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AGENDA VERSION 4

Friday 10 July 2020

10AM to 1PM

Canberra - Parliament House Briefing Room via Telepresence (ACT)

NO		RESPONSIBLE
1.	Strategic Discussion	
(a)	Economic Support Package - Enrolment and Application Data (Other SM20/0775 refers)	Mr Morrison
2.	Coronavirus Update (Other SM20/0772 refers)	Dr Kelly
(a)	Victorian Outbreak (Oral Update SM20/0778)	Premier Andrews Dr Kelly
(b)	Planning for Localised Outbreaks (Paper)	Dr Kelly
(c)	Domestic Border Controls (Paper)	Prime Minister
(d)	Flow of International Passengers (Paper)	Prime Minister
(e)	Nation-Wide Review of Hotel Quarantine Arrangements (Paper)	Dr Kelly

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- (b) Management of Health Risk Related to COVID-19
(*Paper*)

6. Other Business

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AGENDA VERSION 7

Friday 24 July 2020

10AM to 1PM

Canberra - Parliament House Briefing Room via Telepresence (ACT)

NO		RESPONSIBLE
1.	Strategic Discussion	
2.	Coronavirus Update <i>(Other SM20/0802 refers)</i>	Professor Kelly
(a)	AHPPC Advice - Responding to Localised Outbreaks <i>(Paper)</i>	Professor Kelly
(b)	Update on Easing Restrictions <i>(Paper)</i>	Prime Minister Professor Kelly
3.	Domestic Border Controls <i>(Other CN0001969 to be circulated)</i>	
(a)	Domestic Border Closures <i>(Oral Update)</i>	Prime Minister
(b)	Freight Movement Protocol <i>(Paper)</i>	Prime Minister

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5. Items for Noting
- (a) Resumption of Community Sport
(Paper)
 - (b) AHPPC Supporting Documentation

(Papers)

6. Other Business
(Other SM20/0800 refers)

Mr Morrison

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AGENDA VERSION 4

Friday 04 September 2020

10AM to 1PM

Canberra - Parliament House Briefing Room via Telepresence (ACT)

NO		RESPONSIBLE
1.	Strategic Discussion	
2.	Coronavirus Update <i>(Other SM20/0991 refers)</i>	
(a)	Epidemiological Update <i>(Paper)</i>	Dr Kelly
3.	Border Management Issues <i>(Other SM20/0992 refers)</i>	
(a)	Agriculture Workers Code <i>(Paper)</i>	Prime Minister
(b)	Caps on International Air Passenger Arrivals <i>(Paper)</i>	Prime Minister
(c)	COVID-19 Hotspot Definition <i>(Paper)</i>	Dr Kelly

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5. Items for Noting

- (a) AHPPC Supporting Documentation
(*Paper*)
- (b) Social Policy and Mental Health Dashboard
(*Paper*)
- (c) AHPPC Statement on Very High Risk Environments
(*Paper*)
- (d) Data on Exemptions to Domestic Border Controls
(*Paper*)

6. Other Business

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SM20/0991/NATCAB
04 September 2020

CABINET MINUTE NATIONAL CABINET

Paper	SM20/0991	CORONAVIRUS UPDATE
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The National Cabinet:

1. Noted the:
 - (a) epidemiological update by the Acting Chief Medical Officer
 - (b) Australian Health Protection Principal Committee statement on Very High Risk Environments
 - (c) Social Policy and Mental Health Dashboard
 - (d) data on exemptions to domestic border controls
 - (e) 3-Step Framework for a COVID-Safe Australia
 - (f) updates from Premiers and Chief Ministers on developments and preparedness activities in their jurisdictions.
2. Agreed senior officials undertake further work to agree a format for public release of data on exemptions to domestic border controls.

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AGENDA VERSION 5

Friday 18 September 2020

10AM to 1PM

Canberra - Parliament House Briefing Room via Telepresence (ACT)

NO		RESPONSIBLE
1.	Strategic Discussion	
2.	Coronavirus Update (Other SM20/1059 refers)	
(a)	Epidemiological Update (Paper)	Dr Kelly
(b)	Contact Tracing - Lessons Learned (Paper)	Professor Finkel Commodore Hill
(c)	ADF Support - Update (Oral Update)	Lieutenant General Frewen
(d)	Aged Care - National Readiness (Paper)	Prime Minister
3.	Border Management Issues (Other SM20/1060 refers)	
(a)	Caps on International Air Passenger Arrivals (Paper)	Prime Minister
(b)	Australian Airlines and Passenger Contact Tracing (Paper)	Prime Minister
(c)	Agriculture Workers Code (Oral Update)	Prime Minister
(d)	National Review of Hotel Quarantine Arrangements (Oral Update)	Ms Halton
4.	Economic Issues (Other SM20/1061 refers)	

- (a) NCC Advisory Board Update - Corporate Best Practice
(*Paper*)

Mr Power

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5. Items for Noting

- (a) AHPPC Supporting Documentation
- (b) Social Policy and Mental Health Dashboard
- (c) Data on Exemptions to Domestic Border Controls
(*Paper*)
- (d) AHPPC Advice on Cross-Border and Boarding Student
Arrangements for Schools

Mr Morrison

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6. Other Business

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SM20/1059/NATCAB
18 September 2020

CABINET MINUTE NATIONAL CABINET

Paper	SM20/1059	CORONAVIRUS UPDATE
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The National Cabinet:

1. Noted the:
 - (a) oral update by the Prime Minister on the extension of Medicare-subsidised telehealth services
 - (b) epidemiological update by the Acting Chief Medical Officer
 - (c) oral update by Lieutenant General Frewen on Australian Defence Force support
 - (d) social policy and mental health dashboard
 - (e) Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC):
 - (i) Advice on Cross Border and Boarding Student Arrangements for Schools
 - (ii) endorsed the immediate stand-up of Aged Care Health Emergency Response Centres in all jurisdictions
 - (iii) supporting documentation
 - (f) updates from Premiers and Chief Ministers on developments and preparedness activities in their jurisdictions.
2. Considered the paper Contact Tracing – Lessons Learned.
3. Agreed:
 - (a) the Chief Scientist will review jurisdictions' track and trace systems to strengthen national contact tracing capacity to effectively suppress COVID-19

- (b) the Commonwealth Government ('the Commonwealth') will lead work with States and Territories to enhance exchange of case and outbreak management data to improve national outbreak management.
- 4. Considered the paper Aged Care – National Readiness.
- 5. Noted the:
 - (a) continuing preparations to ensure jurisdictions are in the best possible position to respond to outbreaks in aged care, particularly in the event of sustained or escalating community transmission
 - (b) jurisdictions' progress on efforts to boost preparedness of aged care providers at the local, state and national level
 - (c) Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission's ('the Commission'):
 - (i) commitment to working with State and Territory authorities to enable the preparedness of aged care facilities
 - (ii) update on the infection control monitoring and site visits work program.
- 6. Agreed:
 - (a) First Ministers will provide assurance at the next National Cabinet meeting that Aged Care Health Emergency Response Centres can be stood up within 48 hours
 - (b) States and Territories will grant border restriction exemptions to Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission staff to conduct site visits when requested
 - (c) reports from visits and audits of aged care facilities by the Commission or relevant State or Territory agencies will be shared in order to ensure optimal levels of readiness to respond to any COVID- 19 outbreaks.

