



Ad Hoc Cabinet Committee on COVID-19 Response

Minute of Decision

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COVID-19: Border Measures Update

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On 11 March 2020, the Ad Hoc Cabinet Committee on COVID-19 Response, acting in accordance with its Power to Act:

- 1 **noted** the update from Ministers and officials on the ongoing review of border measures;
- 2 **agreed** to the following changes to the categorisation of areas of concern for border measures:
 - 2.1 Italy: to be added to Category 1B within 24 hours;
 - 2.2 City of Seattle: to be added to Category 1B within 48 hours;
 - 2.3 Europe, including the United Kingdom: to be added to Category 2 with immediate effect;
 - 2.4 Washington State (excluding City of Seattle), Oregon, California: to be added to Category 2 with immediate effect;
- 3 **noted** the update from Ministers and officials on cruise ships in the context of COVID-19, and that a travel advisory for New Zealand citizens and residents had been issued on Wednesday, 11 March 2020;
- 4 **invited** the Minister of Health to provide further advice to Cabinet on 16 March 2020 on issues concerning border controls and cruise ships.

Janine Harvey
Committee Secretary

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Present:

Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern (Chair)
Rt Hon Winston Peters
Hon Grant Robertson
Hon Phil Twyford
Hon Chris Hipkins
Hon Carmel Sepuloni
Hon Dr David Clark
Hon David Parker
Hon Iain Lees-Galloway
Hon James Shaw

Officials present from:

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