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AGENDA VERSION 1

Tuesday 07 April 2020

10AM to 12PM

Canberra - Parliament House Briefing Room via Telepresence (ACT)

NO	RESPONSIBLE
1. Strategic Issues	
2. Health Issues:	
(a) Coronavirus Update <i>(Oral Update SM20/0398)</i>	Dr Murphy
(b) Updated Modelling of Health System Capacity to Address COVID-19 <i>(Paper)</i>	Dr Murphy
(c) Australian Health Protection Principal Committee Advice <i>(Paper)</i>	Dr Murphy
3. Economic Issues:	
(a) Commercial Tenancies Code of Conduct <i>(Paper)</i>	Prime Minister Premiers and Chief Ministers
(b) Consistency in Quarantine Arrangements for Maritime Crews <i>(Oral Update SM20/0399)</i>	Prime Minister
(c) Hardship Provisions across Energy, Water and Rates <i>(Oral Update SM20/0400)</i>	Prime Minister
4. Other Business	

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The National Cabinet for Australia's Coronavirus Response:

1. Noted the oral update by the Prime Minister on the more positive health and economic data from the last week, including the generally positive response to the Commonwealth's JobKeeper package.
2. Noted the oral update by the Chief Medical Officer (CMO) on:
 - (a) the latest epidemiological data
 - (b) availability of testing kits and personal protective equipment (PPE)
 - (c) work under way by the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) to inform future National Cabinet discussions on changes to baseline restrictions and other measures.
3. Noted the updated theoretical modelling of health system capacity to address COVID-19, including the accompanying glossy publication, PowerPoint presentation and two academic manuscripts.
4. Agreed to:
 - (a) the public release of the glossy publication and PowerPoint presentation on modelling, once adjusted to clarify messaging as discussed by National Cabinet.
 - (b) publication of the two academic manuscripts on modelling on 7 April 2020.
5. Noted modelling based on Australian data is currently being developed and will be provided to National Cabinet before the end of April 2020.

6. Agreed the Prime Minister will return to National Cabinet after Easter with an update on the COVID-19 contact tracing application currently being developed by the Commonwealth.
7. Noted and agreed to publicly release the following AHPPC statements:
 - (a) Off-label Medicines for Treatment and Prophylaxis of COVID-19
 - (b) Healthcare Worker use of PPE when Caring for Suspected or Confirmed COVID-19 Patients
 - (c) Home Isolation
 - (d) Organ Donation and Transplantation during the COVID-19 Pandemic
 - (e) Rapid Point of Care Lateral Flow Devices to Detect Antibodies to SARS-COVID-2.
8. Agreed that States and Territories would implement the Mandatory Code of Conduct for commercial tenancies (as amended) via legislation or regulation, as appropriate, with:
 - (a) a date of effect of 1 April 2020
 - (b) the Commonwealth to work with the Northern Territory on bespoke arrangements for implementation.
9. Agreed that residential tenancies are an issue for the States and Territories and would be progressed through the Board of Treasurers.
10. Noted the previously agreed AHPPC recommendation on quarantine and self-isolation for maritime crew and agreed to consider, at the next meeting, a draft uniform exemption for non-cruise maritime crew and guidelines for enforcement, including the role of the Australian Border Force.
11. Noted the oral update by the Prime Minister on the development of consumer hardship provisions for the energy and water sectors and agreed to consider the draft Principles for Hardship Provisions prepared by the Commonwealth and the energy sector paper prepared by the Commonwealth Minister for Energy and Emissions Reduction at the next meeting.
12. Noted the advice from the Prime Minister that the JobKeeper package is not available to childcare centres operated by local councils.

13. Noted the points raised by individual jurisdictions in relation to regional airports, cruise ships, overseas travel by Australians and streamlining of Ministerial Council discussions.

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Thursday 09 April 2020

12.30PM to 2.30PM

Canberra - Parliament House Briefing Room via Telepresence (ACT)

NO	RESPONSIBLE
1. Strategic Issues	
2. Health Issues:	
(a) Coronavirus Update <i>(Oral Update SM20/0420)</i>	Dr Murphy
(b) Australian Health Protection Principal Committee Advice – Management of Health Risk for Australian Crew on International Flights <i>(Paper)</i>	Dr Murphy
(c) Australian Health Protection Principal Committee Advice - Approach to and Management of COVID-19 in the Education Sector <i>(Paper)</i>	Dr Murphy
3. Economic Issues:	
(a) Future School Education Models <i>(Paper)</i>	Prime Minister Premiers and Chief Ministers
(b) Consistent Quarantine Arrangements for Maritime Crews <i>(Paper)</i>	Prime Minister
(c) Hardship Provisions for Energy, Water and Rates <i>(Paper)</i>	Prime Minister
(d) Implementation of Visa Arrangements in Agricultural Sector <i>(Paper)</i>	Prime Minister
4. Other Issues	

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The National Cabinet for Australia's Coronavirus Response:

1. Noted:

- (a) the oral update by the Prime Minister on the passage of the JobKeeper legislation and the importance of all jurisdictions working on implementation of agreed COVID-19 measures and supports
- (b) the Commonwealth Treasury is preparing further economic modelling and exploring options to lift economic activity in critical sectors for future consideration by the National Cabinet, and that the Treasury Secretary will brief the next meeting
- (c) the importance of lifting economic activity without increasing health risks, and that jurisdictions will begin to consider ways to achieve this, particularly businesses adjusting operating models and governments removing regulatory obstacles to enable a 'COVID economy' over the coming six weeks
- (d) the oral update by the Commonwealth Chief Medical Officer (CMO) on the latest epidemiological data on COVID-19
- (e) the CMO will bring advice from the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) on the strategic framework to guide next steps for managing restrictions and health system responses to the next meeting.

2. Agreed the AHPPC recommendations on the management of health risks for Australian crew on international flights, including the new requirement that Australian crew self-isolate at their place of residence (or hotel if not in their local city) between flights or for 14 days, whichever is shorter.
3. Agreed to implement a class exemption for non-cruise maritime crew and the other proposed actions (SM20/0414 of 9 April 2020 refers), including a new action to 'Note States and Territories may adopt additional protocols, in consultation with industry, that create protections for crews on-board vessels'.
4. Noted:
 - (a) the AHPPC advice that, post the 14-day mandatory quarantine period for returned international travellers, it is not necessary for travellers to undertake another 14 days in another State
 - (b) relevant jurisdictions did not agree to change existing jurisdictional requirements for returned overseas travellers to serve an additional quarantine period following interstate transit.
5. Agreed the Prime Minister, working with the Commonwealth Minister for Health, provide advice to States and Territories on proposed minimum allocations of medical supplies to jurisdictions from the National Medical Stockpile.
6. Noted the AHPPC Guidance for Making Schools a Safe Environment and the National Principles for School Education agreed by Education Ministers.
7. Agreed that in relation to the guidance and national principles outlined in paragraph 6 above:
 - (a) the two documents be combined, simplified and strengthened with more detail
 - (b) this work be undertaken by New South Wales, Western Australia and the Commonwealth (the Minister for Education and the CMO)
 - (c) the Commonwealth Minister for Education will consult representatives from the Catholic and Independent Schools sectors on these documents with the aim of having a consistent approach across the education system
 - (d) the revised document be discussed at the next National Cabinet meeting.
8. Noted that the Commonwealth Minister for Education is working with education experts on the potential impact on educational outcomes of the different learning arrangements that have been put in place in response to COVID-19.

