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Hi s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Thanks for forwarding that cost recovery paper and I'm sorry for the delayed response.

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Thank you for the notice about the latest *Palmer* matter, I understand s. 22(1)(a)(ii) has been in touch with Celeste about this last night.

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Kind regards

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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You may have also seen that a writ of summons and notice of constitutional matter have now been filed in the High Court in *Palmer & Anor v The State of Western Australia & Anor* (accessible with a fee).

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Hi s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Thanks for providing this. I'm sorry if we covered this this morning, but do you know what stage this paper is currently at (eg, is it being circulated as a pre-Exposure Draft document)?

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# Discussion Paper: Cost recovery for quarantine accommodation

## Summary

States and territories are responsible for administering and imposing a cost recovery charge for quarantine accommodation. It is recommended they adopt a consistent approach to calculating and administering a charge, to avoid undermining the national approach to managing returns and operational coordination of repatriation flights. Administration will require considerations on how to calculate costs for individuals versus family groups, travellers who have already purchased tickets, hardship situations, and extended stays in quarantine should a traveller test positive for COVID-19. s. 47C

s. 33(a)

## Purpose

1. This paper provides considerations for possible implementation of a charge to recover costs for the quarantining of returning Australians and international arrivals from 1 June 2020. Under this proposal, states and territories have the authority and responsibility for the administration, imposition and design of a cost recovery model/s.

## Issues

### Proposed model/s and administration of policy

2. Consideration will need to be given to how each state and territory will administer the policy within each jurisdiction. States and territories will need to ensure they have legislative controls in-place to impose and collect costs and consider any legal challenges.
3. The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) could assist through communications to prospective travellers, including through Smart Traveller and diplomatic mission websites. Australian Border Force (ABF) could also assist communication to passengers including through communication with airlines. ABF would not have a role in facilitating payments.
4. There is some precedence for this already. For example, the Northern Territory has already implemented a quarantine fee for travellers (see [Attachment A](#)).

### Calculation of costs

5. States and territories will ideally need to agree on a uniform approach to calculating costs to ensure a nationally consistent approach and ensure efficient administration. Key considerations with how to calculate costs will include:
  - a. Whether costs are calculated on a per person or a family unit basis;
  - b. recovery charge is a flat rate for a 14-day period or individually calculated;
  - c. additional costs from law enforcement monitoring, compliance, enforcement and marshalling; and

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- d. ancillary costs such as transport to accommodation, and food.

### Hardship/medical emergency situations

6. States and territories will need to consider exemptions or variations to cost recovery where persons have financial difficulty in meeting the costs due to hardship, or their stay in quarantine accommodation is varied due to changes in personal circumstances, safety and wellbeing issues, or hospitalisation.

### Impact on health and public safety

7. On 21 May 2020, the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) considered the issue of cost recovery. The Committee does not consider this a health issue. The latest health advice is that 14-day quarantine for international arrivals continues to be an effective tool to prevent the spread of COVID-19 into Australia; however, extended periods in quarantine can affect mental health wellbeing.
8. AHPPC noted that vulnerable cohorts such as those with English as a second language, pregnant woman, those with newborn babies, unaccompanied minors and those with no home in Australia, are already in a very stressful situation. The added burden of payment may exacerbate mental health issues already highlighted. AHPPC recommended a cost benefit analysis of hotel quarantine, taking into consideration all of the aforementioned factors.

### Impact on national approach to managing returns

9. The implementation of the National Framework for Managing Returns has been essential in ensuring the return of Australians is done in a manner that does not overwhelm states and territories. Key to the success of the framework has been the application of a nationally consistent approach.
10. Any inconsistent administration to cost recovery for quarantine, such as one jurisdiction imposing a lower cost than another, creates the risk that arrivals will seek to preference certain locations within Australia, and thus place pressure on resources and administration within specific jurisdictions. This application would undermine the operational and policy coordination efforts of the ABF, the DFAT, and the National Coordination Mechanism to manage repatriation flights with states and territories.

