Covid-19 Vaccine Strategy Taskforce

Minutes – Wednesday 14 October

Meeting Details

Members in Attendance	MBIE: Peter Crabtree (chair), Prue Williams	MFAT: David Taylor
	MOH: Maree Roberts, John Whaanga, Chris James (Medsafe)	PHARMAC: Lisa Williams
	Treasury: Cara Palmer-Oldcorn (for Jess Hewat)	DPMC: Sasha O'Dea, Philippa Yasbek
	STAG: lan Town, David Murdoch, James Ussher (items 3-7)	
Apologies	Jess Hewat	
Additional attendees	MBIE: Simon Rae, Karl Ferguson, Alastair Mackay, Stephanie Symynuk, Justine Daw, Zachary Clarke, MFAT: Glenys Karran, PHARMAC: Andrew Oliver, MOH: Allison Bennett, Kelvin Watson	

Action Points

1 Welcome and review of Actions

• The action on Simon and Philippa, meeting on AoG COVID-19 strategy link to Vaccine purchase strategy, can be closed. Meeting will occur on the afternoon of 14/10

2 Update on Vaccine Portfolio AGREED for now current negotiations + COVAX options is adequate.

- No actions
- NOTE: The funds set aside by Cabinet will cover the next 2-3 APAs (as well as Pfizer) and our commitments to COVAX. The update to Cabinet in November will cover off the financial position.

3a COVAX Facility Implementation process AGREED approach

• NOTE correction to paper. 6(a)

3b Allocation of Vaccines to Polynesia AGREED approach

- Noted the need to conform with CDAs that limits the specific information that can be shared
- 9(2)(ba)(i) & (ii)

4 Project status update and risks

Action:

1. Simon to develop a medium term strategy (target end of November)

5 Immunisation Strategy and implementation programme

Action:

- 2. Kelvin to circulate plan (too small to read on the screen)
- 3. Kelvin to find out source of freezers (Action completed)

4. Kelvin to circulate draft prioritisation framework next week 6 Communications and Stakeholder update No actions 7 COVAX and International No actions 8 VAANZ: Decision framework for global candidates for NZ clinical trials. AGREED to the proposed decision framework (Annex 1) Action: 5. Justine to circulate Lancet article - NZ response to first COVID-19 event to the STAG (Action completed) 9 APA Update No actions