



Ad Hoc Cabinet Committee on COVID-19 Response

Minute of Decision

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COVID-19: Noting Items

Portfolio **Health**

On 18 March 2020, the Ad Hoc Cabinet Committee on COVID-19 Response, acting in accordance with its Power to Act:

- 1 **noted** the updates provided under CVD-20-SUB-0013 and the discussion at the meeting on matters relating to the COVID-19 outbreak, including:
 - 1.1 Supply Chain and Infrastructure Workstream;
 - 1.2 Health System Preparedness, including the A3 document *COVID-19 Mitigation versus Suppression*;
 - 1.3 Self-isolation;
 - 1.4 Contact Tracing;
- 2 **agreed** that the government continue to adopt a suppression strategy, aimed at preventing widespread outbreaks;
- 3 **noted** that this strategy will require border restrictions, intense testing, aggressive contact tracing, and stringent self-isolation and quarantine;
- 4 **noted** that further advice on these issues will be provided to Ministers as soon as practicable, including advice on:
 - 4.1 projected demand and inventories for essential health equipment (in particular personal protective equipment health and ventilators);
 - 4.2 health workforce and ICU capacity.

Janine Harvey
Committee Secretary

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Present:

Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern (Chair)
Rt Hon Winston Peters
Hon Kelvin Davis
Hon Grant Robertson
Hon Phil Twyford
Hon Chris Hipkins
Hon Carmel Sepuloni
Hon Dr David Clark
Hon David Parker
Hon Stuart Nash
Hon Iain Lees-Galloway
Hon Jenny Salesa
Hon Damien O'Connor
Hon Shane Jones
Hon James Shaw
Hon Julie Anne Genter

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Minister of Health

Officials present from:

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Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet
Prime Minister's Chief Science Advisor
Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade
State Services Commission
Ministry of Health
Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment
Ministry of Education
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