### Transition issues

11. There will be transition issues mainly to those who have recently purchased tickets home – or in the interim purchase tickets home on confirmed flights – based on an expectation that quarantine costs would be covered. A period of advance notice would be appropriate to ensure flexibility for those who have already purchased flights or have not been able to access flights for a number of weeks. In order to prevent a rush on commercial airline seats following an announcement of changes – which could lead to quarantine capacity being overwhelmed – it is recommended states and territories exempt travellers from the cost recovery program if they have already purchased tickets with arrival after the commencement date, or have purchase tickets within a nominated period (for example 7–14 days) of the announced changes.

12. s. 47C, s. 47E(d)


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### Legal and reputational risks

13. Any inconsistent approach by states and territories to implementation will complicate and confuse public messaging and could affect public perceptions the Australia, State and Territory Governments can manage the return of Australians and other arrivals.

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14. s.47E(d)



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Sensitive****Attachment A****Example of a quarantine fee by Northern Territory**

Source: <https://coronavirus.nt.gov.au/stay-safe/quarantine/quarantine-fee>

**Quarantine fee**

All people travelling to the Northern Territory (NT) after midnight on 3 April 2020 will be required to pay a fee to cover the costs of the mandatory 14-day quarantine period.

This includes Territorians returning home.

Individuals are required to pay a contribution to the cost of quarantining at a rate of:

- \$2,500 per person or
- \$5,000 for a family of two or more people sharing accommodation.

Additional costs may be incurred if accommodation is not shared.

**What the fee covers**

The fee contributes to the cost of:

- accommodation
- food
- medical support
- policing
- security.

**What happens when you cross the border**

All travellers arriving in the NT from interstate or overseas will be met by police or defence personnel and will be required to:

- sign a declaration and
- provide their personal and contact details.

You will also be required to sign a deed upon entry agreeing to pay the quarantine fee.

You will then be directed to a second biosecurity checkpoint closer to town where you will be advised of your designated quarantine accommodation.

If you are travelling with a pet, arrangements must be made to accommodate your pet prior to arriving in the NT and entering your designated quarantine accommodation. Arrangements are at your own expense. It is the owners responsibility to ensure all vaccinations are current.



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If you have already booked and paid for accommodation before entering the NT, you will need approval from the CHO to be able to stay there.

If the CHO approves the accommodation, and it has already been booked and paid for prior to 4 April 2020, you may be able to apply for an exemption to the quarantine fee.

**When and how to pay the fee**

If you are undertaking mandatory quarantine, you will receive an invoice with your quarantine fee.

The fee will be due 30 days from the invoice date.

Payments can be made online or in person at a Receiver of Territory Monies. You can find these details on the invoice.

You will not need to pay when you check in at your quarantine accommodation.

**If you are on a low income**

Anyone undertaking mandatory quarantine will receive an invoice for the full quarantine fee of \$2,500 per person or \$5,000 for families of two or more people sharing accommodation.

People with a low income may be eligible for a reduced quarantine fee of:

- \$1,250 per person or
- \$2,500 per family of two or more people sharing accommodation.

The low income threshold requirements are:

- singles - \$52,706
- families - \$68,894

Low income earners will be required to provide their tax return or a statement from Centrelink.

**Payment plan**

If you are unable to pay the full amount of the invoice in one transaction, you will be able to set up a payment plan.

You will need to call the number on the invoice to discuss and arrange payment options.

Low income earners are also able to use payment plan options.

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# National Coordination Mechanism for COVID-19 Managing Returns to Australia

## Agenda

**Date** Tuesday, 26 May 2020  
**Time** 1300 - 1400 AEST  
*dial in for teleconference – details below*

**Chair** David Wilden, First Assistant Secretary, Home Affairs / Co-Chair – Kylie Rendina, Assistant Commissioner, Australian Border Force

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1	Welcome and update on action items
2	<b>Discussion / decision points:</b> 2.1 Update from Co-Chairs (Home Affairs/ABF) 2.2 Mandatory quarantine arrangements – potential cost recovery (Home Affairs) 2.3 Update from operational working group meetings (ABF) 2.4 Other business (Home Affairs)
3	Actions and action owners from this meeting

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Cheers

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Thanks for sending this through, John.

