

SA COVID-19 TRANSITION COMMITTEE

Meeting 31: 07 August

Minutes

1. Welcome and apologies

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

2. Minutes

- 2.1 The minutes of the meetings 28 and 31 July will be reviewed by Members.

3. AHPPC update

- 3.1 CPHO noted that while Victoria has imposed more extensive restrictions a reduction in their case numbers is unlikely to be seen for another week or more.
- 3.2 NSW are doing an outstanding job of contact tracing, with most new cases able to be epidemiologically linked. A small number each day have no obvious link and are under investigation, and may indicate community transmission.
- 3.3 QLD has accelerated testing rates and not identified any further cases.
- 3.4 In South Australia, specific risk management strategies will be applied to the Thebarton cluster, including supervised isolation in a medi-hotel of 70 close contacts, and home isolation of any one who visited the site during the relevant 3 day period. A forum with community leaders will be held this evening.
- 3.5 The Committee noted that hardship payments will be offered to anybody who cannot access leave to cover the time they will be away from work.

4. Economic Update

- 4.1 CE DTF advised that Commonwealth modelling for mid year budget update was now inaccurate as the Victorian restrictions would be in place longer than modelled. Accordingly there is likely to be significant negative growth in the September quarter as well as the June quarter. Job Keeper eligibility has been revised for Victorian businesses.
- 4.2 CE DTI noted retail and café and restaurant sector performance is improving.

5. Quarantine Arrangements

- 5.1 The Committee noted that there would be continued compliance monitoring of people in quarantine or self isolation.

6. Risk Review

- 6.1 The Committee noted that the State Coordinator and the control agency would have a strategic meeting to consider additional controls necessary to manage risks from NSW travellers and cross border communities.
- 6.2 The meeting will also consider introduction of a requirement for venues to identify a COVID Safe Marshall, the density requirement in gyms and indoor fitness venues, and further risk management for aged care.

7. COVID Response Act

- 7.1 The Committee noted that DPC had requested agencies indicate which elements of the COVID Response Act should endure, noting it expires six months from the day it is made or on the cessation of the emergency declaration.
- 7.2 The Transition Committee will consider these omnibus changes and extensions and make any recommendations to Cabinet.

8. Any other business

- 8.1 The Committee noted that the Adelaide Oval capacity is being managed through their COVID Management Plan with SA Health.
- 8.2 The Committee noted the proposal on the return of international students had been considered by the Commonwealth government and was in progress.