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AGENDA VERSION 12

Friday 13 November 2020


10AM to 1PM

Canberra - Parliament House Briefing Room via Telepresence (ACT)

NO		RESPONSIBLE
1.	Strategic Discussion	
2.	Coronavirus Update	
(a)	Epidemiological Update (Paper)	Dr Kelly
(b)	National Contact Tracing Review (Paper)	Dr Finkel
(c)	COVID-19 Vaccination Strategy (Paper)	Prime Minister Dr Murphy Dr Kelly
3.	Border Management Issues	
(a)	Framework for National Reopening - Comeback (Paper)	Prime Minister
(b)	Quarantine Risk Stratification Framework for International Cohorts (Paper)	Dr Kelly
(c)	Caps on International Air Passenger Arrivals (Paper)	Prime Minister
(d)	International Students (Oral Update)	Prime Minister

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8. Items for Noting

- (a) AHPPC Supporting Documentation
(*Paper*)
- (b) National Cabinet Committee Minutes
(*Paper*)
- (c) Update on COVID-19 Regulatory Changes
(*Paper*)

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- (e) Health National Cabinet Reform Committee - Comeback
(*Paper*)
- (f) Arts Roadmap to Recovery
(*Paper*)
- (g) Social Policy and Mental Health Dashboard
(*Paper*)
- (h) Mental Health Supports in Quarantine
(*Paper*)
- (i) Data on Domestic Border Exemptions
(*Paper*)
- (j) Class Exemption for Returning Antarctic Expeditions and Crew
(*Paper*)
- (k) National COVID-19 Aged Care Plan – Comeback
(*Paper*)

9. Other Business

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SM20/1221/NATCAB
13 November 2020

CABINET MINUTE NATIONAL CABINET

Paper	SM20/1221	CORONAVIRUS UPDATE
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The National Cabinet:

1. Noted the:
 - (a) epidemiological update by the Acting Chief Medical Officer
 - (b) Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) supporting documentation
 - (c) social policy and mental health dashboard
 - (d) advice on mental health screening, assessment and support during COVID-19 quarantine
 - (e) Class Exemption from 14-day quarantine requirements in all jurisdictions for Australian Antarctic Division expeditioners and associated crew returning to Tasmania from Antarctica, and then onto their home state or territory or abroad.
2. Considered the paper COVID-19 Vaccination Strategy.
3. Endorsed the National Vaccination Policy.
4. Agreed the Commonwealth Government ('the Commonwealth') will prepare the final vaccination roll-out plan in consultation with States and Territories.
5. Noted:
 - (a) the COVID-19 vaccination strategy update, including the roles and responsibilities outlined for the Commonwealth and the States and Territories

- (b) jurisdictions will present finalised implementation plans at the next National Cabinet meeting
 - (c) the public release of the National Vaccination Policy.
6. Considered the paper National Contact Tracing Review.
 7. Endorsed the 22 recommendations in the National Contact Tracing Review, including a data exchange pilot involving Victoria, New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory.
 8. Considered the paper National COVID-19 Aged Care Plan – Comeback.
 9. Noted:
 - (a) the draft National COVID-19 Aged Care Plan
 - (b) as per recommendation four of the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety special report into the impact of COVID-19 on aged care:
 - (i) the Commonwealth has updated the National COVID-19 Aged Care Plan
 - (ii) the AHPPC Aged Care Advisory Group is now a permanent advisory group
 - (c) the Commonwealth is working with the States and Territories and the aged care sector in developing detailed guidance for:
 - (i) hospital transfer protocols
 - (ii) hospital in the home programs
 - (iii) joint protocols for the coordination of support to residential aged care facilities through the established aged care emergency response centres.
 10. Considered the Arts Roadmap to Recovery and national principles for reactivating live performance venues and events.
 11. Agreed to publicly release the Arts Roadmap to Recovery.

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AGENDA VERSION 5


Friday 04 June 2021

9AM to 10.30AM

Canberra - Parliament House Briefing Room via Telepresence (ACT)

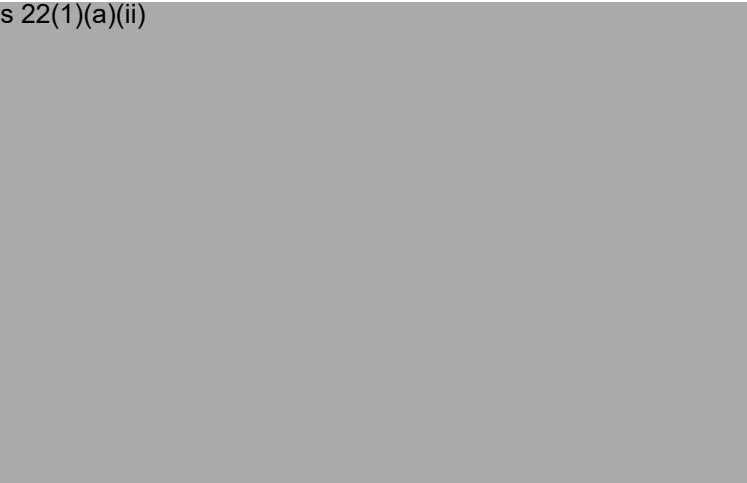
NO		RESPONSIBLE	CO-OPTED
1.	Strategic Discussion (Other SM21/0461 refers)	Mr Morrison	
	(a) Stand-alone Quarantine Facilities - Commonwealth Partnership Assessment Criteria (Paper)	Prime Minister	
	(b) Temporary COVID-19 Disaster Payment (Paper)	Prime Minister	
2.	COVID-19 Risk Analysis and Response - Taskforce Report (Memorandum)	Mr Gaetjens	
3.	Coronavirus Update		
	(a) Epidemiological Update (Paper)	Professor Murphy Professor Kelly	
	(b) Vaccine Rollout (Paper)	Professor Murphy Professor Kelly	
	(c) Domestic Vaccine Certification (Paper)	Prime Minister	
4.	Update on Hospital Presentations (Memorandum)	Professor Murphy	
5.	Border Management Issues		
	(a) Caps on International Air Passenger Arrivals (Paper)	Prime Minister	

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7. Items for Endorsement / Correspondence for Noting
 - (a) AHPPC Supporting Documentation
(*Paper*)
 - (b) Updated AHPPC Statement on Australia's National Managed Quarantine Principles
(*Paper*)
 - (c) Social Policy and Mental Health Dashboard
(*Paper*)
 - (d) Economic Support Package Enrolment and Application Data
(*Paper*)
 - (e) Data on Domestic Border Exemptions
(*Paper*)

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8. Other Business

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Other	SM21/0461	STRATEGIC DISCUSSION
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The National Cabinet:

1. Noted unauthorised electronic devices are not to be taken into National Cabinet meetings to preserve the security and confidentiality of meetings.
2. Considered the Paper titled Stand-alone Quarantine Facilities-Commonwealth Partnership Assessment Criteria, with Queensland noting the late arrival of the Paper.
3. All States and Territories, with the exception of Queensland, noted:
 - (a) the assessment criteria the Commonwealth Government ('the Commonwealth') will apply to assessing proposals for funding of stand-alone quarantine facilities
 - (b) the Commonwealth is working with Victoria on a Memorandum of Understanding on the basis that its initial proposal meets the criteria
 - (c) the Commonwealth welcomes proposals from other jurisdictions that meet the assessment criteria.
4. Considered the Paper titled Temporary COVID-19 Disaster Payment.

5. Agreed:
 - (a) the Commonwealth will fund the COVID-19 Disaster Payment in line with the criteria attached to the Paper for eligible areas and people in States and Territories
 - (b) States and Territories will remain responsible for funding support for business in the event of lockdowns.
6. Agreed the Council on Federal Financial Relations will consider business support approaches across jurisdictions with a view to achieving a nationally consistent approach to the provision of support for businesses in the event of COVID-19 events, including lockdowns.
7. Noted the Prime Minister will write to First Ministers seeking agreement to the payment, including cost-sharing arrangements.

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AGENDA VERSION 1

Monday 21 June 2021

10AM to 11AM

Canberra - Parliament House (ACT)

NO

1. Strategic Discussion
2. Update on Vaccine Rollout
3. Other Business

RESPONSIBLE

Prime Minister

Lt. General Frewen
Professor Murphy
Professor Kelly

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Other	SM21/0577	UPDATE ON VACCINE ROLLOUT
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The National Cabinet:

1. Considered the Paper titled Update on Vaccine Rollout.
2. Noted the briefings from the Secretary of the Department of Health, the Chief Medical Officer and the Coordinator-General of the National COVID-19 Vaccine Taskforce.
3. Agreed to prioritise Pfizer appointments for people aged 40-59 and Phase 1a eligible people under the age of 40.
4. Noted:
 - (a) the updated advice of the Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation recommending the Pfizer vaccine be preferred for adults under the age of 60 (Attachment A1 to the Paper refers) and that people aged 50-59 can now book appointments for the Pfizer vaccine
 - (b) the Coordinator-General has provided each state and territory government with planning projections of Pfizer and AstraZeneca doses for their jurisdiction over the remainder of 2021 to inform state and territory plans, and that this information may be subject to commercial sensitivities
 - (c) the Coordinator-General will brief Victoria and other jurisdictions on the arrangements for the distribution of vaccines from the Commonwealth for second doses.