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See relevant para from Clare's email at the bottom of this chain:

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Nina and Cath, for early visibility, attached is a draft of the HA Nat Cab paper for Friday on hotel quarantining. s. 47C, s. 47B(a)

Cheers  
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Thanks Nina. I'll let you know how the papers coming together once I see a draft (hopefully late tomorrow).

Sent from my iPhone

On 26 May 2020, at 7:20 pm, Pregellio, Nina <Nina.Pregellio@pmc.gov.au> wrote:

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On 26 May 2020, at 5:13 pm, Pregellio, Nina <Nina.Pregellio@pmc.gov.au> wrote:

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Thank you very much Clare for this readout.  
National Cabinet's in principle agreement to switch to a cost recovery model was subject to a framework for managing hardship cases being



developed – s. 47C, s. 47B(a)

Initially when this measure was discussed by National Cabinet it was agreed States and Territories would meet the costs (other than for ABF and ADF support) and determine any contributions required from travellers arriving within their jurisdiction. As David Wilden raises, Cost recovery is a State and Territory responsibility – s. 47C, s. 47B(a)

s. 47C

The decision to introduce mandatory hotel quarantining was made by the National Cabinet (not the AHPPC). AHPPC advice has been, and I understand continues to be, that international arrivals must quarantine for 14 days. s. 47C

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Thanks Clare.

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Nina and Cath, for early visibility, attached is a draft of the HA Nat Cab paper for Friday on hotel quarantining. [s. 47C](#)

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Cheers

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 Thanks Nina. I'll let you know how the papers coming together once I see a draft (hopefully late

tomorrow).

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On 26 May 2020, at 7:20 pm, Pregellio, Nina <[Nina.Pregellio@pmc.gov.au](mailto:Nina.Pregellio@pmc.gov.au)> wrote:

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Thank you very much Clare for this readout.

National Cabinet's in principle agreement to switch to a cost recovery model was subject to a framework for managing hardship cases being developed – s. 47C, s. 47B(a)

Initially when this measure was discussed by National Cabinet it was agreed States and Territories would meet the costs (other than for ABF and ADF support) and determine any contributions required from travellers arriving within their jurisdiction. As David Wilden raises, Cost recovery is a State and Territory responsibility – s. 47C, s. 47B(a)

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The decision to introduce mandatory hotel quarantining was made by the National Cabinet (not the AHPPC). AHPPC advice has been, and I understand continues to be, that international arrivals must quarantine for 14 days. s. 47C

s. 47C, s. 47B(a)

Kind regards

Nina

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FYI – AHPPC advice pasted below for ease of ref with my highlights. s. 47C

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Further to the below, please find attached AHPPC advice regarding Payment for Mandatory Quarantine.

Thanks,

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Hi Matthew

I understand you are preparing the Prime Minister's briefing materials on the National Cabinet Paper – Future Arrangements for Hotel Quarantine. We have now lodged our cleared version through our Cabinet Liaison Office. **Attached** to this email is a copy.

Further to your brief, I wanted to provide some relevant materials:

s. 42, s. 47E(d)

Please find **attached** consolidated consultation inputs from stakeholders. s. 47B(a)

Happy to discuss if you require anything further.

