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Dear Wendy McGuinness

Thank you for your email dated 29 April 2020 to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet. On 13 May 2020, the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) accepted a partial transfer of your request for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*4. Can you confirm the number of people working in Level 4 and the number of people working in Level 3 that were not working from home?*

*a. Can you confirm the approximate number of people that were not working from home in Level 4?*

*b. Can you confirm (i) the approximate number of additional workers expected to not be working from home in Level 3*

In response to part 4a of your request, MBIE estimates that under Alert Level 4, 529,000 essential workers were going out to work.

In response to part 4b(i) of your request, MBIE estimates that under Alert Level 3, 1,172,000 workers were going out to work. This figure is an increase of 643,000 people from the estimate of those going out to work during the Alert Level 4 conditions.

I hope you find this information useful.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of my decision. The relevant details can be found at: [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz).

Yours sincerely

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