9. Agreed to adopt the nationally consistent principles for support for households and small businesses facing hardship in paying for essential services.

10. Agreed the implementation of visa arrangements in the agricultural sector (SM20/0415 of 9 April 2020 refers) with:

- (a) the States and Territories responsible for ensuring accommodation complies with self-isolation and social distancing requirements, in conjunction with local governments and the National Farmers Federation
- (b) the Australian Government and States and Territories to undertake best efforts to have arrangements in place by 17 April 2020, or as soon as practicable thereafter.

11. Noted the Prime Minister will investigate the option of a national permit system for the movement of Working Holiday Maker visa holders and return with advice to the National Cabinet.

12. Agreed a presentation on fuel and energy security will be provided at a future meeting.

13. Agreed to hold the next meeting of the National Cabinet at 10am on Thursday 16 April 2020.

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3. Agreed to implement a class exemption for non-cruise maritime crew and the other proposed actions (SM20/0414 of 9 April 2020 refers), including a new action to 'Note States and Territories may adopt additional protocols, in consultation with industry, that create protections for crews on-board vessels'.

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NO	RESPONSIBLE
1. Strategic Discussion	
(a) Economic Update <i>(Oral Update SM20/0448)</i>	Dr Kennedy Dr Lowe
(b) Coronavirus Update <i>(Oral Update SM20/0441)</i>	Dr Murphy
(c) COVID-19 Modelling <i>(Paper)</i>	Dr Murphy
(d) Response of Other Countries <i>(Paper)</i>	Dr Murphy
(e) Coronavirus (COVID-19) in Australia - Forward Planning <i>(Paper)</i>	Dr Murphy
(f) Next Steps <i>(Oral Update SM20/0450)</i>	Prime Minister Premiers and Chief Ministers
2. School Education - Comeback <i>(Paper)</i>	Prime Minister Premiers and Chief Ministers
3. Management and Operational Plan for People with Disability <i>(Paper)</i>	Dr Murphy
4. Other Business	

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The National Cabinet:

1. Congratulated the Chief Minister of the Northern Territory on the birth of his son and noted his attendance with the Chief Minister.
2. Noted that planning is under way for the Federal Parliament to have a trial sitting period during May 2020.
3. Noted the oral update by the Governor of the Reserve Bank of Australia on:
 - (a) the global financial situation
 - (b) the Australian banking sector and Australia's economic outlook
 - (c) the benefit of all jurisdictions commencing planning and progressing work on structural reforms to revitalise growth in the Australian economy.
4. Noted the oral update by the Secretary of the Commonwealth Department of the Treasury on the work being done by Treasuries on principles for minimising the economic impact of COVID-19, including:
 - (a) targeting restrictions to deliver the health protection needed while minimising the dislocation of economic activity
 - (b) supporting business and consumer confidence to allow economic activity to continue.
5. Agreed the National Cabinet will regularly consider a summary of the economic and fiscal responses of other countries, including actions taken at the subnational level.

6. Noted:

- (a) the work being undertaken by the Commonwealth to bring together the health and economic modelling and data to support forward planning of the next phase in the COVID-19 response
- (b) the related work by States and Territories.

7. Agreed that jurisdictions will share the early planning work referred to in paragraph 6 above to support a future discussion by the National Cabinet.

8. Noted:

- (a) the oral update by the Chief Medical Officer (CMO) on the latest epidemiological data on COVID-19
- (b) the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) papers on the status of the epidemic and public health measures in Australia and other countries.
- (c) the presentation by the CMO on the next phase of COVID-19 modelling using Australian data.

9. Agreed to publish the PowerPoint presentation on the COVID-19 modelling and the Doherty Institute modelling paper.

10. Noted the strategic forward planning framework in the AHPPC paper on COVID-19 in Australia – Forward Planning.

11. Agreed:

- (a) Australia will continue to progress a successful suppression strategy
- (b) the seven precedent conditions recommended by the AHPPC (page 9 of the AHPPC COVID-19 in Australia – Forward Planning paper refers) need to be met before any changes are made to current measures, with work to continue over the next four weeks
- (c) a strong localised response capability to manage outbreaks is needed and that options for providing this capability will be further discussed at the next meeting
- (d) there will be no relaxation of baseline restrictions over the next four weeks, but where jurisdictions have implemented additional restrictions, they may consider adjusting or removing those restrictions

- (e) to consider the possible staged return of some non-COVID-19 related health services, such as elective surgery, at the next meeting based on:
 - (i) final advice from the Australian Health Ministers Advisory Council
 - (ii) more detailed advice from States and Territories on their current and future stocks of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
- (f) to release an amended version of the latest AHPPC advice on reducing the potential risk of COVID-19 transmission in schools.

12. Agreed the following seven National Principles for School Education:

- (a) Our schools are critical to the delivery of high quality education for students and to give our children the best possible start in life. Our education systems are based on the recognition that education is best delivered by professional teachers to students in the classroom on a school campus
- (b) It is accepted that during the COVID-19 crisis, alternative flexible, remote delivery of education services may be needed
- (c) Our schools must be healthy and safe environments for students, teachers and other staff to ensure the effective and efficient delivery of education to students
- (d) State and Territory Governments and non-government sector authorities are responsible for managing and making operational decisions for their school systems respectively, subject to compliance with relevant funding agreements with the Commonwealth
- (e) Decisions regarding the response to COVID-19 in the schooling sector must continue to be informed by expert, official, national and state-based public health and education advice, consistent with these national principles
- (f) All students must continue to be supported by their school to ensure participation in quality education during the COVID 19 crisis

- (g) The health advice consistently provided by the AHPPC is that attendance at a school campus for education represents a very low health risk to students. The advice also notes that appropriate practices must be employed at schools, like at other workplaces, to provide a safe working environment for school staff, including teachers, and that the specific AHPPC advice regarding school campuses should be followed.

13. Endorsed the Management and Operational Plan for COVID-19 for People with a Disability.

14. Agreed to meet at 10am on Tuesday 21 April 2020 and to discuss:

- (a) staged return of health services (such as elective surgery), including State and Territory and Commonwealth PPE stocks and disbursements from the National Medical Stockpile
- (b) preconditions to easing restrictions including:
 - (i) localised responses to outbreaks
 - (ii) enhancements to public health measures
 - (iii) contact tracing applications
- (c) liquid fuel security.

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- (b) the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) papers on the status of the epidemic and public health measures in Australia and other countries.
- (c) the presentation by the CMO on the next phase of COVID-19 modelling using Australian data.

