

# TOURISM RECOVERY MINISTERS GROUP

Thursday, 25 June 2020, 11:30am-12pm  
Weekly Meeting, 7.2 Executive Wing

## AGENDA

<b>Attendees</b>	Hon Kelvin Davis (Minister of Tourism) <b>Chair</b> Hon Grant Robertson (Minister of Finance) Hon Nanaia Mahuta (Minister of Maori Development) Hon Eugenie Sage (Minister of Conservation) Fletcher Tabuteau (Under Secretary Regional Economic Development)
<b>Apologies</b>	-
<b>Officials</b>	Iain Cossar (MBIE Tourism GM), Danielle McKenzie (MBIE), Stephen England-Hall (TNZ, CE), Billie Moore (TNZ GM), Bryan Dunne (DPMC)

Item	Description	Actions	Papers
1	<b>DOC Concession Crown Fee Follow up (5 mins)</b>	<p><b>Note</b> last meeting, TRM tasked DOC and MBIE to provide a briefing with advice on tourism concession fees</p> <p><b>Note</b> the briefing has been circulated to TRM group for decision</p>	<p>3829 19-20/20-B-0435 <i>Tourism Concessions Crown Fee Waiver (MBIE and DOC)</i></p>
2	<p><b>Tourism Recovery Package update (10 mins)</b></p> <p>- <b>Strategic Tourism Assets Protection Programme</b></p>	<p><b>Note</b> that 308 applications were received</p> <p><b>Note</b> that four applications were received late but have been accepted</p> <p><b>Note</b> that the impact of the wage subsidy extension on STAPP</p> <p><b>Note</b> the potential impact of the DOC concession proposal announcement timeline</p>	<p>3839 19-20 Tourism Recovery Package update 23 June 2020</p>
3	<b>Support for Inbound Tour Operators (10 mins)</b>	<p><b>Note</b> that inbound tour operators (ITOs) play an important part in the tourism system, but are not readily comparable against all three Strategic Tourism Assets Protection Programme (STAPP) eligibility criteria and that we recommend that the ITO applications are considered separately</p> <p><b>Note</b> that a large number of applications from ITOs have been received for the STAPP</p> <p><b>Note</b> that MBIE has submitted a bid for support for ITOs to rebuild demand in international markets as part of Wave 3</p>	<p>3728 19-20 Support for Inbound Tour Operators</p>

		<p>of the COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund</p> <p><b>Agree</b> that support for ITOs be funded separately from the Tourism Recovery Fund s 9(2)(g)(i)</p> <p>s 9(2)(h)</p> <p><b>Agree</b> that, if funding is made available to support ITOs, MBIE will conduct a separate application and assessment process for the ITO sector</p> <p><b>Agree</b> that officials will work in partnership with Tourism New Zealand and Tourism Export Council New Zealand to determine the most appropriate approach to supporting key ITOs</p> <p><b>Agree</b> that MBIE report back to the TRM Ministers' next meeting on the detail for determining eligibility of ITOs for further funding and how applications will be assessed</p> <p><b>Note</b> that conducting a separate process will likely result in a delay in the consideration and announcement of funding for ITOs to the rest of the STAPP process</p>	
4	<b>Tourism Transitions Programme</b>		3513 19-20 Tourism Transitions Programme
5	<b>Any other business</b>		

**UPCOMING MEETINGS AND TENTATIVE AGENDA ITEMS**

<p><b>2 July TRM Meeting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eligible/non eligible STAPP applications</li> <li>• Taskforce Policy priorities</li> <li>• STAPP-ITO update</li> </ul>	<p><b>9 July TRM Meeting</b></p> <p>CONSIDER ELIGIBLE STAPP APPLICATIONS (NB: longer meeting time)</p>	<p><b>16 July TRM Meeting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Taskforce Chairs update (NB: tentative announcements this week)</li> </ul>
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## Record of Decisions

1. DOC concessions paper

Ministers noted recommendations. It was further noted all Ministers have agreed to the DOC concessions paper 3828 19-20.

2. STAPP paper

Ministers noted recommendations. It was agreed wage subsidy and concessions would need to be taken into account for STAPP funding decisions. Minister Sage noted there should be analysis against the Four Capitals and the living wage.

3. ITO paper

Ministers noted and agreed all recommendations.

Actions: MBIE to come back to TRM with criteria for ITO funding.

4. Tourism Transitions paper

Ministers noted and agreed all recommendations. MoF asked that RBP be evaluated before extending to tourism firms. Ministers noted need to avoid double-dipping.

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