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Talking Points for COVID-19 Minister

Date:	12 April 2021	Priority:	Urgent
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Information for Minister(s)
Hon Chris Hipkins Minister for COVID-19 Response

Contact for telephone discussion (if required)				
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The following departments/agencies have been consulted
Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment

Minister's office to complete:

Approved

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Needs change

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Overtaken by Events

See Minister's Notes

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Purpose

Response to Ministers' Office request for briefing notes for Cabinet meeting for Monday 12th April 2021.

- An update on capacity and impact of QFT

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Update on capacity and impact of QFT

- Since late January, a total of 30,800 rooms have been released for the period of April through to the end of July 2021.
- From early March to present, over 48,000 returnees have secured a date to return home during the period of March through to the end of July 2021.
- Returnees from over 180 countries have successfully secured a voucher to travel during this period.
- As at 8am, on the 9th of April 2021, there were 806 rooms available for the period of April through to July 2021.
- Demand for rooms has been low in recent weeks and at this point current demand is satisfied, although after yesterday's announcement about India, there was an increase in booking activity for the dates closest to the present day.
- Further to this, as at 8th of April there were 670 rooms allocated for India-origin travellers between the 11th and 28th of April. 70 of these rooms have so far been cancelled by the returnees in the system. MIQ are working with travellers to reschedule affected voucher bookings.
- Also, following the Quarantine Free Travel announcement, between the 6th and 8th of April, we have seen a total of 371 rooms cancelled over April and May 2021 from Australia.
- The rooms cancelled are being held until the 500 rooms contingency is reached, at which point MIQ will release rooms back into the general allocation.
- MIQ are tracking reductions daily.