



Ad Hoc Cabinet Committee on COVID-19 Response

Minute of Decision

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Additional Item: COVID-19: Strengthening Border Measures

Portfolio **Health**

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

- 1 **noted** that on 14 March 2020, Cabinet agreed to a package of measures to mitigate the worst impacts and ensure the time is used to best prepare New Zealand for a COVID-19 outbreak, including stronger measures at the border [CAB-20-MIN-0106];
- 2 **noted** that under the agreed measures, the Pacific is included in Category 2, which means that all travellers (New Zealanders and foreign nationals) will be expected to self-isolate if they show symptoms within 14 days of arrival;
- 3 **noted** that CVD expressed a preference for any Pacific Islands Forum member not already in Category 1B, Associate Member Tokelau, and Observer Wallis and Futuna to be moved from Category 2 to Category 1B, which would mean that all travellers (New Zealanders and foreign nationals) would be expected to self-isolate for 14 days on arrival in New Zealand, if a case of COVID-19 is confirmed in that country;
- 4 **directed** officials to provide advice to the Prime Minister and relevant Ministers as soon as possible on this matter.

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
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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
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 Ministry of Health
 Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment
 Ministry of Education
 Ministry for Primary Industries
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