



Ad Hoc Cabinet Committee on COVID-19 Response

Minute of Decision

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Additional Item: COVID-19: Strengthening Border Measures

Portfolio **Health**

On 18 March 2020, the Ad Hoc Cabinet Committee on COVID-19 Response (CVD), acting in accordance with its Power to Act:

- 1 **noted** that on 14 March 2020, Cabinet agreed to a package of measures to mitigate the worst impacts and ensure the time is used to best prepare New Zealand for a COVID-19 outbreak, including stronger measures at the border [CAB-20-MIN-0106];
- 2 **noted** that under the agreed measures, the Pacific is included in Category 2, which means that all travellers (New Zealanders and foreign nationals) will be expected to self-isolate if they show symptoms within 14 days of arrival;
- 3 **noted** that CVD expressed a preference for any Pacific Islands Forum member not already in Category 1B, Associate Member Tokelau, and Observer Wallis and Futuna to be moved from Category 2 to Category 1B, which would mean that all travellers (New Zealanders and foreign nationals) would be expected to self-isolate for 14 days on arrival in New Zealand, if a case of COVID-19 is confirmed in that country;
- 4 **directed** officials to provide advice to the Prime Minister and relevant Ministers as soon as possible on this matter.

Janine Harvey
Committee Secretary

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Present:

Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern (Chair)
Rt Hon Winston Peters
Hon Kelvin Davis
Hon Grant Robertson
Hon Phil Twyford
Hon Chris Hipkins
Hon Carmel Sepuloni
Hon Dr David Clark
Hon David Parker
Hon Stuart Nash
Hon Iain Lees-Galloway
Hon Jenny Salesa
Hon Damien O'Connor
Hon Shane Jones
Hon James Shaw
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Minister of Health

Officials present from:

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Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet
Prime Minister's Chief Science Advisor
Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade
State Services Commission
Ministry of Health
Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment
Ministry of Education
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