

SA COVID-19 TRANSITION COMMITTEE

Meeting 34: 18 August

Actions:

Reference	Action
4.5	Secretariat to ensure travel exemption process information is available on sa.gov.au

Minutes

1. Welcome and apologies

- 1.1 Mr Stuart Hocking, DCE Department of Treasury and Finance attended the meeting on behalf of Mr David Reynolds, who is on leave.
- 1.2 Dr Evan Everest, Ms Ingrid Norman, and AC Noel Bamford attended the meeting as guests.

2. AHPPC update

- 2.1 CPHO advised that a current major focus is aged care. National Cabinet will be considering a mechanism for each jurisdiction to have a Commonwealth aged care coordination centre.
- 2.2 South Australia will be increasing information and training on infection control for the sector.
- 2.3 CPHO advised of cases of overseas travellers in supervised hotel quarantine.

3. Economic update

- 3.1 CE DTI and DCE DTF advised that South Australia's current economic performance is slightly above the national average, and the participation rate is increasing.

4. Risk review

- 4.1 The Committee noted that close border communities had complained of confusion in relation to the stricter controls on reasons for entering South Australia, but that essential traveller designation remained for medical, employment and other specified reasons.
- 4.2 The Committee noted the need for the COVID-19 cases in western Victoria to decrease to reduce the risk of close border travellers introducing cases into South Australia.

- 4.3 The Committee discussed the concept of “travel bubbles” and noted that travel on the Victorian side of the border cannot be enforced and we must rely on declarations of travellers that they had not been outside the “bubble”.
- 4.4 The Committee noted the need to ensure travellers are aware of the exemption process for exceptional cases.
- 4.5 **Action: Secretariat to ensure exemption process information is available on sa.gov.au as well as SAPOL website.**