5. Noted the importance of consistent messaging matching the ongoing medical advice which recommends:

- (a) adults 60 years and over receiving Astra-Zeneca vaccinations
- (b) individuals who have received a first dose of Astra Zeneca completing their second dose.

6. Agreed the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee will provide advice for the National Cabinet on the medical necessity of domestic border and lockdown controls for individuals who have had COVID-19 vaccinations to incentivise the take-up of vaccinations.

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AGENDA VERSION 1

Monday 28 June 2021

5.30PM to 6.30PM

Canberra - Parliament House Briefing Room via Telepresence (ACT)

NO		RESPONSIBLE
1.	Strategic Discussion	
2.	Epidemiological Update (<i>Oral Update</i>)	Professor Kelly Professor Murphy
3.	Update on Vaccine Rollout (<i>Oral Update SM21/0598</i>)	Lt. General Frewen Professor Kelly Professor Murphy
4.	COVID-19 National Coordination and Support (<i>Oral Update SM21/0599</i>)	Prime Minister
5.	AHPPC Advice on Aged Care and Quarantine Workforce (<i>Paper</i>)	Professor Kelly
6.	Other Business	

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28 June 2021

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Other	SM21/0492	CORONAVIRUS UPDATE
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The National Cabinet:

1. Noted the oral updates by the Chief Medical Officer, the Coordinator-General of the National COVID-19 Vaccine Taskforce and the Secretary of the Commonwealth Department of Health on:

- (a) Epidemiology
- (b) the Vaccine Rollout.

2. Considered the Paper titled AHPPC Statements on Quarantine and Vaccinating High Risk Cohorts ('the Paper').

3. Noted the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee's (AHPPC) statements on:

- (a) Residential Aged Care Workers COVID-19 Vaccination (Attachment A to the Paper refers)
- (b) Testing Travellers Once They Leave Managed Quarantine (Attachment B to the Paper refers)
- (c) Minimising the Risk of Transmission From High Risk International Travellers in Managed Quarantine Facilities (Attachment C to the Paper refers)
- (d) Vaccinating and Testing Quarantine Workers (Attachment D to the Paper) refers.

4. Agreed to implement the following-measures:
 - (a) to mandate vaccination (i.e. of at least one dose) of the residential aged care workforce against COVID-19 as a condition of working in a facility, through shared state, territory and Commonwealth Government ('the Commonwealth') authorities and compliance measures, by mid-September 2021
 - (b) that a robust risk and benefit assessment of mandatory vaccination of the residential aged care workforce be completed by the AHPPC and provided to the National Cabinet by early August 2021
 - (c) to mandate post-quarantine testing for returned travellers and close contacts, two to three days after travellers have finished their quarantine period, with the AHPPC to provide further advice to the National Cabinet on implementation arrangements
 - (d) to accommodate international quarantine residents, or other high infectious risk quarantine residents, separately from other lower risk residents
 - (e) all state and territories to mandate testing and vaccination for individuals directly and indirectly working in quarantine, including workers involved in the transport of quarantined individuals
 - (f) to allow travellers who have gone through 14 day quarantine in one jurisdiction to enter other jurisdictions without having to quarantine for another 14 days (but will remain subject to post-quarantine testing in paragraph 4(c) above).
5. Noted the Commonwealth will:
 - (a) implement an \$11 million grant program to encourage residential aged care facilities to provide staff with leave to get vaccinated
 - (b) implement a no fault indemnity scheme for General Practitioners who administer COVID-19 vaccines
 - (c) engage with the air transport and mining sectors with regard to their vaccination practices. The AHPPC will, in parallel, consider vaccination arrangements for fly-in fly-out workers in the resources sector and travelling employees in the aviation sector, and will also review current requirements under the existing national freight code and consider if any updates are necessary
 - (d) investigate COVID disaster payment eligibility requirements with a view to ensuring that affected individuals who isolate in a different jurisdiction from where the impact arose are able to access the payment.

6. Noted the Coordinator-General of the National COVID-19 Vaccine Taskforce will facilitate greater information sharing between the Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations (ACCHOs) and the NT Government to facilitate improved information flows on the vaccine rollout to NT indigenous communities.
7. Agreed to meet again on 2 July 2021.

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NATIONAL CABINET

AGENDA VERSION 2

Friday 02 July 2021

9AM to 10AM

Canberra - Parliament House Briefing Room via Telepresence (ACT)

NO		RESPONSIBLE
1.	Strategic Discussion	
2.	Coronavirus Update (<i>Oral Update SM21/0612</i>)	Professor Kelly Professor Murphy
(a)	Epidemiological Update (<i>Oral Update SM21/0686</i>)	Professor Kelly
(b)	National Partnership Agreement on COVID-19 Response (<i>Paper</i>)	Prime Minister
3.	Update on Vaccine Rollout (<i>Oral Update CN0004722</i>)	Lt. General Frewen Professor Kelly Professor Murphy
(a)	Update on changes to AstraZeneca access (<i>Oral Update CN0004724</i>)	Lt. General Frewen
(b)	AHPPC Statement on Mandatory Vaccination of Disability Workers (<i>Paper</i>)	Professor Kelly
(c)	National Business Partnership (<i>Paper</i>)	Lt. General Frewen
4.	Managing International Passenger Arrivals and Departures (<i>Paper</i>)	Prime Minister
5.	Other Business	

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02 July 2021

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Oral Update	SM21/0612	CORONAVIRUS UPDATE
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The National Cabinet:

1. Noted the update from the Chief Medical Officer on the epidemiological situation.
2. Noted the update from the Coordinator-General National Vaccine Taskforce on Operation COVID Shield.
3. Considered the Paper titled National Partnership Agreement on COVID-19 Response.
4. Noted under the National Partnership on COVID-19 Response, the Commonwealth Government ('the Commonwealth') has provided \$5.766 billion to date to support States and Territories ('the States') to proactively manage the COVID-19 pandemic as part of the broader health response which totals more than \$27 billion.
5. Noted the Commonwealth:
 - (a) will maintain its commitment to the National Partnership on COVID-19 Response and will continue to provide support for all elements of the Partnership, including the Hospital Services Payment, State Public Health Payment, Vaccine Schedule, Aged Care Schedule, and the Private Hospital Viability Guarantee, through to 30 June 2022, with current estimates to provide an additional \$752.1 million over the next financial year and will vary in line with the States actual costs

- (b) in partnership with the States will consider and review the National Partnership on COVID-19 Response in the first half of 2022, which takes into account both the domestic COVID-19 situation, including status of uptake of vaccination, and international experience
 - (c) has expanded its support for General Practitioners to deliver COVID-19 vaccinations and support patients in making an informed choice through the provision of an in-depth consultation Medicare Benefits Schedule rebate that was initially made available from 18 June 2021 for patient 50 years and over and subsequently expanded to all age groups from 29 June 2021
 - (d) has extended over 300 temporary telehealth items on the Medicare Benefits Schedule to 31 December 2021, continuing to support COVID safe access to health services
 - (e) is finalising details for the medical indemnity arrangements and will provide a further update on these arrangements at the next meeting of the National Cabinet.
6. Considered the Paper titled National Business Partnership.
7. Noted the National COVID Vaccine Taskforce will establish a National Business Partnership, to engage with Australian business and industry on opportunities to encourage, incentivise and vaccinate as many Australians this year.
8. Agreed all governments will work with business and industry under the National Business Partnership.
9. Noted:
- (a) the Coordinator-General National COVID Vaccine Taskforce will discuss with State and Territory officials the potential to vaccinate their workforces, leveraging off the successful model used by the Australian Defence Force
 - (b) the intention of the Business Partnership is to leverage unutilised and underutilised industry workforces in order to increase points of presence for the vaccine rollout
 - (c) the Commonwealth Treasurer will be involved in the Partnership and will progress relevant considerations through the Council on Federal Financial Relations as necessary.

10. Considered the Paper titled Managing International Passenger Arrivals and Departures and the update from the Australian Border Force Commissioner on the oversight of exemptions for outbound and inbound international travel.

