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Tēnā koe Penny,

I refer to your request of 15 December 2021, transferred from the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) on 22 December 2021, which has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), for the following information:

- a) *“How many MIQ slots were granted in association with this production for all personnel involved (including crew etc).*
- b) *what was the rationale behind the decision to grant these slots?*
 - i. *in the case of 'job creation' how many jobs are expected to be granted to locals during the course of production?*
 - ii. *in the case of other economic benefits, what evidence was provided and how was it assessed?”*

A response to your request is below:

- a) *“How many MIQ slots were granted in association with this production for all personnel involved (including crew etc).*

To support the Cultural sector, Manatū Taonga are sponsoring up to 20 Managed Isolation and Quarantine (MIQ) rooms per month. There were two MIQ slots granted for the *‘Men in Kilts Season Two’* show, under the monthly cultural allocation. We note other production staff may have entered through the Managed Isolation Allocation System (MIAS) managed by MBIE. We understand, however, that as ‘reason for travel’ is not captured or asked for in MIAS, there is no way to know if anyone entering this way was associated with ‘Men in Kilts’.

- b) *what was the rationale behind the decision to grant these slots?*
 - i. *in the case of 'job creation' how many jobs are expected to be granted to locals during the course of production?*
 - ii. *in the case of other economic benefits, what evidence was provided and how was it assessed?”*

Men in Kilts was granted MIQ places on the basis of information provided by the applicants as to the contribution the production would make to the screen and film sector. Information provided by the applicants included an estimated spend of \$2 million and the employment of around 30 local crew members. The application was approved by a panel that included a representative from the New Zealand Film Commission.

Further information about MIQ applications for the Cultural Sector can be found on the Manatū Taonga website at: <https://mch.govt.nz/miq-applications-cultural-sector>.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this request. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matthew Oliver'.

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