



## AIDE MEMOIRE

### Talking Points on *Options for Accelerating MIQ Network Transition* for Cabinet on 7 March or SWC on 9 March

<b>Date:</b>	4 March 2022	<b>Priority:</b>	High
<b>Security classification:</b>		<b>Tracking number:</b>	2122-2954

<b>Information for Minister(s)</b>
Hon Chris Hipkins <b>Minister for COVID-19 Response</b>

<b>Contact for telephone discussion (if required)</b>			
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<b>The following departments/agencies have been consulted</b>
The following agencies have been consulted in the development of the Cabinet paper: Ministry of Health, the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, New Zealand Police, Treasury, The Aviation Security Service

**Minister's office to complete:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Approved             | <input type="checkbox"/> Declined            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Noted                | <input type="checkbox"/> Needs change        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Seen                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Overtaken by Events |
| <input type="checkbox"/> See Minister's Notes | <input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn           |

**Comments**



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### Purpose

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To update you on changes made to the draft Cabinet paper *Options for Accelerating MIQ Network Transition* and provide talking points for Cabinet on Monday 7 March or SWC (with Power to Act) on 9 March.

Kara Isaac  
**General Manager, MIQ Policy**  
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### *Options for Accelerating MIQ Network Transition* Cabinet paper

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1. An updated draft Cabinet paper is at **Annex 1**. This incorporates changes made since the last version provided to your office on Wednesday 2 March [2122-2838 refers].
2. Talking points are attached in **Annex 2**.
3. We understand that the Treasury are likely to indicate to the Minister of Finance that their preferred option if vaccination requirements are retained is Option 2 (consolidate to three or four facilities, extend contracts until December 2022), or Option 3 (decommission all facilities by 30 June 2022) if vaccination requirements are removed.
4. As previously noted, with 21 facilities due to be empty by next week and a large workforce with an uncertain future, it is critical that this decision and the associated public announcement are made as soon as possible next week.

### Changes to paper from feedback

5. A number of minor changes have been made to the Cabinet paper to reflect feedback from your office, other Ministers, and other agencies.

6. Costings for each of the three options have been included, consistent with your direction. It has also been made clearer throughout the paper that any unspent funding will be returned to the centre, even if the financial implications of all policy decisions are not yet sufficiently clear to include in the paper.
7. Minor editorial changes and corrections have been made.

## **Annexes**

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Annex One: Updated Cabinet paper *Options for Accelerating MIQ Network Transition* for lodgement

Annex Two: Talking Points on *Options for Accelerating MIQ Network Transition* for CAB on 7 March 2022

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## **Annex Two: Talking Points on *Options for Accelerating MIQ Network Transition* for Cabinet on 7 March or SWC on 9 March**

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