

# SA COVID-19 TRANSITION COMMITTEE

## Meeting 63: 29 December 2020

### Actions:

| Reference | Action   |
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| 3.2       | A/CE, DPC to raise concerns Re: non-resident/non-citizen arrivals with Commonwealth.                           |
| 3.3       | AC Bamford to provide most recent statistics to A/CE, DPC to inform discussion Re: 3.2.                        |
| 4.4       | DCE, DTF to oversee specific market research on business sentiment in response to public health interventions. |

### Outcomes:

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| 5.1       | Committee advised that no changes are required to public activity restrictions. |
| 5.2       | No requirement for changes to border directions was raised.                     |

### Minutes

#### 1. Welcome and apologies

- 1.1 CE, DTF was an apology. DCE, DTF Stuart Hocking attended on his behalf. All other members were present.
- 1.2 Noel Bamford, Ingrid Norman, Don Frater and Evan Everest attended as guests.

#### 2. AHPPC update

- 2.1 CHPO provided an update on the NSW Avalon and Berala clusters.
- 2.2 CPHO advised that AHPPC has continued to meet daily, including over Christmas, to monitor the situation.
- 2.3 CPHO/AHPPC will continue to monitor the situation through a variety of means as cluster remains of concern and could still go either way.
- 2.4 AC Bamford advised that since the border arrangements with NSW came into force, there has been a significant drop of NSW arrivals (down to 1,700) – as expected.
- 2.5 Committee noted CPHO's recommendation that border restrictions be eased after 2 weeks of no community transmission, starting from the day the last known case of community transmission was put into quarantine. Restriction levels in NSW and whether or not quarantine breaches have occurred should also be considered, as they were in relation to VIC. NSW currently still has community transmission.

### 3. Overseas arrivals update

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3.4 [REDACTED] DTI would be interested in exploring whether any capacity not used by citizens/residents could be used to bring back international students.

3.5 CE, DTI also advised that universities have received advice on major cost difference between quarantine in SA as opposed to Howard Springs (NT). CPHO was supportive of students quarantining in the NT prior to arriving in SA, noting this could well be the only option at present.

3.6 Committee noted SA Health's progress on a dedicated quarantine facility for positive cases. SA Health is likely to confirm a location shortly. Minor works will likely be needed for it to meet the required standards. This may take several weeks. In the interim, the on-site facility at the Pullman remains a safe, satisfactory solution.

### 4. Economic update

4.1 DCE, DTF provided an economic update. Performance and recovery post-circuit breaker has been robust, particularly in December.

4.2 Committee noted that January will see JobKeeper being scaled back and SA's commercial tenancy protections ending, which is likely to have a negative impact.

4.3 Committee noted that SA Health, DTF and SAPOL received different feedback on several aspects of business sentiment, confidence and business community support for certain public health interventions/approaches.

CE, DHW and CPHO discussed how scientific evidence, experience to date, data and the specific circumstances/origins of new outbreaks informed the response.

CE, DHW and CPHO advised that more information on business sentiment would likely help to further inform this in future.

4.4 ACTION: DTF to conduct/oversee specific research on business sentiment.

### 5. Public activities restrictions

5.1 The Committee advised that no changes are required to public activity restrictions.

5.2 No requirement for any changes to border directions was raised.

5.3 CPHO advised the Committee that COVID Management Plans are being processed and approved again. One nightclub is now operational under an approved Plan.

More are likely to follow this week. AC Bamford advised criticism can be expected from operators not allowed to operate on New Year's Eve due to processing times.

**6. Any other business**

- 6.1 CPHO and CE, DHW provided an update on the Tennis Australia (TA) proposal (refer Minutes, meeting 62), which the Committee subsequently discussed.
- 6.2 Committee noted that a decision on whether to proceed with this proposal would sit with SA Health as Control Agency.
- 6.3 CPHO and DCE, DHW provided an update on discussions with the Commonwealth on the vaccine rollout, including timeframes, prioritisation, booking systems, key stakeholders and partnership-building with the Commonwealth.
- 6.4 Committee requested that a next meeting be scheduled for 5 January 2021.