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MANAGED ARRIVALS TO NEW ZEALAND

COVID-19 Ministerial Group Meeting on 9 April 2020

Action sought

This paper seeks the Ministerial Group's agreement to strengthen current border controls by:

- informing the Ministerial Group of the Director-General of Health's intention to require all arriving passengers to undergo quarantine or managed isolation in an approved facility for at least 14-days, and
- s 9(2)(f)(iv) OIA

Comment

Customs continues to play a key role alongside other implementing agencies

- The key roles and responsibilities of Customs will not change under this proposal as we will continue to process arriving passengers as usual.
- As we have done since border restrictions have been introduced, Customs will, if necessary, ensure arriving passengers are processed by public health officials thereby enabling them to be assessed and subsequently moved into the appropriate quarantine or managed isolation facility.
- Customs will also continue to support other agencies to ensure the proposal can be implemented successfully. This may mean carrying out functions not normally carried out by Customs' officials.
- For example, Customs staff are expected to support New Zealand Police in providing on-site security at the hotels being used for quarantine and managed isolation.