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- (c) a strong localised response capability to manage outbreaks is needed and that options for providing this capability will be further discussed at the next meeting
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- (e) Decisions regarding the response to COVID-19 in the schooling sector must continue to be informed by expert, official, national and state-based public health and education advice, consistent with these national principles
- (f) All students must continue to be supported by their school to ensure participation in quality education during the COVID 19 crisis

- (g) The health advice consistently provided by the AHPPC is that attendance at a school campus for education represents a very low health risk to students. The advice also notes that appropriate practices must be employed at schools, like at other workplaces, to provide a safe working environment for school staff, including teachers, and that the specific AHPPC advice regarding school campuses should be followed.

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- (b) preconditions to easing restrictions including:
 - (i) localised responses to outbreaks
 - (ii) enhancements to public health measures
 - (iii) contact tracing applications
- (c) liquid fuel security.

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Tuesday 21 April 2020

10AM to 12PM

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NO	RESPONSIBLE
1. Strategic Discussion	
2. Health Issues	
(a) Coronavirus Update <i>(Other SM20/0472 refers)</i>	Dr Murphy
(b) Elective Surgery <i>(Paper)</i>	Dr Murphy
(c) Contact Tracing Application <i>(Oral Update SM20/0464)</i>	Prime Minister Ms Edwards Mr Brugeaud
(d) Aged Care/Health Facilities Outbreak Response <i>(Paper)</i>	Prime Minister Dr Murphy
3. Economic Issues	
(a) Liquid Fuel Security <i>(Presentation)</i>	Prime Minister Mr Fredericks
(b) Shipping <i>(Oral Update SM20/0467)</i>	Prime Minister Premiers and Chief Ministers
(c) Implementation of the Commercial Tenancy Code <i>(Oral Update SM20/0465)</i>	Prime Minister Premiers and Chief Ministers
4. Other Business	

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The National Cabinet for Australia's Coronavirus response:

1. Noted the oral update by the Prime Minister on:
 - (a) Virgin Australia and the Commonwealth's intention to issue a strong statement on the importance of having two viable commercial airlines in Australia
 - (b) the need for the sharing amongst jurisdictions of crime data to support future COVID-19 response planning
 - (c) additional arrangements being put in place by the Australian Border Force to support States and Territories manage the arrivals of Australians returning on charter flights
 - (d) the decision by the Commonwealth, based on the latest Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) advice, to extend the current travel restrictions for a further four weeks from 22 April 2020, with a review at the conclusion of that four-week period
 - (e) preliminary JobKeeper registration data which will be presented to the National Cabinet at the next meeting, noting that registrations commenced today.

2. Noted the oral update by the Chief Medical Officer (CMO) on the latest epidemiological data on COVID-19 and the significant expansion in testing under way in jurisdictions.
3. Noted the work under way within the Commonwealth to identify potential Australian Defence Force (ADF) support to States and Territories for localised responses to outbreaks, and the agreement of Queensland and Tasmania to work with the ADF to identify practical issues and options for such support for future National Cabinet consideration.
4. Agreed to further declaratory advice that the one person per four square metre rule does not apply in school classrooms, with all schools to consult the most recent AHPPC advice issued on 16 April 2020.
5. Agreed to adopt the AHPPC principles for initial restoration of elective surgery, with:
 - (a) this to be done as a gradual restart, subject to capacity constraints and local circumstances
 - (b) initial relaxation to begin from Monday 27 April 2020 with a review of arrangements in two weeks
 - (c) the proposed approach of re-opening one in four theatre and endoscopy lists but with some flexibility and no specific cap placed on the quantity of eligible services and procedures to be undertaken
 - (d) no cosmetic surgery to be provided
 - (e) the restart to include all Category Two and equivalent procedures in the public and private hospital sectors and selected Category Three and other procedures including:
 - (i) IVF
 - (ii) screening programs (cancer, including breast cancer, and other diseases)
 - (iii) post cancer reconstruction procedures
 - (iv) procedures for children under 18 years of age
 - (v) joint replacements (including knees, hips and shoulders)
 - (vi) cataracts and eye procedures
 - (vii) endoscopy and colonoscopy procedures
 - (f) dentists to move to Level Two restrictions.

6. Noted:

- (a) the up-to-date data on the stock of personal protective equipment (PPE) in the National Medical Stockpile (NMS)
- (b) the initial advance allocation of masks from the NMS for each jurisdiction to be dispatched by 31 May
- (c) the conditions on which these masks will be allocated
- (d) that any further distributions will likewise be calculated in accordance with need.

7. Noted the oral update by the Acting Secretary of the Department of Health, the Chief Information Officer of the Department of Health, and the Chief Executive Officer of the Digital Transformation Agency on the new application (the 'App') under development by the Commonwealth to support COVID-19 contact tracing by State and Territory health officials.

8. Provided in-principle endorsement of the App and support for future involvement of State and Territory health sectors in the communications campaign to promote the App, with the Commonwealth to brief State and Territory officials in the next 24 hours on the proposed communications campaign.

9. Supported and agreed to publicly release the latest AHPPC statement on COVID-19 and visitors to Residential Aged Care Facilities, which:

- (a) reaffirmed the 17 March AHPPC recommendations that visits be permitted under risk-mitigation arrangements
- (b) stressed the need to take into account the best interests of the resident.

10. Noted:

- (a) the presentation by the Secretary of the Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources on Australia's fuel security, including the challenges currently facing Australian refineries and the work under way to manage fuel stocks and storage
- (b) that the Commonwealth and Western Australia will continue to work on implementation of the agreed class exemption for non-cruise maritime crews from quarantine arrangements
- (c) the update by all jurisdictions on the implementation of the mandatory commercial tenancy code.

11. Agreed to discuss construction industry activity at a future meeting.

12. Agreed the next meeting on Friday 24 April will discuss:

- (a) updated COVID-19 modelling
- (b) ANZICS ICU Heat Maps
- (c) enhanced public health surveillance measures
- (d) utility masks
- (e) localised responses to outbreaks
- (f) JobKeeper registrations.

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- (vii) endoscopy and colonoscopy procedures
- (f) dentists to move to Level Two restrictions.

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Friday 24 April 2020

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1. Strategic Discussion	
2. Health Issues	
(a) Coronavirus Update <i>(AHPPC Papers)</i>	Dr Murphy
(b) Updated COVID-19 modelling <i>(Paper)</i>	Dr Murphy
(c) Pandemic Intelligence Plan <i>(Paper)</i>	Dr Murphy
(d) Allocation of Respirators <i>(Oral Update)</i>	Dr Murphy
(e) AHPPC Statement on Education <i>(Paper)</i>	Dr Murphy
3. Economic Issues	
(a) COVID-19 Safe Workplace Principles <i>(Paper)</i>	Prime Minister
(b) JobKeeper Registration <i>(Paper)</i>	Prime Minister
(c) Implementation of New Agricultural Visa Conditions <i>(Paper)</i>	Prime Minister Premiers and Chief Ministers
4. Other Business	

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Oral Update	SM20/0266	CORONAVIRUS HEALTH UPDATE
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The National Cabinet for Australia's Coronavirus response:

1. Expressed sincere condolences to the families and friends of the four Victorian Police Officers killed this week in the line of duty, as well as to the entire police family, sworn and unsworn, across the nation.
2. Noted the oral update by the Prime Minister on the finalisation of the COVID-19 Contact Tracing App and the commitment of the Commonwealth to provide further briefings to State and Territory officials on the communications campaign to promote the use of the App.
3. Noted the oral update by the Chief Medical Officer (CMO) on the latest epidemiological data on COVID-19, the substantial nation-wide expansion in testing and the planned cessation of use of the isolation declaration cards in light of compulsory hotel-based quarantine arrangements.
4. Noted the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) statements on:
 - (a) the use of personal protective equipment in patients with COVID-19
 - (b) the recommencement of kidney transplantations.

