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Tēnā koe Liz

Your request for Official information, reference: HNZ00022126

Thank you for your email on 29 June 2023, asking for the following which has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- *As of 9/6/23, the earliest confirmed case of Covid 19 in New Zealand.*

The earliest confirmed case of Covid-19 in New Zealand was uploaded into the case database on 26 February 2020.

- *As of 9/6/23, the best known estimate of when Covid 19 entered New Zealand.*

According to experts present at the organisations involved at the time, it is difficult to determine when Covid-19 entered New Zealand. No specific estimates were produced at the time.

- *The number of people who died while in MIQ facilities attributed to Covid 19.*
- *The number of people who died within two weeks of arriving into or leaving MIQ attributed to Covid 19 (please exclude those from the previous bullet point, if possible).*

This part of your request is refused under section 18(f) as the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research from individual records. However, we can advise that there have been two deaths attributed to Covid-19 in cases whose infection was detected in managed isolation.

How to get in touch

If you have any questions, you can contact us at h.nzOIA@health.govt.nz. If you are not happy with this response, you have the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman. Information about how to do this is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or by phoning 0800 802 602.

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Nāku iti noa, nā



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