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Tēnā koe Erika,

**Your request for Official information, reference: HNZ00031705**

Thank you for your email on 10 November 2023, asking for the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*"Under schedule 3 of COVID-19 Public Health Response (Air Border) Order 2021, there were exemptions entitled "Exemptions from some COVID-19 provisions". These were for various groups of people:*

- Diplomatic or consular officials*
- New Zealand Defence Force members returning from service*
- Persons arriving on foreign military craft*
- Persons with permission to arrive for humanitarian reasons*
- Refugees*
- Citizens of Afghanistan*

*Please would you share :*

- the number of exemptions that were applied for under this order?*
- the number of exemptions that were given?*
- the above number by "types of exemption" given and by the "various groups" eg NZDF "All COVID-19 provisions" 100 applied and 99 given."*

I am refusing your request under section 18(g) of the Act as the information you have requested is not held by Te Whatu Ora and we have no grounds to believe that the information is held by another entity subject to the Act.

**How to get in touch**

If you have any questions, you can contact us at [hnzOIA@health.govt.nz](mailto:hnzOIA@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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by phoning 0800 802 602.

Nāku iti noa, nā



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