5. Noted the AHPPC statement that, in the current Australian context of relatively low community transmission, the use of masks by Australians is not warranted and agreed on the importance of clear community messaging on this issue.
6. Agreed to the development, by the AHPPC, of national principles to guide future State and Territory decisions on re-commencement of:
 - (a) professional/elite sports
 - (b) community sport and recreation activitieswith the principles to be brought to National Cabinet for consideration.
7. Noted the updated COVID-19 modelling and agreed to:
 - (a) the public release of the modelling, including the associated presentation
 - (b) the weekly publication of updates on Reff and symptomatic case detection data.
8. Noted the draft Pandemic Intelligence Plan and draft Australian National Disease Surveillance Plan and agreed to:
 - (a) consider the final draft plans at the next meeting
 - (b) discuss progress on meeting the precedent conditions for relaxation of baseline measures.
9. Noted the current and future planned actions by jurisdictions to relax social distancing and other measures that were above the nationally-agreed baseline.
10. Agreed to discuss the draft AHPPC advice on the list of baseline measures for potential future relaxation at a future meeting, which will take into account health, economic and social factors.
11. Noted the oral update by the CMO on the allocation of ventilators and that no pre-distribution of ventilators is proposed.
12. Noted the current and planned future arrangements for schooling in each jurisdiction and agreed to:
 - (a) the publication of the AHPCC statement confirming that smaller class sizes might reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission in schools

- (b) the one person per four square metre rule and the 1.5 metre distance rule are not appropriate or practical in classrooms or school corridors.

13. Noted the Commonwealth would provide jurisdictions with a copy of the recently completed report by Vice Chancellor of the University of Tasmania, Professor Rufus Black, on the impact of COVID-19 schooling arrangements on educational outcomes.

14. Agreed that the AHPPC would be asked to provide further advice in relation to the management of COVID-19 in boarding schools.

15. Noted that some aged care facilities were continuing to apply complete lockdowns or bans on visits of carers and families and that the Commonwealth Government will:

- (a) continue to monitor the steps Residential Aged Care Facilities are taking
- (b) if necessary, move to require facilities to seek an exemption from the Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission before implementing additional restrictions.

16. Agreed to the National COVID-19 Safe Workplace Principles, which will underpin nationally-consistent, industry-specific work health and safety guidance on COVID-19 that will be provided via a central hub on the Safe Work Australia website.

17. Noted the paper on current numbers for JobKeeper registrations, early access to superannuation, Boosting Cashflow for Employers and the \$750 cash payment.

18. Noted the update on the implementation of new agricultural visa conditions.

19. Noted the Commonwealth would continue to work closely with States and Territories on the implementation of small infrastructure projects, including through flexibility on funding profiles.

20. Agreed to the National Suicide Prevention Adviser, Ms Christine Morgan, undertaking a stocktake of mental health issues and Government responses across jurisdictions and presenting her findings to the National Cabinet.

21. Noted the experiences to date of jurisdictions in relation to health and other outcomes for their indigenous communities.

22. Agreed to hold the next meeting at 10am Friday 1 May 2020 and to include on the agenda:

- (a) weekly update on the COVID-19 modelling
- (b) Pandemic Health Intelligence Plan and Australian National Disease Surveillance Plan
- (c) draft National Principles to guide the recommencement of professional/elite sports
- (d) a further economic briefing (including on revenue lines and the role of Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility in economic recovery) from the Secretary of the Commonwealth Department of the Treasury
- (e) opportunities for international education
- (f) infrastructure and construction industry – current challenges and future opportunities.

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AGENDA VERSION 2

Friday 01 May 2020

10AM to 1PM

Canberra - Parliament House Briefing Room via Telepresence (ACT)

NO		RESPONSIBLE
1.	Strategic Issues	
(a)	Economic Briefing <i>(Oral Update SM20/0513)</i>	Dr Kennedy
2.	Health Issues	
(a)	Coronavirus Update <i>(Paper)</i>	Dr Murphy
(b)	COVID-19 Modelling <i>(Paper)</i>	Dr Murphy
(c)	ANZICS ICU Heat Maps <i>(Oral Update SM20/0520)</i>	Dr Murphy
(d)	Strategic National Mental Health Plan <i>(Oral Update SM20/0522)</i>	Ms Morgan
(e)	Pandemic Intelligence Plan and Australian National Disease Surveillance Plan <i>(Paper)</i>	Dr Murphy
(f)	Precedent Conditions <i>(Paper)</i>	Dr Murphy
(g)	Support for Localised Responses <i>(Paper)</i>	Prime Minister
(h)	State and Territory Current Measures <i>(Paper)</i>	Dr Murphy
(i)	National Principles for Sport and Recreational Activities <i>(Paper)</i>	Dr Murphy

(j) Industry Code for Aged Care Sector Prime Minister
(Paper)

(k) Boarding Schools and School-based Residential Colleges Dr Murphy
Statement
(Paper)

3. Other Business

(a) Justice Sector Preparedness Prime Minister
(Paper)

(b) Managing COVID-19 in Corrections Facilities Prime Minister
(Paper)

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Oral Update	SM20/0266	CORONAVIRUS HEALTH UPDATE
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The National Cabinet for Australia's Coronavirus response:

1. Noted the oral update by the Prime Minister on additional funding for the aged care sector to assist further with the costs associated with providing care in a COVID-19 environment.
2. Noted the oral update by the Secretary of the Commonwealth Department of the Treasury on the global and Australian economic situation, forthcoming negative economic data, and the importance of boosting consumer and business confidence, including through the actions and announcements of the National Cabinet.
3. Noted:
 - (a) the oral update by the Chief Medical Officer (CMO) on the latest epidemiological data on COVID-19
 - (b) the updated COVID-19 modelling, including that there is increased sensitivity and margin for error in the Reff measure now case numbers are lower
 - (c) the oral update by the CMO on the development of real-time heat maps of Intensive Care Unit (ICU) capacity (the ANZICS ICU heat maps) and his proposal to provide a live presentation on the ANZICS ICU heat maps to the National Cabinet.

