailed once you have more clarity from MOH/the DHB)?

Also – looping in PHM (which manages the UNDP relationship).

Cheers

Mark Ramsden (he/him)

Divisional Manager

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Thanks Llewellyn and all involved.

I have also conveyed to senior UN contacts who have received the news with appreciation.

Craig

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Thanks Llewellyn - confirming that this update has been conveyed to the UNRC. He is very grateful.

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Hi Jess,

As promised, please find below an update on where the situation is at. The answer is essentially yes, but the details are to come shortly.

DEVPP and UNHC are thinking that given the state of play we'll stand down on finalising the briefing (that has been developed, but in status since midday given developments haven't quite landed).

Also, as discussed, the media on this will be handled by Health, so best to refer to them for the details, once the situation becomes clearer.

Let me know if you think differently.

Cheers

Llewellyn

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Subject: FW: Medevac from Fiji

Importance: High

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Subject: RE: Medevac from Fiji
Importance: High

[SEEMAIL] [IN CONFIDENCE]

Hi Brenda, thanks for the call just before – I'm copying our Fiji High Commission and our Fijian team in Wellington into this response. We understand from the UN in Suva that the decision to refer this medevac was made in Geneva. Our High Commissioner Jonathan Curr (copied) is following up with the UN today but we are unlikely to hear back by this afternoon.

In terms of MFAT's involvement, as I mentioned on the phone, we have only provided information on the process to the UN who approached our High Commission. This is not a MFAT referral –the referral is being managed by the UN.
Thanks
Helen

From: Brenda Hynes <Brenda.Hynes@health.govt.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, 27 July 2021 12:10 PM
To: LESLIE, Helen (DEVPP) <Helen.Leslie@mfat.govt.nz>
Subject: Medevac from Fiji

Helen

As per our discussion.

The DG is asking why New Zealand and not Australia, can you please provide some information regarding how MFAT became involved in the process

Many thanks in advance

Brenda

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Thanks Jess,

I've made a few more changes to the timeline you have below, putting your additions into the right order, and adding a couple more.

We're pulling together a more detailed timeline for close of play.

Cheers

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Thanks Llew – are you comfortable with the below inserts to the timeline:

With apologies, I'll need to confirm these in the next half hour.

Ngā mihi,

Jess

MFAT Timeline

- **Suva: Tuesday 27 July evening:** UN Resident Coordinator calls our High Commissioner in Suva to inform him that the medical director at CMDHB had called him to say that the Medical Officer of Health has declined the Medevac.
- **New York: Tuesday 27 July evening (NZT):** s6(b)(ii)

- **New York: Very early Wednesday 28 July morning (NZT):** s6(b)(ii) they are reminded of the time in New Zealand.
- **New Zealand: Wednesday 28 July morning:** MFAT updated by Ministry of Health providing more context on process in New Zealand to pass on to UN RC.
- **Suva: Wednesday 28 July morning:** High Commissioner in Suva calls UNRC to provide more context to the decline – i.e. that it's not a willingness issue, it's a capacity issue, and that NZ was still looking at whether other options nationally might be available.
- **New York: Wednesday 28 July morning (NZT):** NZ Permanent Representative calls UN Undersecretary General Khare to provide more context to the decline, and that NZ was still looking at whether other options nationally might be available.
- **New Zealand: Wednesday 28 July morning:** MFAT informed by Ministry of Health that there may be capacity in Auckland to take the patient, and that 3 DHB Heads of ICU will convene to discuss further, including clinical situation (i.e. suitability for MEDEVAC) and safe travel plan.
- **New Zealand: Wednesday 28 July afternoon:** MFAT informed that Auckland DHB Clinical Directors meeting will be held at 1pm to discuss capacity
- **New Zealand: Wednesday 28 July afternoon:** CEO MFAT informed by DG Health that the issue has been sorted. He texts UNRC to relay this information. Note: This is incorrect information. There was no text nor any communication between Chris Seed and the UNRC.
- **New Zealand: Wednesday 28 July afternoon:** MFAT updated following Auckland-based DHB Clinical Directors' meeting, confirming that patient can come to New Zealand.
- **Suva: Wednesday 28 July evening:** High Commissioner in Suva calls UNRC to confirm that NZ will take the patient.
- **New York: Wednesday 28 July evening (NZT):** NZ Permanent Representative conveys to "senior UN contacts" that NZ will take the patient.

