



27 April 2021

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Dear Mr [Redacted]

Thank you for your request made under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA), received on 31 March 2021. You requested the following:

Total GST collection results for the first 12 months for cross border B2C e-commerce, implemented on the 19th of Dec 2019.

On 12 April 2021, you clarified your request to mean the total GST collection for the first 12 months for low value imported goods, which came into effect on 1 December 2019.

As of 1 December 2019, overseas businesses that sell low value goods to consumers in New Zealand have been required to register for, collect and return GST if their total sales to New Zealand were at least \$60,000 in the previous 12 months, or expected to be at least \$60,000 in the next 12 months. A low-value good is defined as a physical good valued at NZ\$1,000 or less, excluding GST.

As at 13 April 2021, the total amount of GST collected on low value imported goods for the 12 months ended 30 November 2020 is estimated¹ to be \$115.2 million.

This amount is only GST collected by Inland Revenue. It does not take into account the amount of GST that would otherwise be collected by Customs on low value goods had the arrangements that existed prior to 1 December 2019 remained in place, as this amount is not known by Inland Revenue.

Thank you for your request. I trust that the information provided is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely

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¹ Some taxpayers are registered for GST on both low value imported goods and remote services, and there is no requirement to provide a breakdown of GST on either aspect. Therefore, an assumption is made as to what proportion of GST relates to low value imported goods for these taxpayers.

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