4. Noted the oral update by the Chief Executive Officer of the National Mental Health Commission (NMHC) on mental health and wellbeing issues in the context of the pandemic and the proposed National Pandemic Mental Health Plan.
5. Requested that the National Pandemic Mental Health Plan be finalised by 8 May for consideration by the National Cabinet.
6. Endorsed the COVID-19 Pandemic Health Intelligence Plan and the Australian National Disease Surveillance Plan.
7. Noted:
 - (a) the good progress against the precedent conditions as outlined in Appendix 1 of the Pandemic Health Intelligence Plan
 - (b) the need for further action on surveillance (testing), resources to support surveillance, uptake and use of the COVIDSafe App, and stocks of gowns and goggles
 - (c) the need for the status of the precedent conditions to be continuously updated.
8. Noted the oral update by the Prime Minister on the COVIDSafe App and the associated communications activities.
9. Agreed the importance of all National Cabinet members making the uptake of the COVIDSafe App a prominent feature of their public messaging, public communication campaigns, and messaging to their State or Territory employees.
10. Endorsed the National Framework for Addressing Localised Outbreaks of COVID-19.
11. Noted the matrix of current COVID-19 restriction measures enacted by States and Territories.
12. Agreed to meet on 5 May to commence consideration of the potential easing of restrictions, taking into account health, economic and social factors, with the aim of agreeing appropriate easing of restrictions on 8 May.
13. Noted jurisdictional views on the role of state border controls as part of an overall approach to easing restrictions and managing COVID-19 transmission.
14. Noted the oral update by the Prime Minister on discussions with New Zealand on the potential for a Trans-Tasman travel arrangement, and agreed to invite the New Zealand Prime Minister to participate in a COVID-19 discussion at a future National Cabinet meeting.

15. Agreed to the National Principles for the Resumption of Sport and Recreation Activity with the following amendments, noting that implementation will be according to jurisdictional circumstances:

- (a) Principle 5 – first sentence now to read “The Australian Institute of Sport ‘Framework for Rebooting Sport in a COVID-19 environment provides a guide for the reintroduction of sport and recreation in Australia, including high performance sport”
- (b) Principle 7 – remove final sentence
- (c) Principle 9 – delete in full.

16. Agreed the Australian Institute of Sport Framework for Rebooting Sport in a COVID-19 Environment.

17. Noted the advice from Victoria, NSW, Western Australia and Queensland on a proposed framework for resuming national NRL and AFL competitions.

18. Agreed:

- (a) to request the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) develop further advice for the NRL, AFL and other major codes as requested, on the core requirements and parameters of any competition model, to inform any revision or refinement of the code’s proposal
- (b) any revised proposal will need the support of all ‘host’ jurisdictions.

19. Agreed the draft Code of Conduct on Pandemic Procedures for Residential Aged Care.

20. Agreed the AHPPC statement on Risk Management for Re-opening Boarding Schools and Schools-based Residential Colleges.

21. Agreed Justice Sector Preparedness and Managing COVID-19 in Corrections Facilities will be considered at the next National Cabinet meeting.

22. Agreed the Prime Minister return to the next meeting of the National Cabinet with the latest advice on the number of Australians still seeking repatriation and the arrangements in place through the National Coordination Mechanism for managing future incoming flights, including charter flights.

23. Agreed to meet on 5 May and 8 May to consider easing of restrictions with the relevant papers to be provided to National Cabinet members by 5pm on 4 May and 10am on 7 May.

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AGENDA VERSION 1

Tuesday 05 May 2020

10AM to 1PM

Canberra - Parliament House Briefing Room via Telepresence (ACT)

NO	RESPONSIBLE
1. Strategic Discussion	
(a) New Zealand Update <i>(Oral Update SM20/0542)</i>	Prime Minister Prime Minister Ardern
2. Economic Issues	
(a) Returning to Work Safely and Confidently <i>(Paper)</i>	Mr Power
3. Health Issues	
(a) Coronavirus Update <i>(Oral Update SM20/0537)</i>	Dr Murphy
(b) Public Health Related Measures and Recommendations Framework <i>(Paper)</i>	Dr Murphy
4. Other Business	
(a) Justice Sector Preparedness <i>(Paper)</i>	Prime Minister
(b) Managing COVID-19 in Corrections Facilities <i>(Paper)</i>	Prime Minister
(c) Update on Returning Australians <i>(Paper)</i>	Prime Minister

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Oral Update	SM20/0266	CORONAVIRUS UPDATE
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The National Cabinet for Australia's Coronavirus response:

1. Welcomed the Prime Minister of New Zealand to National Cabinet.
2. Noted:
 - (a) the oral update by the Prime Minister of New Zealand on her country's experiences with COVID-19, including discussions under way on further relaxation of restrictions from Level 3
 - (b) the New Zealand Government's interest in progressing a trans-Tasman COVID-safe travel zone
 - (c) Commonwealth and New Zealand officials will work together to prepare the necessary steps, including health protocols, for a safe travel zone, with:
 - (i) National Cabinet to be kept informed
 - (ii) commencement unlikely before July 2020.
3. Noted the oral update by the Chair of the National COVID-19 Coordination Commission on supporting businesses and workers to return to work safely.

4. Agreed:

- (a) all jurisdictions will reinforce the importance of businesses planning for re-opening and operating in a COVID-19 world, drawing on the extensive information and toolkit provided by Safe Work Australia
- (b) businesses and industry sectors be encouraged to develop detailed COVID-safe business plans and, where they have done so, provide them to the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) for advice and feedback.

5. Agreed to task the AHPPC with the preparation of further advice and guidance on COVID-safe mass/public transport arrangements.

6. Noted the oral update by the Chief Medical Officer (CMO) on:

- (a) the latest epidemiological data
- (b) the further increase in testing rates in a number of jurisdictions
- (c) the introduction of the new testing strategy agreed at the 1 May 2020 National Cabinet meeting
- (d) further progress against the precedent conditions, noting that not all jurisdictions had provided the necessary data on stocks of gloves and gowns.

7. Noted the oral update by the Prime Minister on the preliminary Treasury estimates of easing COVID-19 restrictions, as per the AHPPC advice, on economic activity and employment.

8. Noted the draft AHPPC advice on easing of baseline measures.

9. Agreed:

- (a) the preamble has no status and will not be made public
- (b) the overarching principles for the proposed National Cabinet framework for easing of restrictions, including:
 - (i) a three-step approach for the gradual removal of restrictions to enable Australians to live in a COVID-safe society and economy
 - (ii) individual States and Territories to have the flexibility to determine the measures adopted from each step and the timeframe in which the measures will be implemented, reflecting that jurisdictions are at different stages of the pandemic response
 - (iii) each jurisdiction is responsible for clearly communicating its own approach and timetable

- (iv) the aspiration of moving to a sustainable COVID-safe economy before the end of July 2020 (subject to clarification from AHPPC on Step 3 measures)
- (v) to establish a mechanism, such as a matrix, for monitoring progress across the country on the removal of restrictions to inform economic modelling and decisions on the timing of changes to economic supports
- (c) Step 1 include restrictions of no more than 10 people in restaurants (including in hotels and clubs) and cafes to limit the extent of transmission.