Regards

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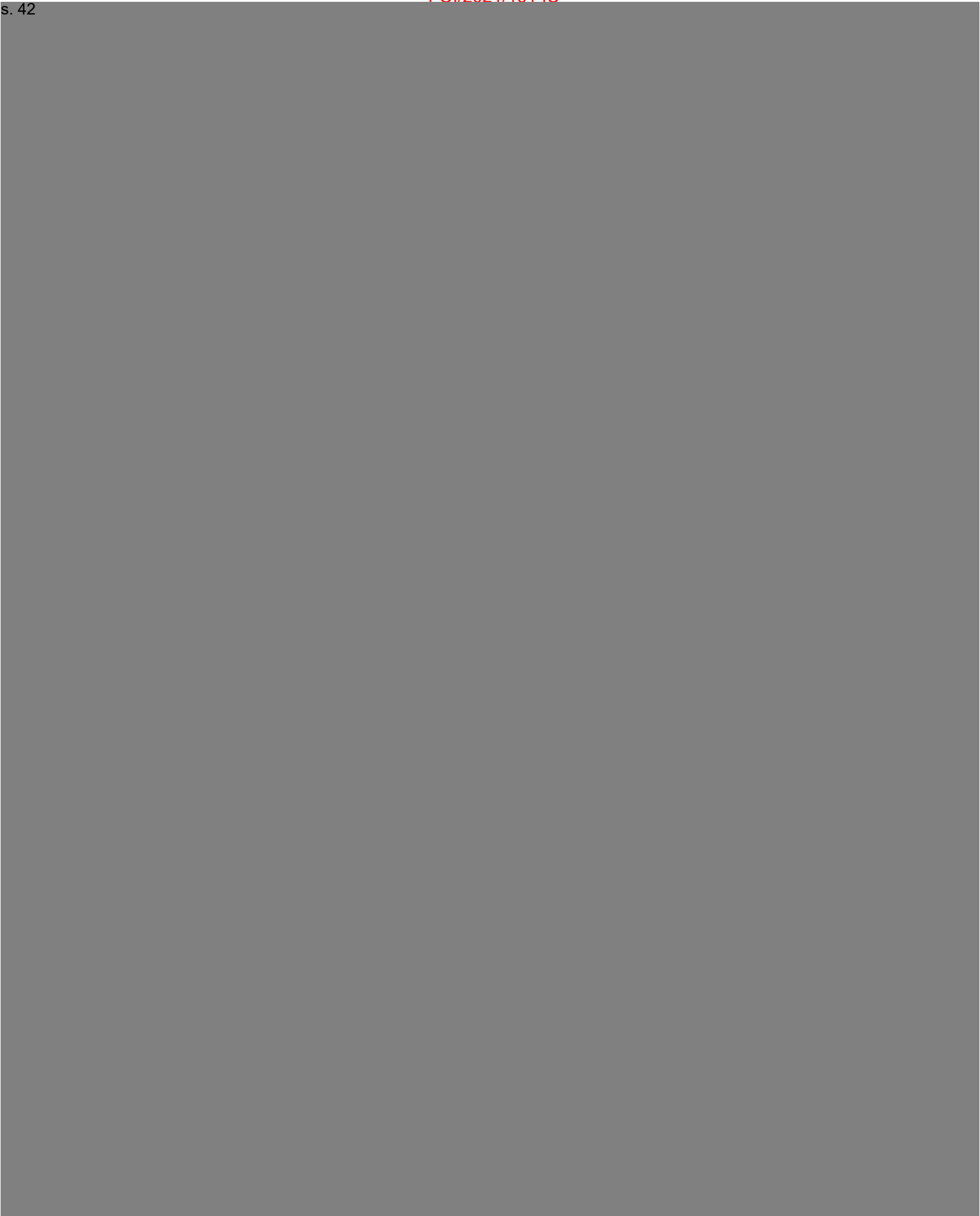
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# Prime Minister's National Cabinet Brief

**Title** Future Arrangements for Mandatory Hotel Quarantine

**Meeting** 10.00am Friday 29 May 2020

## Summary

On 18 May 2020, National Cabinet agreed in-principle for states and territories to implement a quarantine fee from 1 June 2020, but requested advice be provided on application of a hardship provision. You are leading a discussion and Paper, noting states have not settled on an agreed position on the nature, timing and operation of a charging regime. The Paper recommends states and territories explore options to distribute quarantine costs fairly, with the National Cabinet to reconsider this issue at a later date if still required.

