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M.R.M

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Dear M.R.M

Thank you for your email of 5 November 2021 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (the Ministry) requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

"In October 2021 it was announced that "Distinction (Hotel) Hamilton, one of three MIQ managed isolation facilities in Waikato, will move to housing local community cases, enabling them to stay in the region." Against this backdrop, it was reported on 3 November 2021 that; "Nearly 700 people are self isolating at home in Auckland, with the total number of active cases in the region now more than 1900."

Please provide me with all of the relevant information regarding the selection criteria being used to decide - in the Waikato region - which Covid-19 infected cases are required to isolate at the Amohia - Community Isolation Quarantine facility (previously called Distinction (Hotel) Hamilton) and which Covid-19 infected cases can self-isolate in their homes.

Also, please provide me with the exact number of people - in the Waikato region - who have been allowed to self-isolation in their homes to-date, and, what health sector agency or agencies is or are responsible for caring for these cases?

In addition, please provide me with full disclosure information regarding the two other Hamilton managed isolation facilities (Ibis Tainui and Jet Park Hamilton) as follows:-

1) Are they still being used as a managed isolation facilities only, and, if so are cases still being transported to Auckland quarantine facilities when they have tested positive for Covid-19 during the 14 day stay period? If not, where are the Covid-19 infected cases moved to?

2) What has the occupancy rate been for all rooms at the abovementioned two other Hamilton managed isolation facilities for the 12 months from 1 November 2020 to 31 October 2021.

3) What has the occupancy rate been for all rooms at the Distinction (Hotel) Hamilton for the period from 1 November 2020 until the date its use was changed to a "community isolation quarantine facility".

4) How much has it cost to-date to manage and operate the Ibis Tainui and Jet Park Hamilton since the date they were first used as managed isolation facilities until 31 October 2021.

5) How much has it cost to-date to provide military, police and security guard services at the Ibis Tainui and Jet Park Hamilton since the date they were first used as managed isolation facilities until 31 October 2021.

6) How much has it cost to-date to manage and operate the Distinction (Hotel) Hamilton since the date it was first used as a managed isolation facility until the date its use was changed to a "community isolation quarantine facility".



7) *How much has it cost to-date to provide military, police and security guard services at the Distinction (Hotel) Hamilton since the date it was first used as a managed isolation facility until the date its use was changed to a "community isolation quarantine facility."*

8) *How much has it cost in total to-date to do necessary building alterations and improvements - including installation of new air conditioning units, etc. - to the Distinction (Hotel) Hamilton so that it could be used as a "community isolation quarantine facility", and, specify what alterations and improvements were done, as well as their individual and respective costs."*

This letter is to notify you that the Ministry is partially transferring your request to Waikato District Health Board, in accordance with section 14 of the Act. This transfer is occurring because the Ministry believes the following requested information is more closely aligned with the functions Waikato District Health Board:

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You have the right under section 28(3) of the Act to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of my decision to partially transfer your request. The relevant details can be found at: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Yours sincerely



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