10. Agreed that the AHPPC be tasked to prepare advice for the National Cabinet's 8 May 2020 meeting that:

- (a) includes an approach to Step 2 easing of restrictions which is based around COVID-safe operating plans and models (not just patronage caps) in cafes and restaurants, as well as other venues and sectors
- (b) provides greater specificity and detail on the easing measures in Step 3, including on what will not change (for example international travel – possibly excluding New Zealand – and large mass gatherings) sufficient for the modelling referred to above to be undertaken
- (c) includes a stepped approach to easing of domestic leisure/recreational travel within and between States and Territories (noting current border controls in some jurisdictions).

11. Agreed:

- (a) the submission on Justice Sector Preparations (SM20/0517)
- (b) the submission on Managing COVID-19 in Corrections Facilities (SM20/0515).

12. Noted the update on returning Australians, including the national framework for managing returns, developed through the National Coordination Mechanism.

13. Noted the latest figures on downloads of the COVIDSafe App and agreed to consider at the next meeting a summary of State and Territory communications on the App.

14. Agreed to consider at a future meeting the treatment of remote exclusion zones in the context of the broader easing of COVID-19 restrictions.

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The National Cabinet for Australia's Coronavirus response:

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2. Noted:

- (a) the oral update by the Prime Minister of New Zealand on her country's experiences with COVID-19, including discussions under way on further relaxation of restrictions from Level 3
- (b) the New Zealand Government's interest in progressing a trans-Tasman COVID-safe travel zone
- (c) Commonwealth and New Zealand officials will work together to prepare the necessary steps, including health protocols, for a safe travel zone, with:
 - (i) National Cabinet to be kept informed
 - (ii) commencement unlikely before July 2020.

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The National Cabinet for Australia's Coronavirus response:

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11. Agreed:

- (a) the submission on Justice Sector Preparations (SM20/0517)
- (b) the submission on Managing COVID-19 in Corrections Facilities (SM20/0515).

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AGENDA VERSION 1

Friday 08 May 2020

10AM to 1PM

Canberra - Parliament House Briefing Room via Telepresence (ACT)

NO	RESPONSIBLE
1. Strategic Discussion	
2. Health Issues	
(a) Coronavirus Update <i>(Other SM20/0558 refers)</i>	Dr Murphy
(b) Public Health Related Measures and Recommendations Framework <i>(Paper)</i>	Dr Murphy
3. Other Business	
(a) Summary of Communications on the COVIDSafe App <i>(Paper)</i>	Prime Minister

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Oral Update	SM20/0266	CORONAVIRUS UPDATE
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The National Cabinet for Australia's Coronavirus response:

1. Noted the oral update by the Prime Minister on the proposal to jointly fund an infection control skillset to support customer-facing businesses preparing for reopening (with \$40 million funding from the Commonwealth) and agreed States and Territories will advise the Commonwealth by early next week of their intention to sign an intergovernmental agreement.
2. Noted the oral update by the Chief Medical Officer (CMO) on:
 - (a) the latest epidemiological data
 - (b) the further significant increase in testing
 - (c) progress against the precedent conditions.
3. Agreed:
 - (a) a three-step national framework for easing restrictions, based on the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee's (AHPPC) advice
 - (b) to keep progress under review, including against the precedent conditions, every 3 weeks as restrictions are eased
 - (c) individual States and Territories are able to move between the steps in the framework at different times, in line with their current public health situation and local conditions, with each jurisdiction clearly communicating its own approach and timetable
 - (d) the aspiration of having a sustainable COVID-safe Australia in July 2020

- (e) the A3 placemat depiction of the three-step framework, with minor amendments.
4. Noted the economic modelling estimates showing the gross value added and employment impacts of easing restrictions as per the three-step framework.
 5. Noted:
 - (a) the oral update by the Prime Minister on the COVIDSafe App
 - (b) the request that States and Territories formally sign the agreements to access the database for contact tracing purposes.
 6. Agreed jurisdictions will:
 - (a) continue promoting the COVIDSafe App through a range of communication channels (including paid channels)
 - (b) use the opportunity of the easing of restrictions to further promote the importance of downloading the App.
 7. Noted:
 - (a) the oral update by the Prime Minister on the JobKeeper program
 - (b) data on the progress and impact of easing of restrictions will be used by Treasury to inform the scheduled end of June 2020 review of the JobKeeper program.
 8. Agreed:
 - (a) clear jurisdictional plans for managing localised outbreaks are important for business and consumer confidence
 - (b) the AHPPC be asked to consider these plans further.
 9. Agreed:
 - (a) the Secretary of the Commonwealth Department of the Treasury and the Chair of the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority will provide a briefing at its next meeting on how the banking and superannuation sectors are responding to COVID-19
 - (b) to consider the potential role of National Cabinet in progressing broader national policy and reform challenges at the next meeting
 - (c) to consider the higher education and vocational education sectors at a future meeting.

10. Agreed its next meeting will be on 15 May 2020.

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AGENDA VERSION 1

Friday 15 May 2020

10AM to 12PM

Canberra - Parliament House Briefing Room via Telepresence (ACT)

NO	RESPONSIBLE
1. Strategic Discussion	
2. Economic Update <i>(Other SM20/0584 refers)</i>	Dr Kennedy Mr Byres Dr Lowe
3. Health Issues	
(a) Biosecurity Act Determinations <i>(Oral Update SM20/0573)</i>	Prime Minister
(b) Coronavirus Update <i>(Other SM20/0582 refers)</i>	Dr Murphy
(c) Remote Exclusion Zones <i>(Paper)</i>	Dr Murphy
(d) Elective Surgery Review <i>(Oral Update SM20/0574)</i>	Dr Murphy
4. National Mental Health and Wellbeing Pandemic Response Plan <i>(Paper)</i>	Prime Minister Ms Morgan
5. Future Role of National Cabinet <i>(Oral Update SM20/0572)</i>	Prime Minister States and Territories
6. Other Business	

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The National Cabinet for Australia's Coronavirus Response:

1. Noted the oral update by the Prime Minister on discussions with the Chief Executive Officer of the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (CEO NACCHO) and senior Indigenous leaders on their experiences with implementing COVID-19 restrictions.
2. Agreed to invite the CEO NACCHO and senior Indigenous leaders to speak at a future National Cabinet meeting.
3. Noted the oral updates by the Secretary of the Commonwealth Department of the Treasury, the Governor of the Reserve Bank of Australia and the Chair of the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority and in particular the importance of:
 - (a) consumer and business confidence to economic and job-market recovery
 - (b) getting people back to work as quickly as possible in a COVID-safe way
 - (c) putting in place policies to support investment, job creation and innovation in the post-pandemic economy, including taxation and regulatory reforms.