11. Noted:

- (a) the information on international passenger arrivals and departures
- (b) the impact of any further reductions of international arrivals caps.

12. Agreed the First Secretaries Group will continue to monitor international passenger arrivals and departures and provide advice to the National Cabinet as required.

13. Noted the Commonwealth is progressing work on the COVID-19 disaster payment arrangements consistent with the discussion at the National Cabinet meeting on 28 June 2021.

14. Agreed to discuss the paper titled AHPPC Statement on Mandatory Vaccination of Disability Workers at the next meeting of the National Cabinet following further consideration by the AHPPC.

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16. Agreed to meet again on 9 July 2021.

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AGENDA VERSION 6

Friday 09 July 2021

1PM to 2.30PM

Canberra - Parliament House Briefing Room via Telepresence (ACT)

NO		RESPONSIBLE
1.	Strategic Discussion	
2.	COVID-19 Risk Analysis and Response Taskforce Update (<i>Oral Update</i>)	Mr Gaetjens
3.	Coronavirus Update	
(a)	Epidemiological Update (<i>Paper</i>)	Professor Kelly Professor Murphy
(b)	Health System Capacity (<i>Paper</i>)	Professor Kelly Professor Murphy
(c)	Vaccine Rollout (<i>Paper</i>)	Lt. General Frewen Professor Murphy Professor Kelly
(d)	Vaccine Rollout Communications Plan Update (<i>Memorandum</i>)	Lt. General Frewen
4.	Aged Care Workforce Vaccinations (<i>Paper</i>)	Professor Kelly
5.	AHPPC Statements	
(a)	AHPPC Statement on Vaccination Arrangements for Workers in Mobile Workforce (<i>Paper</i>)	Professor Kelly
(b)	AHPPC Statement on Mandatory Vaccination of Disability Workers (<i>Paper</i>)	Professor Kelly
(c)	AHPPC Statement for Public Health Management of Persons Fully Vaccinated Against SARS-CoV-2	Professor Kelly

(Paper)

6. International Passenger Arrivals
(Paper)

Prime Minister

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8. Items for Endorsement / Correspondence for Noting

- (a) AHPPC Supporting Documentation
(Paper)
- (b) National Cabinet Reform Committee Papers
(Paper)
- (c) Social Policy and Mental Health Dashboard
(Paper)

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- (e) Data on Domestic Border Exemptions
(Paper)
- (f) National Cabinet Reform Committee Minutes
(Paper)

9. Other Business

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09 July 2021

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Other	SM21/0492	CORONAVIRUS UPDATE
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The National Cabinet:

1. Noted the oral update on the COVID-19 Risk Analysis and Response Taskforce Update.
2. Agreed a joint meeting of the First Secretaries Group, with Health Chief Executive Officers and the Heads of Treasury will consider the modelling and the implementation of the National Plan before its consideration by the National Cabinet within a month.
3. Noted the Epidemiological Update prepared by the Commonwealth Department of Health.
4. Noted the Paper titled Health System Capacity.
5. Noted the:
 - (a) current status of Intensive Care Unit (ICU) capacity, including the availability of ventilation across Australia
 - (b) extent to which jurisdictions are prepared should there be an increase in ICU cases nationally
 - (c) National Medical Stockpile retains a significant volume of invasive ventilators and personal protective equipment if required.
6. Agreed the National Cabinet receive regular updates on health system capacity.

7. Noted the Paper titled Vaccine Rollout.
8. Noted:
 - (a) the briefing on the vaccination program by Lieutenant General John Frewen, Coordinator General of the National COVID Vaccine Taskforce, including increasing rates of vaccination, successful wargaming activities and increasing allocation of vaccines from August 2021
 - (b) Australia remains on track for everyone in Australia to access a COVID-19 vaccine in 2021, with increasing mRNA vaccine supply and delivery channels from September 2021 onwards
 - (c) the manually collected data in the COVID-19 Vaccine Rollout Daily Update will be replaced with data from the Australian Immunisation Register, with the data fields and timing of release to be settled by the Coordinator General of the National COVID Vaccine Taskforce in consultation with State and Territory officials.
9. Noted the Memorandum titled Vaccine Rollout Communications Plan Update.
10. Noted:
 - (a) the new Arm Yourself advertising will start in the market on Sunday 11 July 2021
 - (b) the media plan booked for July 2021 and August 2021
 - (c) a national COVID-19 vaccines communication plan will be brought forward to the National Cabinet within a month.
11. Noted the Paper titled Aged Care Workforce Vaccination.
12. Noted at the 28 June 2021 meeting, the National Cabinet agreed to implement the measure to mandate vaccination (i.e. of at least one dose) of the residential aged care workforce against COVID-19 as a condition of working in a facility, through shared State, Territory and Commonwealth Government ('the Commonwealth') authorities and compliance measures, by mid-September 2021.
13. Noted all States and Territories, with the exception of Victoria, will introduce Public Health Orders for the mandatory vaccination of all aged care workers.
14. Noted that in Victoria the decision on the introduction of a Public Health Order rests independently with the Chief Health Officer and a decision has not yet been made.

15. Noted the current status of the COVID-19 vaccine rollout to aged care workers including:

- (a) primary care vaccination sites are being requested by the Commonwealth to prioritise access to a vaccine booking (with AstraZeneca or Pfizer if available) within two weeks upon receiving a request from an aged care worker during July 2021
- (b) in addition to the broader COVID-19 communications campaign, the Commonwealth has begun a targeted campaign to drive vaccine uptake by residential aged workers.

16. Agreed to give all aged care workers choice of COVID-19 vaccine type and to prioritise these workers for vaccination at all COVID-19 vaccinations sites.

17. Noted the Paper titled COVID-19 Vaccination Arrangements for Workers in Mobile Workforces.

18. Noted the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) statement on strongly encouraging vaccination in sectors with high mobility, such as the aviation, mining resources and freight sectors (Attachment A1 to the Paper refers), and that it will be published on the Commonwealth Department of Health website.

19. Noted the Paper titled Mandating COVID-19 Vaccination of Residential Disability Support Workers.

20. Noted the AHPPC statement on encouraging COVID-19 vaccination of disability support workers (Attachment A1 to the Paper refers) and that it will be published on the Commonwealth Department of Health website.

21. Noted:

- (a) mandating full vaccination of disability support workers who support National Disability Insurance Scheme participants in high risk disability residential settings by 31 October 2021 will be considered in August
- (b) AHPPC will review progress in addressing vaccine uptake and the relative COVID-19 risk in a range of disability residential settings by August 2021.

22. Noted the Commonwealth will work with States and Territories to improve vaccine uptake among disability support workers in phases 1a and 1b of the COVID-19 vaccine rollout, including the:

- (a) prioritisation of their appointments
- (b) provision of choice of vaccine
- (c) full implementation of a comprehensive and targeted communication strategy to address vaccine uptake, clarify eligibility and vaccination access arrangements
- (d) consideration of mandatory reporting of COVID-19 vaccination status among disability support workers
- (e) consideration of options to increase COVID-19 vaccination of disability support workers.

23. Noted that the Coordinator-General of the National COVID Vaccine Taskforce will engage with business leaders to explore options for incentives for aged care and disability support workers to receive COVID vaccinations.

24. Noted the Paper titled AHPPC Statement for Public Health Management of Persons Fully Vaccinated Against SARS-CoV-2.

25. Noted the AHPPC statement on the public health management of persons fully vaccinated against SARS-CoV-19 (Attachment A1 to the Paper refers).

26. Noted:

- (a) the ongoing threat of COVID-19 outbreaks occurring in Australia while the vaccine rollout is being delivered
- (b) Australia needs a staged approach to re-opening international borders and AHPPC recommends commencing with pilot trials of 14 day home quarantine.

27. Agreed South Australia will pilot a 14 day home quarantine trial on behalf of the National Cabinet, initially for select individuals vaccinated in Australia, with other jurisdictions to engage directly with South Australia on the trial if they wish and with details and outcomes of the trial to be provided to the COVID-19 Risk Analysis and Response Taskforce.

