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# Aide-Mémoire

## Testing Innovation Weekly Update

<b>To:</b>	Hon Dr Ayesha Verrall Minister for COVID-19 Response		
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### Purpose

1. This aide memoire provides a brief update on the testing innovation work programme.

### Regulatory workstream

#### Rapid review

1. The rapid review of Point-of-Care Testing (POCT) began Monday 4 July and is expected to be complete by mid-August. Manatū Hauora has received Allen + Clarke's draft report and provided comments this week.

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#### Wider regulatory review

4. The Ministry of Health (MoH) is undertaking a desktop scan of relevant documents on testing and innovation and has developed a draft skeleton for the review report, which is being used to shape and guide further research and analysis.
5. A report on the wider regulatory review will be provided in November. This will include recommendations on how this work can be incorporated into the Therapeutic Products Bill.

### Innovation and futures workstream

2. On 26 July, the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC), Te Whatu Ora, Manatū Hauora, and the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) met in a final workshop with some survey respondents to discuss the survey feedback received and the ideal state of our testing innovation system. The survey was sent to both public and private sector stakeholders, with attendance at the workshop from both sectors as

well. While uptake on the survey was low, the responses received (and discussed in the workshop) were informative.

3. Survey responses considered what went well and what could have been better in our pandemic response, why testing was implemented in their organisations, what opportunities there are for testing innovation, and what they would like to see in the future in regard to testing.
4. DPMC is expecting a final report from PwC in the week commencing 1 August, and is intending to provide you with a final report in mid-August.

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