

SA COVID-19 TRANSITION COMMITTEE

Meeting 61: 15 December 2020

Actions:

Reference	Action
3.4	CPHO to write to counterparts on obligation to prevent onward domestic travel of overseas arrivals.
3.5	A/CE DPC to write to counterparts on obligation to prevent onward domestic travel of overseas arrivals.
5.3	DPC to write to Commonwealth government by 10 January articulating cap arrangements beyond 31 January.

Minutes

1. Welcome and apologies

- 1.1 Ms Julianne TePohe attended for CE DHW. All other members present.
- 1.2 Dr Evan Everest, AC Noel Bamford, and Ms Ingrid Norman attended as guests.

2. QR demonstration

- 2.1 Mr Peter Worthington-Eyre attended for this item, and described the process flow of information through the SA COVID Safe Check-In systems.
- 2.2 The data is encrypted upon scanning, flows through into the Office for Digital Government, where it is decrypted in an airgapped environment. The process of decryption accounts for some delays in reporting, though only of hours.
- 2.3 CDCB will have a secure terminals to search within a closed environment.
- 2.4 The Committee noted the daily reporting target, and discussed the need for additional media and communications reminding people of the requirement to use the check in system.

3. National Cabinet Update

- 3.1 A/CE DPC provided an update on National Cabinet outcomes. National Cabinet did not agree on pre-flight testing of overseas arrivals.

- 3.2 The Committee discussed the risk of overseas onward travellers not quarantining in their port of arrival. The Commonwealth have undertaken to amend their public instructions to make clear this is not possible.
- 3.3 SAPOL will be withdrawing from the airport. The State Coordinator has written to his counterparts on their obligations to not allow onward domestic travel of overseas arrivals.
- 3.4 **Action:** CPHO to write a similar letter to counterparts
- 3.5 **Action:** A/CE DPC to write letter to first secretaries attaching the above correspondence from Police Commissioner and CPHO.

4. AHPPC Update

- 4.1 CPHO updated the Committee with information on the vaccine candidates, noting that vaccines may not prevent transmission.
- 4.2 CPHO is continuing to seek the entry of SA international students through the Howard Springs facility, along with seasonal workers.

5. Overseas arrivals

- 5.1 The Committee noted two flights are expected on Christmas day.
- 5.2 The Commonwealth has accepted a cap on international arrivals of 490 a week until the end of January.
- 5.3 **Action:** DPC to write to Commonwealth government by 10 January articulating cap arrangements beyond 31 January.