

SA COVID-19 TRANSITION COMMITTEE

Meeting 35: 21 August 2020

Actions

Reference	Action
6.2	Secretariat to provide the Committee with a list of the provisions in the COVID-19 Emergency Response Act 2020 to be extended.
6.5	SA Health to return to Transition Committee with advice on whether an increase to international travellers via Qatar Airlines could be accommodated.

Outcomes:

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4.6	The Committee agreed to recommend to the State Coordinator that quarantine requirements should not be lifted for NSW or the ACT at this time, noting the movement between the ACT and Sydney.

Minutes

1. Welcome and apologies

- 1.1 All members present.
- 1.2 Dr Chris Lease, Ms Ingrid Norman and AC Noel Bamford attended as guests.
- 1.3 Ms Alison Lloyd-Wright was an apology and Secretariat support was provided by Ms Clare Speechley.

2. AHPPC update

- 2.1 CPHO advised that a paper had been prepared for National Cabinet on the Commonwealth's proposed Aged Care Crisis Response Unit. [REDACTED]
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- 2.2 [REDACTED]
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3. Economic update

- 3.1 The Committee noted that while some positive economic indicators (personal spending patterns and some job creation) were evident, of the 50,000 people who lost their jobs since March this year, 30,000 remain unemployed. At least half were not seeking employment given current conditions.
- 3.2 As many of these jobs were in tourism, the arts, and hospitality, the situation may not improve significantly until international borders open which might not be for 12 months.

4. Risk Review

- 4.1 The State Coordinator advised that a new direction, restricting access to South Australia of people from cross border communities, came into force at midnight (21 August 2020).
- 4.2 The Committee discussed the impacts of the direction.
 - It was clarified that farmers were considered to be essential travellers and that the ability to travel within a 40km zone into South Australia still applied.
 - The previous week an average of 150-160 people crossed the border each day, sometimes multiple times.
 - COVID-19 was evident in every local government area on the Victorian side of the border.
 - While the new direction impacted on relatively few people, it was recognised that the restrictions were significant and should not be in place any longer than required.
 - Information of the source of the transmission (i.e. a known cluster or 'mystery') would be key to determining whether restrictions need to continue. This information has been sought but has not currently been made available.
- 4.3 The Committee agreed that that the current cross border restriction would be monitored once this data was available to determine when the additional layer of restriction could be safely relaxed.
- 4.4 The Committee agreed that public messaging about restrictions should reference appropriate measures at the border means more relaxed measures within the state can be contemplated.
- 4.5 The Committee noted that commentary on travel to Queensland needs to be nuanced: if you have travel planned and will not be gone for over two weeks travel to Queensland should be fine, but anything longer raises the risk that conditions and restrictions may change, and quarantining on return could be required.
- 4.6 The Committee agreed to recommend to the State Coordinator that quarantine requirements should not be lifted for NSW or the ACT at this time, noting the movement between the ACT and Sydney.

- 4.7 The Committee noted that the Direction on COVID marshals also came into effect today (21/08/2020). 51,000 people had registered for COVID Marshall training and 47,000 had completed the training.
- 4.8 The State Coordinator advised that SAPOL would initially take a supportive/educative approach to noncompliance as organisations put the necessary arrangements in place.

5. COVID Management Plans

Christmas Pageant

- 5.1 The Committee agreed that planning for COVID safe approaches to the Christmas pageant based on a televised evening event with limited attendance at the Adelaide Oval could proceed, with attendance levels consistent with South Australian Government policy at the time of the event.

AFL and NRL Finals

- 5.2 The Committee agreed that the development of bids for the AFL and NRL Grand Finals could proceed noting that any such events would be contingent on public health authorities being satisfied regarding the level of public health risk.

CMP Processing

- 5.3 Dr Lease advised that 220 COVID Management Plans were in the pipeline.
- 5.4 The Committee agreed that a decision regarding dancing at venues would be deferred for a month based on risk.

6. Any other business

Extension of COVID-19 Emergency Response Act.

- 6.1 The Attorney-General will bring in the Bill to extend provisions made by the COVID-19 Emergency Response Act. DPC is collecting information from agencies on the provisions that need to continue in the immediate future.

6.2 Action: Secretariat to provide the Committee with a list of provisions to be extended.

Qatar Airlines request

- 6.3 Qatar airlines has requested the ability to increase the number of people that can be transported in each trip.
- 6.4 This would need to be considered in the context of quarantine accommodation capacity and staff available to support the supervised hotel quarantine process.
- 6.5 Action: SA Health to return to Transition Committee with advice on whether an increase to travellers could be accommodated.**