

From: [Chris Eccles \(DPC\)](#)
To: [Gaetjens, Phil](#)
Subject: OFFICIAL-SENSITIVE: RE: Assistance re hotel stay security [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]
Date: Wednesday, 8 April 2020 4:02:56 PM
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Thanks Phil

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Sent: Wednesday, 8 April 2020 11:05 AM
To: Chris Eccles (DPC)
Cc: s 22
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Chris

On the question of assistance with security, I am advised the only deal with NSW was in-kind provision of ADF personnel.

I am sure the Commonwealth would be willing to assist Victoria in a similar way if you wanted to reconsider your operating model.

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From: Chris Eccles (DPC) <chris.eccles@dpc.vic.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 24 June 2020 8:15 AM
To: Gaetjens, Phil
Subject: OFFICIAL-SENSITIVE: ADF support

Phil

As per my recent text, the Premier and Prime Minister discussed last night the support that might be provided by the ADF in relation to the current outbreaks in Victoria.

The categories of requested support follow.

Operational coordination and planning support

The State Control Centre and other emergency management arrangements are fully engaged in coordination, operations and logistics, including through whole of government coordination and engagement with other agencies such as the ADF. The mission will involve targeted deployment of DHHS operational capabilities in each region, VicPol capacity (in particular to support enforcement and compliance at hotel quarantine locations and elsewhere) and deployment of ADF personnel and capability in support and logistics roles, and to transport pathology samples interstate for testing if required.

The State Control Centre has remained operational for the duration of the COVID-19 response. Resourcing of the SCC is scalable and will be reviewed by the State Control Team in line with this mission.

EMV have established the combined agency operations group (CAOG). This group combines relevant state agencies and the ADF to provide planning and technical expertise that can assist in a number of areas including planning, logistics and supply chain solutions, and generally assisting at times when normal agency arrangements are becoming overwhelmed. The CAOG forms a part of the overall SCC operating model supporting the State Controller Health.

Staff request: 10-12 planners/logisticians and 4 intelligence officers. This will add to the 9 planners currently operating from the State Control Centre

Medical and co-ordination staff to support drive through testing

In addition to neighbourhood and door to door testing in hotspot suburbs it is essential to maintain a baseline testing level to effectively monitor the spread of the virus across the state.

A baseline target of 10,000 test a day will be set to ensure anyone with mild symptoms can get tested across the state. This is on top of testing of testing associated with any outbreaks, sensitive sights and close contacts of confirmed cases.

Existing retail and drive through sites will be maintained. An additional ten drive through testing sites will be stood up this week. This will include large drive through sites to support the effort, including the showgrounds, race courses and the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre. ADF co-ordination and medical support for these testing sites is requested.

Staff request: 5 planners/logisticians and 200 medical staff

Security support services for hotel operations

Similar to support provided in NSW, ADF security support for passengers entering and exiting hotel quarantine is sought.

Personnel request: between 50-100 personnel

Our contact person is s 47F health commander, who can be contacted at s 47F and on s 47F.

I'm also happy to discuss.

Thanks

Chris

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To: [Chris Eccles](#)
Cc: s 22
Subject: Request for ADF assistance
Date: Thursday, 25 June 2020 3:13:07 PM

Chris

Further to our conversation a few minutes ago, I have alerted Lieutenant General Frewen of the impending email and orally updated him of the revised request.

For your info, he wanted me to pass on that once we receive your email, ADF will liaise with EMV to put the detail and process requirements into the request. This is also necessary under the legislation that deals with the processes setting out how the ADF can be utilised by the states.

On the 4th RFA you referred to in our conversation, which corresponds I understand with what the Premier mentioned in his press conference, would you please be specific on the detail regarding land and air transport of goods and passengers. I would note that passenger transport options in the ADF may be limited and other states have used private sector bus and coach transport.

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Chris and Phil,

Thanks. I confirm that we have these requests. We are working them through EMA prior to formal acceptance but see no concerns with fulfilling them. We are already preparing forces in anticipation for the new tasks and believe we will be able to meet the stated timelines.

Best regards

John Frewen

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From: Rebecca Falkingham (DJCS) s 47F

Sent: Thursday, 25 June 2020 3:59 PM

To: Chris Eccles (DPC) <chris.eccles@dpc.vic.gov.au>

Subject: Signed RFAs

Four signed request for Assistance:

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- RFA-014: seeking 12 strategic planners (agreed 24 June)
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