

Subject: Re: Response to your official information request ref: H2024041780 CRM:0294382
Date: Tuesday, 9 July 2024 at 6:05:58 PM New Zealand Standard Time
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To: [REDACTED]
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Hi again,

I just had another point of clarification.

Your Table 1, now shown in the graph below, shows that the masks were produced from April for MOH (under the contract). However the text in the article below says January and the video in the article implies 26 March. Can you clarify this? It may have simply been a test of a few masks for the Prime Minister in March, with full production from April. If you could also clarify the start date of production (as per the MOH contract) – would be great.

If there was production before April, can you start the table in January 2020, so that we have certainty.

Many thanks Wendy

See 1 April 2020 link below – note the article says ‘Since January, QSi’s fulltime focus has been on making N95 pandemic masks and surgical ASTM level 2 face masks, under contract to the Ministry of Health.’
<https://www.nzherald.co.nz/whanganui-chronicle/news/covid-19-coronavirus-whanganui-company-ysi-cranks-up-mask-manufacture-gets-attention-of-jacinda-ardern/WXVXDKYSGK25P6LSTKUCVSPB7U/>

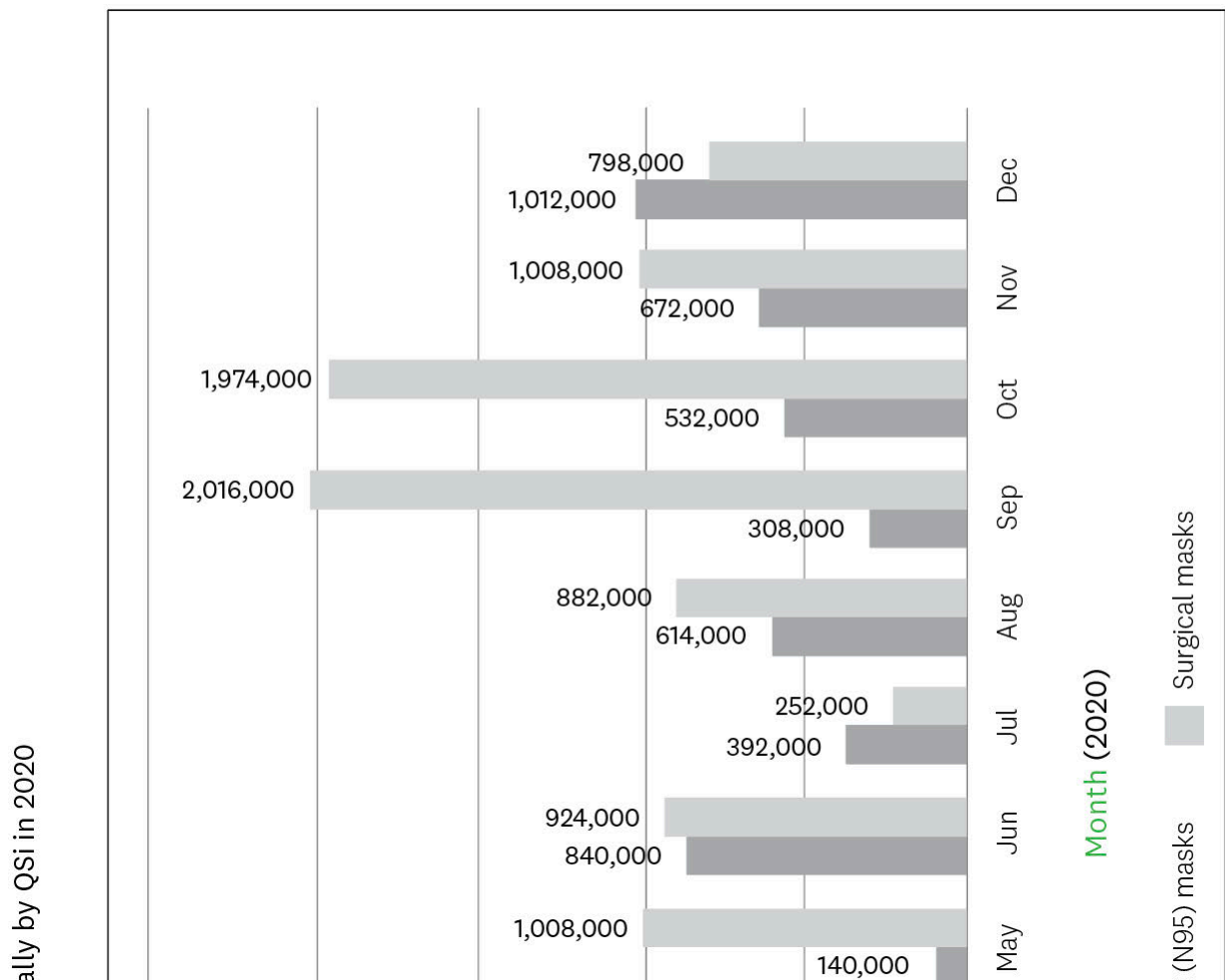
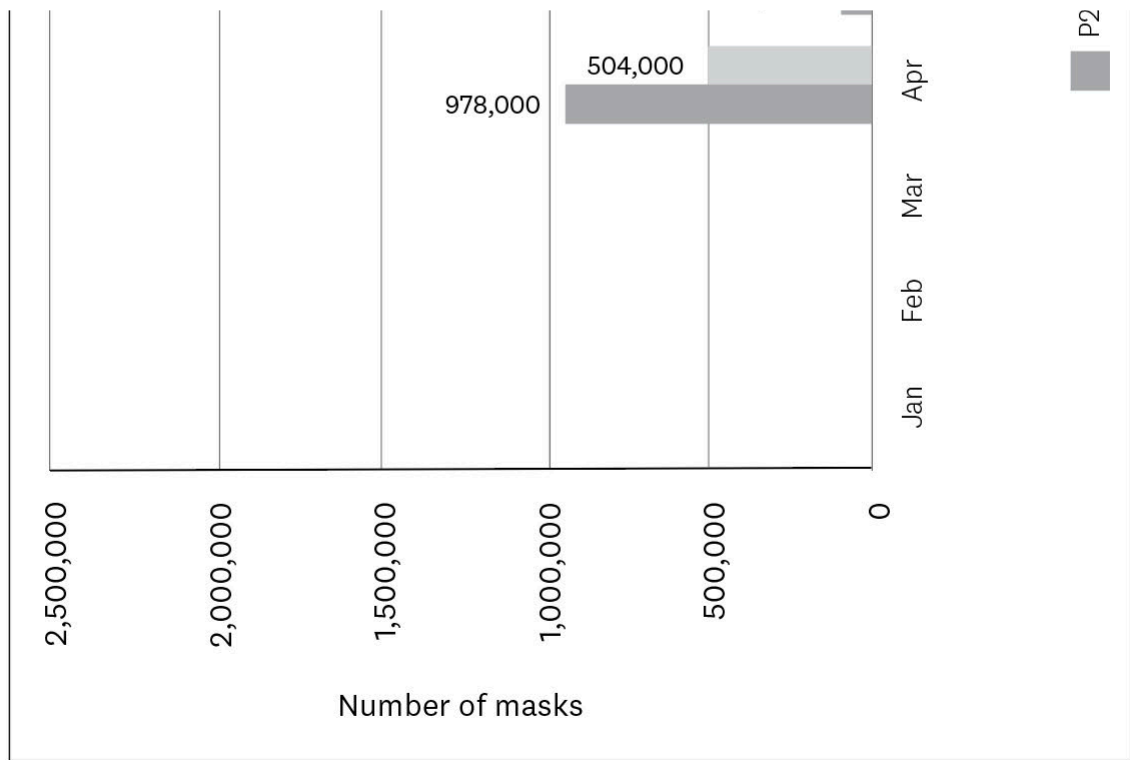


Figure 3.1: Number of PPE masks manufactured domestic:
Adapted from MOH, pers. comm., 18 June 2024



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Hi there,

Many thanks for your response. We now have five follow up questions:

Q1: Can you let us know who activated QSi to start producing masks in April 2020? We assume it was MOH, but can you clarify this. Can you also provide a copy of the letter/email?

Q2: As a follow on from our original question 5, did QSi (or the new company) produce any additional masks for MOH? If yes, can you update the Table 1 you provided to include the number of masks produced to 30 June 2024?

Q3: To clarify, does MOH currently have a contract in 30 June 2024 with the entity that bought QSi (formally known as QSi)? If no, when did that existing contract come to an end? Can you also advise the name of the new company?

Defective masks

Q4: It is mentioned in the press that some of the QSi production was faulty. In the article, found [here](#), it mentions that the older stock was put 'on hold'. Was this stock destroyed or reused? Please advise numbers for each category?

Q5: To follow on from Q4, the article notes that masks from 2016-2020 were tested by MOH. How often were the masks tested? Can you advise when and by whom?

Many thanks, Wendy

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
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Kia ora Wendy,

Please find attached our response to your official information request.

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