28. Noted the Paper titled International Passenger Arrivals.

29. Noted efforts to implement the decisions of the 2 July 2021 National Cabinet meeting including:

- (a) temporarily halving international air passenger arrival caps by 14 July 2021
- (b) increasing the number of facilitated commercial flights into Darwin for quarantine at the Centre for National Resilience at Howard Springs.

30. Noted the impact of the reduction in international air passenger caps on the ability of Australians to return home, and the importance of moving to a two-channel approach of vaccinated and unvaccinated arrivals as soon as possible in order to reopen Australia.

31. Noted the strong preference of the Commonwealth Government for travellers leaving Australia to be fully vaccinated.

32. Agreed to meet again on 16 July 2021.

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AGENDA VERSION 5

Friday 16 July 2021

2PM to 3PM

Canberra - Parliament House Briefing Room via Telepresence (ACT)

NO		RESPONSIBLE
1.	Strategic Discussion	
2.	COVID-19 Risk Analysis and Response Taskforce Update (Oral Update)	Mr Gaetjens
3.	Coronavirus Update	
(a)	Epidemiological Update (Paper)	Professor Kelly Professor Murphy
(b)	Vaccine Rollout (Paper)	Lt. General Frewen Professor Murphy Professor Kelly
4.	COVID-19 Disaster Payment and Business Support (Paper)	Prime Minister
5.	International Passenger Arrivals (Oral Update SM21/0683)	Prime Minister
6.	Items for Endorsement / Correspondence for Noting	
(a)	AHPPC Supporting Documentation (Paper)	
(b)	Health System Capacity (Paper)	
7.	Other Business	

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Other	SM21/0682	CORONAVIRUS UPDATE
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The National Cabinet:

1. Noted apologies from the Premier of Western Australia.
2. Noted the oral update by the Secretary of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet on the COVID-19 Risk Analysis and Response – Taskforce Report which will be submitted to the National Cabinet for their meeting on 30 July 2021.
3. Noted the Epidemiological Update prepared by the Commonwealth Department of Health.
4. Considered the Paper titled Vaccine Rollout.
5. Noted:
 - (a) the briefing on Operation COVID Shield by Lieutenant General Frewen, Coordinator General of the National COVID Vaccine Taskforce
 - (b) the National COVID Vaccine Campaign Plan will be considered at the next meeting of the National Cabinet
 - (c) Operation COVID Shield is increasing vaccination channels through primary care, including additional General Practice and Community Pharmacy sites, particularly in rural and remote Australia and in areas with COVID-19 outbreaks

- (d) the Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation has advised pregnant women aged 16 years and over should be prioritised for vaccination
 - (e) the immediate priority to increase vaccination rates amongst aged care workers though increasing and targeting available options for vaccination
 - (f) the Commonwealth's intention to increase the points of presence for vaccination through pharmacists in metropolitan areas.
6. Agreed that all jurisdictions will consider ways to increase the rate of vaccination on weekends.
7. Considered the Paper titled COVID-19 Disaster Payment and Business Support Payments.
8. Noted the:
- (a) Commonwealth Government ('the Commonwealth') has developed a standard approach to support for individuals and businesses when a public health lockdown occurs in a Commonwealth declared hotspot and lasts:
 - (i) for more than seven days, the COVID-19 Disaster Payment will be open for applications from the eighth day of a lockdown and is administered by Services Australia
 - (ii) for less than seven days, and a commitment has been made by the State or Territory Government to provide significant economic support, for the same lockdown period, the COVID-19 Disaster Payment is paid weekly and is open for applications seven days after a lockdown is declared.
 - (b) Commonwealth agreement with the New South Wales (NSW) Government to reimburse the Commonwealth for the costs of delivering the COVID-19 Disaster Payment to individuals who live or work in NSW outside of the Commonwealth-declared hotspot in Greater Sydney
 - (c) Commonwealth agreement with the Victorian Government to provide significant additional economic support to businesses, from day one of this lockdown period, satisfying the Commonwealth's cost sharing requirements

- (d) Commonwealth has developed standardised arrangements for COVID-19 business support payments for businesses which have experienced a significant reduction in turnover as a result of State-based restrictions in Commonwealth-declared hotspots, with the cost of payments to be shared equally between the Commonwealth and relevant States or Territories.
- 9. Noted the oral update by the Prime Minister on International Passenger Arrivals.
- 10. Noted the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee Supporting Documentation.
- 11. Noted the Paper titled Health System Capacity.
- 12. Noted the update from the Chief Medical Officer on plans to facilitate Commonwealth Parliamentary sittings from 3 August 2021 that maintain safety standards.
- 13. Agreed the National Cabinet will meet again on 23 July 2021.

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NATIONAL CABINET

AGENDA VERSION 7

Friday 23 July 2021

2PM to 3PM

Canberra - Parliament House Briefing Room via Telepresence (ACT)

NO		RESPONSIBLE
1.	Strategic Discussion	
2.	COVID-19 Risk Analysis and Response - Taskforce Report (<i>Oral Update SM21/0703</i>)	Mr Gaetjens
3.	Coronavirus Update	
(a)	Epidemiological Update (<i>Paper</i>)	Professor Kelly Professor Murphy
(b)	Vaccine Rollout (<i>Paper</i>)	Lt. General Frewen Professor Murphy Professor Kelly
4.	COVID-19 Business Support Payment (<i>Oral Update</i>)	Prime Minister
5.	National Freight Code - Update (<i>Paper</i>)	Prime Minister
6.	International Passenger Arrivals (<i>Oral Update SM21/0704</i>)	Prime Minister
7.	Items for Endorsement / Correspondence for Noting	
(a)	Further Review of Hotel Quarantine (<i>Paper</i>)	
(b)	Increasing Vaccine Uptake on Weekends (<i>Paper</i>)	
(c)	AHPPC Statement on Schools and the Delta Variant (<i>Paper</i>)	
(d)	Health System Capacity	

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8. Other Business

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Other	SM21/0705	CORONAVIRUS UPDATE
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The National Cabinet:

1. Noted the oral update by the Secretary of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet on the COVID-19 Risk Analysis and Response – Taskforce Report.
2. Noted the Epidemiological Update prepared by the Commonwealth Department of Health.
3. Considered the Paper titled Vaccine Rollout.
4. Noted the:
 - (a) briefing on Operation COVID Shield by the Coordinator General of the National COVID Vaccine Taskforce
 - (b) current advice from the Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation provides that the second dose of a Pfizer vaccine may be given up to six weeks after the first dose in an outbreak setting to ensure available vaccines are provided as first doses to as many people as possible

- (c) Operation COVID Shield National COVID Vaccine Campaign Plan ('the Campaign Plan') will be published by the Coordinator General following the receipt and consideration of final feedback from jurisdictions, with the key elements including:
 - (i) an offer to all eligible people in Australia of at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine by 20 December 2021
 - (ii) targets for vaccination coverage will be informed by the National Plan to transition Australia's National COVID-19 Response
 - (iii) the draft Campaign Plan currently outlines:
 - (A) all jurisdictions are increasing their capacity to deliver through existing channels in line with the anticipated supply of COVID-19 vaccines over the remainder of 2021
 - (B) additional channels will be employed including drive-through vaccination sites
 - (C) further work is underway on the design of a workplace vaccination program for use in 2021 and tailored programs for school students in 2021
 - (D) the Coordinator General will determine when, at a national level and informed by supply and demand, to expand access to the Pfizer vaccine to more age groups
 - (E) the Commonwealth Government ('the Commonwealth') is establishing a National Response Option – a dedicated administration capability – to be deployed in extraordinary circumstances as determined by the Coordinator General
- (d) Coordinator General, jointly with state and territory officials, will monitor progress against the Campaign Plan and provide regular advice to the National Cabinet on the progress of the rollout
- (e) Commonwealth is accelerating access to the AstraZeneca vaccine through community pharmacies and that from 26 July 2021 all suitable community pharmacies across the country will be eligible to request participation in administering AstraZeneca vaccinations to the Australian population
- (f) Commonwealth has developed compliance rules setting out how it will support state and territory governments to ensure compliance with public health orders mandating COVID-19 vaccinations of residential care workers.