### What do we want to achieve?

- ⌚ Quarantine cost recovery is a state and territory issue. If a quarantine fee is introduced, it should be fair and nationally consistent.

s. 47B(a), s. 47B(b), s. 47E(d)

## Key points and Recommended Action

**Thank** jurisdictions for their continuing provision of quarantine facilities for returned travellers.

**Note** the NCM is being used to work through a number of practical issues associated with moving to charging for quarantine.

**Ask** First Ministers to continue to develop an acceptable approach to sharing the cost burden associated with quarantining international arrivals.

## Background

States and territories have been covering the costs associated with quarantining international arrivals in designated facilities since late March 2020. s. 47B(b)

s. 47E(d)

States and territories have suggested the Commonwealth facilitate collection of quarantine fees on behalf of states and territories. The Commonwealth does not have the power to collect a charge on behalf of a state or territory under state or territory legislation s. 42

s. 42

The Australian Health Protection Principal Committee will provide guidance on the ongoing need for existing quarantine models in coming weeks. State and territory officials have agreed they should consider options to implement burden-sharing arrangements while they wait for this advice.

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28 May 2020

# National Cabinet Paper

<b>Title</b>	Flow of International Passengers
<b>Sponsoring Minister/s</b>	PRIME MINISTER

## Summary

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### Summary


The Commonwealth, States and Territories agree to nationally consistent actions to manage the flow of international passengers into Australian airports in the public interest.

### Key reasons

Australian citizens and permanent residents were strongly encouraged to return to Australia in March 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. As of 5 July, over 357,000 Australian citizens and permanent residents have returned to Australia since 13 March.

As of 8 July, 15,373 Australian residents overseas have registered an interest through the Australian consular systems to return to Australia. Indicative national quarantine capacity has been as high as approximately 13,000 rooms (~12,000 people), with hotel contracts, outbreak control, hotel sanitisation, and human resources reducing numbers to approximately 8,000 people.

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### Proposed Actions

I recommend the National Cabinet:

1. Agree a national approach for the management of incoming international passengers, based on jurisdictional quarantine capability and number of incoming passengers, be introduced between 12 July and 8 August 2020 and potentially beyond. The approach is based on:
  - (a) Timely and accurate quarantine capacity data and capability data and information
  - (b) Charges for quarantine arrangements
  - (c) Passenger cap arrangements for airports where quarantine capacity is exhausted
  - (d) Passenger cap arrangements for airports where quarantine capacity exists

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

3. Note all jurisdictions have the ability to charge for hotel quarantine. Jurisdictions are developing their own framework for cost reimbursement for quarantine of other jurisdictions' residents.

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- 1.10 QLD introduced fees for quarantine in government arranged accommodation from 1 July 2020 and the NT introduced fees for quarantine in government arranged accommodation from 3 April 2020. WA and NSW have flagged that a charge may be put in place. A uniform approach to charging for quarantine may create a more 'level playing field' in terms of citizens arriving in different Australian cities.

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

### **Options for stemming international passenger arrivals is needed**

- 1.15 Transparent and regular data on quarantine capacity will be essential in supporting decision-making to match with transparent and regular data on air traffic capacity. Both are needed to manage the potential influx of new COVID-19 carriers, and to manage the impacts of the pandemic on our aviation market.

- 1.16 A nationally consistent and transparent approach is now required. The following actions are needed to manage the flow of passengers to Australia without reverting to a hard border closure:


- a) Timely and accurate quarantine capacity data and capability data and information is urgently needed to ensure responsibilities are not being diverted to airline industry.

s. 47C, s. 47B(a)

- c) Capping the number of arrivals through passenger caps. Passenger caps can be introduced under the Air Navigation Act, must pass the public interest test, and airlines must have procedural fairness when imposing any caps. This includes providing 48 hours' notice to allow for any passengers in transit.



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1.26 Given the intersection with state resources, this must be implemented by states and territories, not the Commonwealth.

s. 47B(a)



s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