From: ROBERTS, Llewellyn (DEVPP) [<mailto:Llewellyn.Roberts@mfat.govt.nz>]
Sent: Wednesday, 4 August 2021 11:30 AM
To: Jessica Thorn <Jessica.Thorn@parliament.govt.nz>
Subject: FW: Fiji UN Covid Medivac issue.

[SEEMAIL] [IN CONFIDENCE]

Opps – I see you already have this, anyway, you've so much in your inbox you might not have had the chance to read through this.

This email chain is likely to form a significant element of any timeline we pull together.

Cheers

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From: ROBERTS, Llewellyn (DEVPP)
Sent: Wednesday, 28 July 2021 7:17 PM
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Subject: FW: Fiji UN Covid Medivac issue.

Hi Jess,

Just a little bit more information for you – the latest is in the email below.

Cheers

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Subject: RE: Fiji UN Covid Medivac issue.

Colleagues,

A final update for this evening following the Auckland-based DHB Clinical Directors' meeting I mentioned below.

- Final confirmation that the patient can come to New Zealand
- We understand that Counties Manukau DHB is already working with Air Ambulance service for a transport to New Zealand tomorrow
- The hospital that the patient will go to is not yet confirmed – this will depend on who comes into DHB's ICUs overnight, and the clinical situation of the patient.

Suva – as discussed (Curr/Roberts) please reach out to the UN Resident Coordinator to provide these confirmation details.

NYK – at your discretion you may wish to inform the contacts that have been reaching out to you.

Media lines will be prepared tomorrow morning by Health.

Thanks for your work and support on this issue today.

Llewellyn

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From: LESLIE, Helen (DEVPP)
Sent: Wednesday, 4 August 2021 10:16 am
To: OWENSON, Hannah (DEVPP)
Subject: FW: Medevac - back pocket lines

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Fyi

From: HARTLAND, Emma (PACMM) <Emma.Hartland@mfat.govt.nz>
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Subject: RE: Medevac - back pocket lines

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Thanks very much Fleur, I'll pass this on to SVA.

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Subject: RE: Medevac - back pocket lines

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Hi Emma

In my view, I don't think SVA should be speaking to MoH lines – it's not a matter for MFAT to be advising on. I would suggest, at most, SVA refer to MoH's media statement, and at the same time, make it clear MoH are the decision-makers and refer enquiries their way.

Fleur

Health authorities have approved a formal request for the transfer and treatment of a patient from Fiji who has tested positive for Covid-19.

The Ministry's approval follows agreement by the metro-Auckland DHBs to treat the patient, and a transfer plan approved by a Medical Officer of Health from the Auckland Regional Public Health Service and agreed to by New Zealand Air Ambulance Service.

The plan takes into consideration the safety of both the patient and the crew who will be transporting the patient.

The metro-Auckland DHBs are working in an extremely busy and dynamic environment, due in part to higher than normal presentations of RSV and winter illness. The receiving hospital is yet to be confirmed, and will be determined by the treatment required by the patient and the capacity in the respective ICUs.

There are appropriate isolation and infection prevention and control plans in place at all the metro-DHB hospitals to accommodate this patient.

The approval follows a request for specialist treatment in New Zealand. Requests for medical treatment in New Zealand from overseas jurisdictions, particularly in the Pacific, are common. Every request is considered, carefully taking into account factors such as the clinical needs of the patient, whether safe transport can be arranged and the availability of care in New Zealand.

While this request was initially declined for capacity reasons, the fluidity of the situation at the metro-Auckland DHB ICUs determined this treatment can be provided. The region will continue to work closely together to manage capacity issues.

The medevac flight will leave New Zealand this morning and return this afternoon.

Any patient coming from Fiji, or any other country, is covered by protocols to protect against the risk of spread of COVID-19. Strong protocols are in place to manage the risk of transferring the patient.

The Ministry of Health has an obligation to protect a patient's privacy and is not able to provide further details.

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Subject: RE: Medevac - back pocket lines

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Hi Emma, copying Media (Fleur?) who liaised with MoH on the lines on Wednesday/Thursday. MFAT hasn't actually said anything publically on the MEDEVAC – all lines have come from MoH.

Fleur, is there something we can provide SUVA or can you ask MoH for some lines that can be used?

Thanks

Helen

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Subject: Medevac - back pocket lines

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Hi Helen,

Following a request from SVA this morning, I wondered whether DEVPP/MoH had any back pocket lines on the recent Medevac? SVA are having other NGO and partners questioning on whether they could expect similar treatment..

Cheers,
Emma

Emma Hartland ([she/her](#))

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