

SA COVID-19 TRANSITION COMMITTEE

Meeting 29: 28 July

Outcomes:

Reference	Action
	Nil

Minutes

1. Welcome and apologies

- 1.1 All committee members present.
- 1.2 Ms Ingrid Norman, AC Noel Bamford and Dr Evan Everest attended as guests.

2. Minutes and apologies

- 2.1 The minutes of the previous meeting were endorsed.

3. Economic update

- 3.1 CE DTF provided a paper on the indicative change in employment by industry since 9 May 2020.
- 3.2 The Committee discussed the paper in light of the Commonwealth Treasurer's recent statements about Australia's employment figures.
- 3.3 The Committee discussed the economic impacts of South Australian businesses continuing to operate under existing restrictions.

4. AHPPC update

- 4.1 CPHO provided an update on the current situation in Victoria, particularly noting the worsening situation in aged care facilities. It was noted that the AMA have made public calls to close down more industries, particularly given high levels of transmission in sectors such as abattoirs.
- 4.2 The Committee discussed contact tracing capacity across Australia. CPHO noted conversations with her counterparts in NSW and Victoria in relation to assistance with contact tracing for cross border community cases.
- 4.3 CPHO provided an update on South Australia's most recent positive case.

- 4.4 CPHO also provided an update on the current situation in NSW, noting the difference in approach to Victoria regarding imposing restrictions, demographics of cases and the sophistication of their regional public health network.
- 4.5 It was noted that genomics testing in NSW has identified that there have been multiple seeding events from Victoria.

5. Border update

- 5.1 SAPOL and the CPHO spoke about the success of SA's border control processes in identifying and quarantining cases.
- 5.2 SAPOL are continuing to expedite work on data matching of pathology and border entry data of people coming into SA to further enable compliance and enforcement actions.
- 5.3 The Committee discussed international flights coming into SA. It was noted that Qatar Airlines intends on resuming 3 flights per week into Adelaide. Repatriation flights will continue.
- 5.4 Conversations with the South Australian universities are continuing in relation to repatriation plans for students. It was noted that this should focus initially on students returning from Victoria.
- 5.5 Conversations with the Commonwealth government are continuing in relation to international students. The Committee noted that a proposal will be provided to the Premier soon.
- 5.6 SAPOL and the CPHO discussed the current situation with cross border communities, noting that Portland now has 6 cases. Consideration is being given to establishing a hotel quarantine facility in the South East to help manage the cross border issues.

6. Any other business

- 6.1 CPHO again discussed AFL matches at Adelaide Oval and that further health recommendations would be offered to the Stadium Management Authority on how large crowds are managed.