4. Noted:
 - (a) the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee's (AHPPC) 7 May 2020 recommendation to continue the human biosecurity emergency period, outgoing travel restrictions and cruise entry restrictions under the *Biosecurity Act 2015* ('the Act')
 - (b) the Governor-General has extended the human biosecurity emergency period for an additional three months beyond the current end date of 17 June 2020 to 17 September 2020, under the Act
 - (c) the Commonwealth Minister for Health ('the Minister') will extend restrictions on:
 - (i) the entry of cruise ships for an additional three months beyond the current end date of 15 June 2020 to 17 September 2020
 - (ii) outgoing travel for an additional four weeks, with a scheduled review date of 17 June 2020
 - (d) the remainder of the emergency determinations made under section 477 of the Act will be automatically extended by the extension of the human biosecurity period, although they may be amended or repealed at any time.
5. Noted the oral update by the Chief Medical Officer on the latest epidemiological and modelling data.
6. Agreed the AHPPC publish statements on:
 - (a) Paediatric Inflammatory Multisystem Syndrome
 - (b) the utility of testing for COVID-19 to reduce quarantine requirements
 - (c) testing of asymptomatic people.
7. Noted the:
 - (a) Management Plan for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Populations, endorsed by AHPPC on 27 March 2020
 - (b) Implementation Tracker outlining progress under the Management Plan, noted by AHPPC on 9 May 2020.
8. Agreed in principle a framework for consideration of changes to areas covered under the remote travel restrictions put in place under the Act, noting that the Minister must personally exercise the power to vary the remote travel restrictions.

9. Agreed:
- (a) States and Territories will continue to apply the principles for elective surgery while incrementally increasing the level of surgical activity, subject to local circumstances and taking into account the availability of personal protective equipment (PPE), medicines, intensive care unit (ICU) capacity and other health system capacity
 - (b) in line with the National Cabinet's approach to easing other restrictions as part of the COVID-19 response, the easing of elective surgery restrictions and restoration of hospital activity involves three stages:
 - (i) Stage 1 – up to 50 per cent of normal surgical activity levels (including reportable and non-reportable)
 - (ii) Stage 2 – up to 75 per cent of normal surgical activity levels (including reportable and non-reportable)
 - (iii) Stage 3 – up to 100 per cent of normal surgical activity levels (including reportable and non-reportable) or as close to normal activity levels as is safely possible
 - (c) private hospitals mirror their own State's approach to surgical activity unless agreed otherwise with the relevant State.
10. Agreed that in relation to arrangements for PPE:
- (a) States will continue to source PPE for public patients
 - (b) private hospitals will continue to source PPE through their own procurement processes
 - (c) the National Medical Stockpile (NMS) will only be made available to support the response to COVID-19 impacts
 - (d) the NMS will not be used for elective activity.
11. Agreed:
- (a) the level of elective surgery be reviewed monthly commencing May 2020 by the Australian Health Ministers' Advisory Council to ensure it remains safe and sustainable, and in line with the agreed principles
 - (b) all States continue to prioritise contributing timely and accurate data to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, with particular emphasis on the provision of data from all public and private hospitals providing admitted patient care and ICU surge capacity to support ongoing monitoring and review.

12. Considered the presentation by the Chief Executive Officer of the National Mental Health Commission on the National Mental Health and Wellbeing Pandemic Response Plan ('the Plan') and:

- (a) agreed to adopt the Plan, recognising that the mental health impacts of COVID-19 on Australians should be a key consideration of Australia's response to the pandemic
- (b) noted the Commonwealth's commitment of \$48.1 million to support the implementation of the Plan.

13. Noted the Prime Minister's update on the National Health Reform Agreement (NHRA) and that jurisdictions that had not yet signed and returned the NHRA Addendum should do so as quickly as possible.

14. Agreed in principle that from 1 June 2020 all returning passengers to Australia will be required to cover their costs of mandatory hotel quarantining, subject to advice from the Commonwealth Department of Health, in consultation with the Australian Border Force and the States and Territories, on a framework for managing hardship cases.

15. Commenced consideration of the future role of the National Cabinet and agreed:

- (a) the National Cabinet has played an important role in responding to the pandemic
- (b) its operation under longstanding conventions of Cabinet solidarity and confidentiality has been important to this success
- (c) it should continue to meet regularly after the pandemic, with procedural refinements including more timely distribution of papers
- (d) to discuss this issue at a future meeting, informed by one-on-one discussions between the Prime Minister and First Ministers and a short Commonwealth paper.

16. Agreed:

- (a) to hold its next meeting on 29 May 2020
- (b) the AHPPC will provide health advice at this meeting on options for managing Australians travelling overseas for essential business (commercial or government) or other reasons (as the global economy begins reopening).

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The National Cabinet for Australia's Coronavirus Response:

1. Noted the oral update by the Prime Minister on discussions with the Chief Executive Officer of the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (CEO NACCHO) and senior Indigenous leaders on their experiences with implementing COVID-19 restrictions.
2. Agreed to invite the CEO NACCHO and senior Indigenous leaders to speak at a future National Cabinet meeting.
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7. Noted the:
 - (a) Management Plan for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Populations, endorsed by AHPPC on 27 March 2020
 - (b) Implementation Tracker outlining progress under the Management Plan, noted by AHPPC on 9 May 2020.

8. Agreed in-principle a framework for consideration of changes to areas covered under the remote travel restrictions put in place under the Act, noting that the Minister must personally exercise the power to vary the remote travel restrictions.

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Oral Update SM20/0266 CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

The National Cabinet for Australia's Coronavirus Response:

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6. Agreed the AHPPC publish statements on:
 - (a) Paediatric Inflammatory Multisystem Syndrome
 - (b) the utility of testing for COVID-19 to reduce quarantine requirements
 - (c) testing of asymptomatic people.
7. Noted the:
 - (a) Management Plan for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Populations, endorsed by AHPPC on 27 March 2020
 - (b) Implementation Tracker outlining progress under the Management Plan, noted by AHPPC on 9 May 2020.
8. Agreed in principle a framework for consideration of changes to areas covered under the remote travel restrictions put in place under the Act, noting that the Minister must personally exercise the power to vary the remote travel restrictions.

9. Agreed:
- (a) States and Territories will continue to apply the principles for elective surgery while incrementally increasing the level of surgical activity, subject to local circumstances and taking into account the availability of personal protective equipment (PPE), medicines, intensive care unit (ICU) capacity and other health system capacity
 - (b) in line with the National Cabinet's approach to easing other restrictions as part of the COVID-19 response, the easing of elective surgery restrictions and restoration of hospital activity involves three stages:
 - (i) Stage 1 – up to 50 per cent of normal surgical activity levels (including reportable and non-reportable)
 - (ii) Stage 2 – up to 75 per cent of normal surgical activity levels (including reportable and non-reportable)
 - (iii) Stage 3 – up to 100 per cent of normal surgical activity levels (including reportable and non-reportable) or as close to normal activity levels as is safely possible
 - (c) private hospitals mirror their own State's approach to surgical activity unless agreed otherwise with the relevant State.
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- (a) States will continue to source PPE for public patients
 - (b) private hospitals will continue to source PPE through their own procurement processes
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 - (d) the NMS will not be used for elective activity.
11. Agreed:
- (a) the level of elective surgery be reviewed monthly commencing May 2020 by the Australian Health Ministers' Advisory Council to ensure it remains safe and sustainable, and in line with the agreed principles
 - (b) all States continue to prioritise contributing timely and accurate data to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, with particular emphasis on the provision of data from all public and private hospitals providing admitted patient care and ICU surge capacity to support ongoing monitoring and review.

