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# Aide-Mémoire

## Testing Innovation Weekly Update

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### Purpose

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

### Regulatory workstream

#### *Rapid review*

2. 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.

3. s9(2)(h)  
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#### *Wider regulatory review*

5. Manatū Hauora is undertaking a desktop scan of relevant documents on testing and innovation and has developed a draft skeleton for the wider regulatory review report, which is being used to shape and guide further research and analysis.
6. A report on this work 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

7. DPMC received a draft report on the workshops and survey from PwC on 1 August. Due to staff sickness and competing priorities this week, DPMC has not been able to engage with PwC on the report in order to finalise it.
8. Once the PwC report is finalised, DPMC is planning to have a draft paper ready to go to other stakeholder agencies for comment (including Callaghan Innovation), prior to finalising the paper in August.