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Dear Hemant

I refer to your request of 12 September 2021, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), as follows:

Can I please get a copy of all correspondence the New Zealand Defence Force has provided to government in relation to the setup of Managed Isolation and/or Quarantine of people on Defense Force property.

The only time New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) property was considered for use as a Managed Isolation and/or quarantine location was early in 2020. Relevant excerpts from Defence Weekly Reports to the Minister of Defence are provided below:

14 February 2020 – Defence Weekly Report (week commencing 10 February 2020)

...the NZDF provided planning support to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade for the repatriation flight from Wuhan, China for 193 New Zealand and approved foreign nationals.

The NZDF also provided planning staff to assist New Zealand Police in its planning and creation of an isolation facility at the Tamaki Leadership Centre (TLC), Whangaparaoa. The NZDF will continue to provide assistance to the Ministry of Health in the management of the isolated individuals at TLC until 19 February when the quarantine period is due to expire. None of those in quarantine at this stage are showing symptoms of the Covid-19.

21 February 2020 – Defence Weekly Report (week commencing 17 February 2020)

The 157 people quarantined at the Whangaparaoa Tamaki Leadership Centre were released on 19 February with no cases of the virus developing. Of the eight New Zealanders on board the cruise ship Diamond Princess in Japan six arrived at the Whangaparaoa centre 20 February to start their 14-day quarantine period. Health officials will continue to monitor this group of people during the quarantine period with each person completing daily health checks.

6 March 2020 – Defence Weekly Report (week commencing 2 March 2020)

The quarantine facility at Whangaparaoa remains available if required.

On 5 February 2020, the NZDF provided a briefing note to the Minister of Defence regarding the provision of accommodation and support at the Tamaki Leadership Centre, Whangaparaoa. A copy of this briefing is enclosed. Where indicated, the name of the NZDF

point of contact is withheld in accordance with section 9(2)(g)(i) of the OIA to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinion. Their contact details are withheld in accordance with section 9(2)(a) of the OIA, to protect individual privacy.

You have the right, under section 28(3) of the OIA, to ask an Ombudsman to review this response to your request.

Yours sincerely



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Enclosure:

1. NZDF Support to Coronavirus Response