12. Considered the presentation by the Chief Executive Officer of the National Mental Health Commission on the National Mental Health and Wellbeing Pandemic Response Plan ('the Plan') and:

- (a) agreed to adopt the Plan, recognising that the mental health impacts of COVID-19 on Australians should be a key consideration of Australia's response to the pandemic
- (b) noted the Commonwealth's commitment of \$48.1 million to support the implementation of the Plan.

13. Noted the Prime Minister's update on the National Health Reform Agreement (NHRA) and that jurisdictions that had not yet signed and returned the NHRA Addendum should do so as quickly as possible.

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AGENDA VERSION 2

Friday 29 May 2020

10AM to 12PM

Canberra - Parliament House Briefing Room via Telepresence (ACT)

NO	RESPONSIBLE
1. Strategic Discussion	
2. Coronavirus Update <i>(Papers)</i>	Dr Murphy
3. Review of COVID-19 Restrictions <i>(Paper)</i>	Prime Minister Dr Murphy
4. Public Transport Principles <i>(Paper)</i>	Prime Minister Dr Murphy
5. Future Arrangements for Hotel Quarantine <i>(Paper)</i>	Prime Minister Dr Murphy
6. Future of National Cabinet <i>(Oral Update SM20/0613)</i>	Prime Minister
7. Items Considered Out of Session	
(a) Updated AHPPC Advice on Childcare <i>(Paper)</i>	Prime Minister
8. Other Business	

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The National Cabinet:

1. Noted the oral update and placemat provided by the Prime Minister on the Future of National Cabinet and reformed arrangements for the architecture of Federal-State relations.
2. Agreed:
 - (a) National Cabinet has made an important contribution to minimising the health and economic impacts of COVID-19 and will continue to pursue reforms in the national interest beyond the pandemic
 - (b) National Cabinet's agenda will remain confined to a limited number of issues at any one time to enable it to maintain focus and purpose
 - (c) the initial focus of National Cabinet will be job creation as the economy emerges from the COVID-19 pandemic
 - (d) National Cabinet will be able to establish and task National Cabinet Reform Committees to progress priority reform issues and those Committees will:
 - (i) be led by a Commonwealth representative
 - (ii) report directly to the National Cabinet
 - (e) National Cabinet will continue to engage directly with experts relevant to the issue being considered, including existing Expert Advisory Groups such as the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee and Heads of Treasuries and additional groups as appropriate

- (f) National Cabinet will continue as a Federal Cabinet Office Policy Committee operating under Cabinet rules, with National Cabinet Reform Committees also operating under Cabinet rules
- (g) the Council on Federal Financial Relations (CFFR) will report to National Cabinet and will:
 - (i) operate under Cabinet rules
 - (ii) take responsibility for managing all Federal-State funding agreements, including National Partnership Agreements (NPAs)
 - (iii) initiate a review of all NPAs with the intent of rationalising and decreasing the number of Agreements
- (h) National Cabinet, together with CFFR and the Australian Local Government Association, will constitute the National Federation Reform Council (the Council), which will:
 - (i) meet annually face-to-face
 - (ii) be able to establish Taskforces to support the Council on priority national federation issues, such as Closing the Gap and Women's Safety
- (i) existing Ministerial Forums and Ministerial Regulatory Councils will be reviewed and rationalised and, if retained, will be expected to resolve issues themselves and not have a direct connection with the National Cabinet
- (j) all NPAs will be transferred to CFFR for management and future funding arrangements attached to issues addressed by Ministerial Forums and Regulatory Councils will be negotiated with and by CFFR
- (k) National Cabinet will:
 - (i) continue to meet every two weeks while it manages the impacts of COVID-19
 - (ii) shift to monthly meetings at an appropriate time
 - (iii) continue to meet via telepresence with at least one face-to-face National Cabinet meeting a year
 - (iv) retain discretion to vary these arrangements as required

- (l) to consider further:
 - (i) the number, focus and terms of reference of the National Cabinet Reform Committees referred to in paragraph 2(d) above
 - (ii) the reset of the Ministerial Forums and Ministerial Regulatory Councils referred to in paragraph 2(i) above
 - (iii) the National Federation Reform Council and related Taskforces.

Original authorised by

Cabinet Secretary

Agreed as Final by the Prime Minister

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CABINET MINUTE NATIONAL CABINET

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The National Cabinet:

1. Noted all jurisdictions have signed the National Health Reform Agreement and thanked Health Ministers and Treasurers for their work on the Agreement.
2. Noted the oral update by the Chief Medical Officer (CMO) on the latest epidemiological data.
3. Noted and agreed to the publication of:
 - (a) the final 'Australian National Disease Surveillance Plan' for COVID-19
 - (b) 27 May 2020 modelling by the Doherty Institute
 - (c) 'Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) Statement on Tobacco use, E-cigarette use and COVID-19'
 - (d) the 25 May 2020 update on the precedent conditions.
4. Noted:
 - (a) the 'Pandemic Health Intelligence Plan (PHIP)' report for the period 11 to 24 May 2020
 - (b) the advice that, while disease surveillance data indicate low levels of infection and decreasing trends, insufficient time has elapsed to be able to fully measure and assess the impacts of relaxing public health related measures.
5. Agreed to the publication of the public-facing summary version of the PHIP report.

6. Noted the oral updates by:
 - (a) all jurisdictions on progress implementing the Three-Step Framework for a COVID-Safe Australia
 - (b) relevant jurisdictions on internal border restrictions.
7. Endorsed the 'Principles for COVID-19 Public Transport Operations' developed by the AHPPC and noted the updated AHPPC advice on 'The Use of Masks by the Public in the Community'.
8. Agreed States and Territories wishing to do so will commence charging international arrivals for mandatory quarantining, with jurisdictions responsible for implementation.
9. Noted all jurisdictions endorsed out-of-session the AHPPC paper entitled 'Updated advice on distancing requirements in Early Childhood and Learning Centres'.
10. Agreed:
 - (a) AHPPC advice commissioned by National Cabinet will continue to be formally considered by National Cabinet prior to publication
 - (b) AHPPC health advice initiated by the AHPPC or commissioned through other mechanisms will henceforth be considered by Senior Officials in Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM) meetings or out-of-session, with:
 - (i) the Chair of SOM to recommend to the Cabinet Secretary that AHPPC advice be scheduled for formal consideration by National Cabinet where SOM agrees National Cabinet should review the health advice
 - (ii) all other health advice being endorsed by SOM prior to publication.

11. Agreed National Cabinet will next meet on 12 June 2020 and will consider:
- (a) an economic update by the Secretary of the Commonwealth Department of the Treasury
 - (b) AHPPC advice:
 - (i) on the impacts of relaxing public health related measures and the timetable for future relaxation
 - (ii) clarifying the specific measures for potential easing under Step 3 of the framework.

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Cabinet Secretary

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The National Cabinet:

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