

SA COVID-19 TRANSITION COMMITTEE

Meeting 80: 16 March 2021

Minutes

1. Welcome and apologies

- 1.1 Mr David Reynolds and Ms Leonie Muldoon arrived during Item 2. Commissioner Grant Stevens was an apology for the meeting and represented by AC Noel Bamford.
- 1.2 Dr Evan Everest, Dr Chris Lease, Ms Ingrid Norman and Mr Don Frater attended as guests.

2. AHPPC update

- 2.1 In the context of cases in the community in NSW and QLD, CPHO noted that there are significant processes in place in each of those jurisdictions to identify primary and secondary contacts quickly, and that all travellers arriving in South Australia from these jurisdictions had been contacted about the exposure sites.
- 2.2 CPHO noted that AHPPC will be meeting for a full day tomorrow to consider what restrictions are considered necessary to manage the public health threat at various stages of vaccine rollout.
- 2.3 The Committee noted the need to develop a roadmap indicating at what thresholds certain restrictions could be relaxed.
- 2.4 CPHO noted that such a roadmap will also need to contemplate the Commonwealth decision about reinstating international travel.

3. Economic update

- 3.1 CE DTF noted the imminent cessation of JobKeeper, and the Commonwealth's announcement of a travel subsidy scheme.
- 3.2 The Committee discussed CBD occupancy and noted that a number of tenants apply national return to work policies which do not reflect the low levels of risk in South Australia.
- 3.3 Action: CPHO to review company policies and consider engaging with relevant companies about return to work in South Australia.

4. International students

- 4.1 The Committee noted that a site inspection had been undertaken of a proposed facility and it was considered suitable. A plan will be developed for approval by the Commonwealth government in two stages: a concept plan and a detailed operational plan.

- 4.2 SAPOL provided the Committee with an update on an alternative arrivals model at the airport which will maintain some police presence and checking with travellers but will not formally mark all arrivals against the Cross Border Travel Application.