5. Noted the oral update by the Prime Minister on the COVID-19 Business Support Payment.
6. Agreed Heads of Treasuries and subsequently the Council on Federal Financial Relations will assess the technical capacity of each jurisdiction to administer Business Support Payments in line with the approach taken in New South Wales.
7. Considered the Paper titled National Freight Code – Update.
8. Agreed the:
 - (a) Commonwealth and state and territory Transport Ministers will work with the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) within the next week to develop a nationally consistent COVID-19 testing regime for freight workers under the Freight Movement Code
 - (b) states and territories work with industry to stand-up additional testing facilities along key freight routes, at intermodals and other key freight hubs, commensurate with AHPPC's recommended testing regime.
9. Noted the oral update by the Prime Minister on International Passenger Arrivals.
10. Noted the Commonwealth Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications will work with the maritime industry to explore risk mitigation measures to respond to the COVID-19 health risk associated with crews travelling to Western Australia through Indonesia.
11. Noted the Paper titled Further Review of Hotel Quarantine.
12. Noted the Paper titled Increasing Vaccine Uptake on Weekends.
13. Noted the Paper titled AHPPC Statement on Schools and the Delta Variant.
14. Noted the Paper titled Health System Capacity.
15. Agreed the National Cabinet will meet again on 30 July 2021.

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AGENDA VERSION 2

Friday 30 July 2021

2PM to 3PM

Canberra - Parliament House Briefing Room via Telepresence (ACT)

NO		RESPONSIBLE
1.	Strategic Discussion	
2.	COVID-19 Risk Analysis and Response - Taskforce Report (<i>Memorandum</i>)	Mr Gaetjens Dr Kennedy Professor McVernon
3.	Coronavirus Update	
(a)	Epidemiological Update (<i>Paper</i>)	Professor Kelly Professor Murphy
(b)	Vaccine Rollout (<i>Paper</i>)	Lt. General Frewen Professor Murphy Professor Kelly
(c)	COVID Vaccination Rates by SA4 (<i>Paper</i>)	Lt. General Frewen
4.	Freight Movement Code (<i>Paper</i>)	Prime Minister
5.	International Passenger Arrivals (<i>Paper</i>)	Prime Minister
6.	Items for Endorsement / Correspondence for Noting	
(a)	Health System Capacity (<i>Paper</i>)	
7.	Other Business	

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Other	SM21/0756	CORONAVIRUS UPDATE
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The National Cabinet:

1. Noted the Memorandum titled COVID-19 Risk Analysis and Response – Taskforce Report (‘the Memorandum’).
2. Noted:
 - (a) the key findings of the Doherty Institute’s health modelling and the Commonwealth Treasury’s economic modelling and their implications for the National Plan to transition Australia’s National COVID response (‘the National Plan’) (Attachments A1 and A2 to the Memorandum refer)
 - (b) the draft updates to the National Plan (slide 3 at Attachment A1 to the Memorandum refers) to reflect these findings
 - (c) while Australia remains in Phase A, the Commonwealth Government (‘the Commonwealth’) has implemented economic support measures that are aligned with the National Plan to support early and stringent short lockdowns when outbreaks occur
 - (d) the ongoing effectiveness of jurisdictions’ contact tracing will be critical to reducing, then removing, the need for lockdowns as the vaccine rollout progresses.

3. Agreed:

- (a) in principle to a revised National Plan (with further changes included in the updated slide at Attachment A to this minute) which includes a threshold of 70 per cent vaccination rate in the eligible population, enabling transition from Phase A to Phase B, and a threshold of 80 per cent vaccination rate in the eligible population enabling transition from Phase B to Phase C
- (b) transition to new phases will occur in a jurisdiction when the:
 - (i) average vaccination rates across the nation have reached the relevant threshold
 - (ii) relevant vaccination threshold has been achieved in the jurisdiction
- (c) the Commonwealth would convene a working group with Victoria, Tasmania and the Northern Territory to consider concessions and incentives that could be made available to vaccinated Australians commencing in Phase B and develop proposals to be considered by the National Cabinet as soon as possible, with a view to a nationally consistent approach as much as can be realised.

4. Considered further tasking of the COVID-19 Risk Analysis and Response Taskforce and the Doherty Institute (on the basis of consideration of Attachment A2 to the Memorandum).

5. Agreed to delay the review of the COVID-19 Risk Analysis and Response Taskforce and extend it until end of November 2021 to undertake any further work.

6. Noted the Epidemiological Update prepared by the Commonwealth Department of Health.

7. Noted the Paper titled Vaccine Rollout.

8. Noted:

- (a) the briefing on Operation COVID Shield by the Coordinator General of the National COVID Vaccine Taskforce (the 'Coordinator General')
- (b) the Coordinator General has finalised the Operation COVID Shield National COVID Vaccine Campaign Plan, following a final round of feedback from States and Territories

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- (c) arrangements are in place for a weekly review of the Operation COVID Shield National COVID Vaccine Campaign Plan with Commonwealth, State and Territory program leads
 - (d) the National COVID Vaccine Taskforce and State and Territory officials have begun planning to commence vaccinating children this year, subject to the Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation recommending vaccination for 12-15 year olds
 - (e) the update on communications activities and strategy.
9. Commenced consideration of the Paper titled COVID-19 Vaccination by SA4.
10. Noted the Paper titled Freight Movement Code.
11. Noted the Australian Health and Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) advice specifies the nationally consistent testing approach for freight workers should be:
- (a) when crossing State or Territory borders, workers must present evidence of a negative COVID-19 test no more than seven days old and, if travelling from a jurisdiction affected by a COVID-19 outbreak, must also present evidence they have undertaken a COVID-19 test within the previous 72 hours
 - (b) jurisdictions will recognise COVID-19 test results for tests conducted in other jurisdictions.
12. Agreed Transport Ministers will meet next week to continue work to update the Freight Movement Protocol and Code to incorporate a revised approach to COVID-19 testing for freight workers, in consultation with industry, mindful of new variants of concern, and following the AHPPC advice of 27 July 2021.
13. Noted:
- (a) the updated Freight Movement Protocol and Code will be provided for noting to the National Cabinet on 6 August
 - (b) the National Cabinet's agreement on 23 July 2021 that States and Territories work with industry to stand-up additional testing facilities along key freight routes, at intermodals and other key freight hubs, commensurate with the AHPPC's recommended testing approach.
14. Agreed Transport Ministers, in consultation with AHPPC and industry, will update the Code from time to time to ensure it remains responsive to the changing demands of the pandemic and consistent with health advice.

15. Noted the Paper titled
 - (a) International Passenger Arrivals
 - (b) Health System Capacity.
16. Agreed the National Cabinet will meet again on 6 August 2021.

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(Attachment A to this Minute to be circulated separately)



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AGENDA VERSION 5

Friday 06 August 2021

2PM to 4PM

Canberra - Parliament House Briefing Room via Telepresence (ACT)


NO		RESPONSIBLE	CO-OPTED
1.	Strategic Discussion	Prime Minister	
2.	COVID-19 Risk Analysis and Response – Taskforce Report (<i>Memorandum</i>)	Ms. Foster Professor McVernon	Professor Jodie McVernon
3.	Coronavirus Update		
(a)	Epidemiological Update (<i>Paper</i>)	Professor Murphy Professor Kelly	Dr. Brendan Murphy Mr. Paul Kelly
(b)	Vaccine Rollout (<i>Paper</i>)	Lt. General Frewen Professor Murphy Professor Kelly	Dr. Brendan Murphy LTGEN John Frewen Mr. Paul Kelly
(c)	Rapid Antigen Testing (<i>Other SM21/0791 refers</i>)	Mr Morrison	Professor Murphy Professor Kelly
4.	Border Management Issues		
(a)	International Passenger Arrivals (<i>Paper</i>)	Prime Minister	
(b)	National Freight Movement Protocol and Code (<i>Paper</i>)	Prime Minister	

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6. Items for Endorsement / Correspondence for
Noting

- (a) Health System Capacity
(*Paper*)
- (b) Social Policy and Mental Health
Dashboard
(*Paper*)
- (c) Data on Domestic Border Exemptions
(*Paper*)

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Other	SM21/0773	CORONAVIRUS UPDATE
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The National Cabinet:

1. Noted the Memorandum titled COVID-19 Risk Analysis and Response – Taskforce Report (‘the Memorandum’).
2. Agreed to adopt in full the National Transition Plan (‘the Plan’), which was supported in principle at the meeting of 30 July 2021, including the requirement that for a jurisdiction to progress to new phases of the Plan that the average vaccination threshold be met at both the national level and within the jurisdiction.
3. Noted the initial potential options for further health modelling and other work to inform the Plan, and their indicative timeframes (Attachment A1 to the Memorandum refers):
 - (a) Option 1: jurisdictional-level modelling: transitioning into Phases B and C (three to four weeks for modelling one small and one large jurisdiction)
 - (b) Option 2: jurisdictional-level analysis: optimising public health measures and managing outbreak responses (several months)
 - (c) Option 3: vaccination optimisation scenarios, including for vulnerable cohorts and under-vaccinated areas (several months)
 - (d) Option 4: international border re-opening scenarios (several months).
4. Agreed the COVID-19 Risk Analysis and Response Taskforce, in consultation with the Doherty Institute and other expert groups, prioritise further work on Options 2 and 3 in the first instance, noting Option 4 will become more critical as the Plan moves to Phase B, and subsequently to Phase C.

