

Cabinet

Minute of Decision

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Maximising Uptake of COVID-19 Vaccines in Tier One

Portfolios COVID-19 Response / Attorney-General / Associate Health (Hon Dr Ayehsa Verrall)

On 15 February 2021, Cabinet:

- **agreed** to the strategic and multi-faceted approach to maximise uptake of COVID-19 vaccines by border and MIQ workforces focused on:
 - 1.1 stakeholder engagement and communication;
 - 1.2 service design and work to address barriers to uptake;
 - 1.3 reasonable application of levers under employment legislation;
- 2 **noted** that border agencies are working constructively together and with employers to encourage uptake of the vaccine without cost and set clear expectations of their workforces to be vaccinated;
- noted that the Border Executive Board is expected to confirm, in the next week, whether further leave support is needed to maximise vaccine uptake in their employed and contracted workforces in Tier 1;



- noted that additional levers can be considered in the future if needed if the vaccine uptake in the border and MIQ workforces is not having the desired results;
- 6 **noted** that officials will monitor and regularly report to Ministers on uptake of COVID-19 vaccines by Tier 1, how well the adopted approach is working and whether any changes are needed.

Michael Webster Secretary of the Cabinet