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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

2. Allen and Clarke's final report was received by Manatū Hauora on 19 August.
3. Manatū Hauora is currently preparing a report on proposed options for the future regulation of Point-of-care-testing (POCTs). This has been consulted amongst agencies and aligned with other processes underway, including the future of emergency legislation, and the public health risk assessment underway.
4. Manatū Hauora will provide this advice to you next week.

### Innovation and futures workstream

5. The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) is finalising a report based on agency feedback (including Callaghan Innovation) on key insights from three workshops and a survey that were convened as the first step of this workstream.
6. This report will likely be sequenced to arrive to you soon after the POCT report.