5. Noted that a forward work program reflecting the priorities at paragraphs 3 and 4 will be developed and presented to the National Cabinet at its next meeting.
6. Agreed the work being convened by the Commonwealth and undertaken with Victoria, Tasmania and the Northern Territory to prepare options on how restrictions can be eased for vaccinated Australians in Phase B of the Plan be brought back to the National Cabinet at its next meeting (SM21/0756/NATCAB of 30 July 2021 refers).
7. Noted the Epidemiological Update prepared by the Commonwealth Department of Health.
8. Noted the Paper titled Vaccine Rollout.
9. Noted the update on Operation COVID Shield by the Coordinator General of the National COVID Vaccine Taskforce.
10. Agreed that on the advice of the Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation all Governments will prioritise the Pfizer vaccine for at-risk children aged 12-15 years before broader access for children aged 12-15 years.
11. Noted the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) has endorsed the approach for implementing mandatory vaccination of residential aged care workers and a risk assessment will be provided to the National Cabinet later in August 2021.
12. Noted the National COVID Vaccine Taskforce has published data on vaccination rates by region of Australia defined as Statistical Area Level Four (which will be updated regularly) and that State and Territory governments can request data from the taskforce on vaccination rates by Local Government Area.
13. Noted the National COVID Vaccine Taskforce will transition to reporting data solely from the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR) from 9 August 2021 for daily public reporting on the vaccination program.
14. Noted all vaccination providers, including States and Territories, should upload vaccination information to the AIR within 24 hours of the vaccination being administered.
15. Noted advice from the Coordinator General of the National COVID Vaccine Taskforce that, where possible, Operation COVID Shield will continue to engage with jurisdictions to bring forward vaccine allocations, noting that bring-forwards will not be transferred from one State or Territory for use in another.

16. Noted the Paper titled Rapid Antigen Testing.
17. Noted the Therapeutic Goods Administration has registered 22 Rapid Antigen Testing (RAT) devices in Australia on the basis that the use of the test must be overseen by a healthcare professional.
18. Noted the Commonwealth Government is undertaking a trial of RATs in aged care settings, which is being expanded to pilots in selected Local Government Areas in Greater Sydney.
19. Noted industry plans (in conjunction with the Business Council of Australia and other Industry Groups) to deploy RATs in a range of other workplaces in outbreak areas in Greater Sydney.
20. Agreed the Chief Medical Officer work with Chief Health Officers, through the AHPPC, to determine policies on the use of RAT in Australia, as the pandemic response evolves.
21. Agreed the Prime Minister will come back to the National Cabinet in August 2021 with additional proposed settings to expand the use of RATs to other high risk settings, including an assessment of how RATs are used in other developed nations.
22. Noted the presentation from the Commonwealth Solicitor-General on the ability of employers to require vaccinations and of businesses to require proof of vaccination of customers.
 - (a) Written advice on these questions from the Solicitor General is provided to the National Cabinet (Attachment A to this Minute refers).
23. Noted the Paper titled International Passenger Arrivals ('the Paper').
24. Noted the National Cabinet has a standing commitment to prioritise supporting Australians to return home.
25. Noted the following caps arrangements are currently in effect during Phase A of the Plan:
 - (a) New South Wales – 215 per day (1,505 per week)
 - (b) Queensland – 650 per week (including surge capacity)
 - (c) South Australia – 265 per week
 - (d) Victoria – 500 per week
 - (e) Western Australia – 265 per week.
26. Noted 16 facilitated commercial flights (FCFs) are expected to fly into Darwin to quarantine at Howard Springs in August 2021, in addition to two charter flights from the Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games.

27. Noted the data on:

- (a) passenger arrival cap utilisation rates (Attachment A1 to the Paper refers)
- (b) composition of international arrivals (Attachments A2 and A3 to the Paper refer)
- (c) registered returns and new registrations with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Attachment A4 to the Paper refers)
- (d) the indicative FCF schedule into Darwin for August 2021 (Attachment A5 to the Paper refers)
- (e) the composition of inbound and outbound travel exemptions (Attachment A6 to the Paper refers).

28. Noted the previously agreed review of the reduced caps before the end of August 2021 has been superseded by the adoption of the Plan by the National Cabinet, which designates that 50 per cent cap rates will remain in place until the commencement of Phase B.

29. Noted the Paper titled National Freight Movement Protocol and Code (the Code).

30. Noted the Code will be updated by Transport Ministers as soon as possible and will incorporate a nationally consistent approach to COVID-19 testing for freight workers, in line with revised AHPPC advice.

31. Noted the AHPPC supported in principle the following tiered approach to testing of freight workers, subject to further clarification of each of the tiers:

- (a) when freight workers cross State or Territory borders and are:
 - (i) travelling from an area unaffected by COVID-19, workers must present evidence that a COVID-19 test has been carried out within a period no less than seven days since the time of arrival into a State or Territory and not exceeding a rolling 14 days (Tier 1)
 - (ii) travelling from an affected area, workers must present evidence of a negative COVID-19 test result no more than seven days old (Tier 2)
 - (iii) travelling from an extreme risk area, workers must present evidence of a negative COVID-19 test no more than seven days old and evidence of a test having been conducted in the last 72 hours (Tier 3).

32. Noted the AHPPC will consider the clarified definitions of each of the tiers as soon as possible so Transport Ministers can finalise an updated Code that has been endorsed by AHPPC.
33. Noted the Code will be presented to the National Cabinet as soon as possible for noting.
34. Agreed the National Cabinet will meet again on 13 August 2021.

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(Attachment A to this Minute titled In the Matter of the Ability of Employees to Receive COVID-19 Vaccinations is not intended to waive legal professional privilege)



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AGENDA VERSION 4

Friday 13 August 2021

1PM to 3PM

Canberra - Parliament House Briefing Room via Telepresence (ACT)

NO		RESPONSIBLE	CO-OPTED
1.	Strategic Discussion	Prime Minister	
2.	Coronavirus Update		
(a)	Epidemiological Update (Paper)	Professor Kelly Professor Murphy	Dr. Brendan Murphy Mr. Paul Kelly
(b)	Vaccine Rollout (Paper)	Lt. General Frewen Professor Murphy Professor Kelly	Dr. Brendan Murphy LTGEN John Frewen Mr. Paul Kelly
3.	National Plan to Transition Australia's National COVID-19 Response		
(a)	COVID-19 Risk Analysis and Response - Taskforce Report (Memorandum)	Mr. Gaetjens	
(b)	Options to Ease Restrictions and Provide Incentives for Vaccinated Australians (Oral Update)	Prime Minister Premier Andrews Premier Gutwein Chief Minister Gunner	
4.	Items for Endorsement / Noting		
(a)	Health System Capacity (Paper)		
(b)	International Passenger Arrivals (Paper)		
(c)	National Freight Movement Protocol and Code (Paper)		

5. Other Business

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Other	SM21/0824	EPIDEMIOLOGICAL UPDATE
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The National Cabinet:

1. Noted the Epidemiological Update prepared by the Commonwealth Department of Health.

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AGENDA VERSION 2

Friday 20 August 2021

1PM to 3PM

Canberra - Parliament House Briefing Room via Telepresence (ACT)

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RESPONSIBLE

1. Strategic Discussion

2. Coronavirus Update

(a) Epidemiological Update
(*Paper*)

Professor Kelly
Professor Murphy

(b) Vaccine Rollout
(*Paper*)

Lt. General Frewen
Professor Murphy
Professor Kelly

(c) Domestic Vaccine Certification
(*Oral Update*)

Prime Minister

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4. National Freight Movement Protocol and Code
(*Paper*)

Prime Minister

5. Items for Endorsement / Correspondence for Noting

(a) Health System Capacity
(*Paper*)

(b) International Passenger Arrivals
(*Paper*)

6. Other Business

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Other	SM21/0855	EPIDEMIOLOGICAL UPDATE
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The National Cabinet:

1. Noted the Epidemiological Update prepared by the Commonwealth Department of Health.

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Friday 27 August 2021

2PM to 4PM

Canberra - Parliament House Briefing Room via Telepresence (ACT)

NO		RESPONSIBLE
1.	Strategic Discussion	
2.	National Plan to Transition Australia's COVID-19 Response	
(a)	COVID-19 Risk Analysis and Response – Taskforce Report (<i>Oral Update</i>)	Mr Gaetjens
(b)	National Easing Restrictions and Vaccination Incentive Strategy (<i>Paper</i>)	Prime Minister Premier Gutwein Chief Minister Gunner
3.	Health System Capacity (<i>Paper</i>)	
4.	Coronavirus Update	
(a)	Epidemiological Update (<i>Paper</i>)	Professor Kelly Professor Murphy
(b)	Vaccine Rollout (<i>Paper</i>)	Lt. General Frewen Professor Murphy Professor Kelly
(c)	Youth Based Vaccination Program (<i>Paper</i>)	Lt. General Frewen

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| 6. | Items for Endorsement / Correspondence for Noting | |
| (a) | AHPPC Statement on the Progress in Addressing Vaccine Uptake and Mandating Vaccinations for Disability Support Workers
(<i>Paper</i>) | |

- (b) AHPPC Risk and Benefit Assessment of Mandatory Vaccination
in Residential Aged Care Facilities
(*Paper*)
- (c) Health Workforce
(*Paper*)
- (d) International Passenger Arrivals
(*Paper*)

7. Other Business

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Other	SM21/0903	COVID-19 RISK ANALYSIS AND RESPONSE – TASKFORCE REPORT
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The National Cabinet:

1. Noted the oral update on the COVID-19 Risk Analysis and Response – Taskforce Report.
2. Considered the presentation from Professor Jodie McVernon of the Doherty Institute on the sensitivity analysis undertaken to complement the Doherty Institute COVID-19 modelling report presented to the National Cabinet on 30 July 2021 (Attachment A1 to SM21/0756 refers) ('the first report') which confirms that the conclusions from the first report were robust at higher caseloads.
3. Noted the Doherty Institute had finalised a further modelling scenario on 'low PHSM and partial Test, Trace, Isolate and Quarantine (TTIQ)', with this model to be presented to National Cabinet at its next meeting.
4. Agreed the National Cabinet will consider the finalised sensitivity analysis from the Doherty Institute on the National Plan to Transition Australia's National COVID Response ('the National Plan') vaccination thresholds at its next meeting on 3 September 2021.

5. Noted the second tranche of the Doherty Institute modelling commissioned by the National Cabinet on 6 August 2021 (SM21/0773/NATCAB refers) was already underway and will help support the transition to Phases B and C of the National Plan by focusing on more localised public health responses and TTIQ performance using State and Territory data to provide a more granular assessment than the original single national epidemic model.

6. Agreed in order to inform planning for Phases B and C of the National Plan, the Chief Medical Officer (CMO), in consultation with the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) and Communicable Diseases Network Australia, come back to the next meeting of the National Cabinet for first pass consideration with a Paper on:

- (a) TTIQ metrics and performance
- (b) options for PHSMs, including details of their effectiveness in reducing transmission potential
- (c) the role of Rapid Antigen Testing in Phases B and C of the National Plan.

7. Noted the Paper referenced in Paragraph 6 above will augment the Doherty Institute modelling assumptions for TTIQ performance at partial and optimal levels, and will specifically consider most relevant metrics for TTIQ performance and PHSM options in Phases B and C of the National Plan.

8. Agreed the CMO and AHPPC, with the heads of all State and Territory Health Departments, develop a new COVID-19 Common Operating Picture for all States and Territories, drawing on the work outlined in paragraphs 4 to 6 above, to come back to the National Cabinet in September 2021, with the purpose being to set out metrics which demonstrate successful outcomes with respect to:

- (a) TTIQ
- (b) PHSMs
- (c) health system capacity and utilisation
- (d) vaccinations.

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AGENDA VERSION 4

Friday 03 September 2021

2PM to 4PM


Canberra - Parliament House Briefing Room via Telepresence (ACT)

NO		RESPONSIBLE
1.	Strategic Discussion (Other SM21/0415 refers)	
2.	Coronavirus Update	
(a)	Epidemiological Update (Paper)	Professor Kelly Professor Murphy
(b)	Vaccine Rollout (Paper)	Lt. General Frewen Professor Kelly Professor Murphy
(c)	Indigenous Vaccination Rates (Paper)	Lt. General Frewen Professor Kelly Professor Murphy
3.	National Plan to Transition Australia's COVID-19 Response	
(a)	COVID-19 Risk Analysis and Response - Taskforce Report (Paper)	Phil Gaetjens Professor McVernon Dr Kennedy
(b)	National Easing Restrictions and Vaccination Incentive Strategy (Paper)	Prime Minister
4.	Test, Trace, Isolate and Quarantine and Public Health System Measures	
(a)	Health System Capacity (Paper)	Professor Murphy
(b)	Further Optimal Test, Trace, Isolate and Quarantine and Public Health System Measures (Other SM21/0955 refers)	Professor Kelly Professor Murphy
(c)	Update on the National Quarantine Review and the South	Prime Minister

5. Items for Endorsement / Correspondence for Noting

- (a) Social Policy and Mental Health Dashboard
(Paper)
- (b) International Passenger Arrivals
(Paper)
- (c) Data on Domestic Border Exemptions
(Paper)

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6. Other Business

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The National Cabinet:

1. Noted the Epidemiological Update prepared by the Commonwealth Department of Health.

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AGENDA VERSION 5

Friday 17 September 2021

2PM to 4PM

Canberra - Parliament House Briefing Room via Telepresence (ACT)

NO		RESPONSIBLE
1.	Strategic Discussion	
2.	Coronavirus Update	
(a)	Epidemiological Update (Paper)	Professor Kelly Professor Murphy
(b)	Vaccine Rollout (Paper)	Lt. General Frewen Professor Kelly Professor Murphy
(c)	Update on Aged Care Workforce Vaccination (Memorandum)	Professor Murphy
(d)	Increasing Vaccination Rates Amongst Disadvantaged and Hard to Reach Communities (Paper)	Lt. General Frewen Professor Kelly Professor Murphy
3.	Health System Capacity (Other SM21/1029 refers)	
(a)	Health System Capacity (Paper)	Professor Murphy Dr Bennett
(b)	Approaches to Test, Trace, Isolate and Quarantine and Public Health and Social Measures (Paper)	Professor Kelly
(c)	New COVID-19 Common Operating Picture (Paper)	Professor Kelly Professor Murphy
4.	National Plan to Transition Australia's COVID-19 Response	
(a)	COVID-19 Risk Analysis and Response – Taskforce Report (Memorandum)	Mr Gaetjens Professor McVernon

Dr Kennedy

- (b) Check in Apps – COVID-19 Vaccination Status
(*Paper*)

Prime Minister

- (c) Home Quarantine
(*Paper*)

Prime Minister

5. Items for Endorsement / Correspondence for Noting

- (a) National Cabinet Statement
(*Paper*)
- (b) National Code for Boarding School Students
(*Other SM21/1032 refers*)
- (c) International Passenger Arrivals
(*Paper*)

6. Other Business

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The National Cabinet:

1. Noted the Epidemiological Update prepared by the Commonwealth Department of Health.

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