Covid-19 Vaccine Strategy Taskforce Minutes – Wednesday 28 October

Meeting Details

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Members in Attendance	MBIE: Peter Crabtree (chair)	MFAT: Glenys Karran
	MOH: Maree Roberts; John Whaanga, Chris James (Medsafe)	PHARMAC: Apology
	Treasury: Cara Palmer-Oldcorn	DPMC: Sasha O'Dea, Philippa Yasbek
	STAG: Ian Town, David Murdoch, James Ussher (items 1-7)	
Apologies	Jess Hewat, Prue Williams, David Taylor, Lisa Williams	
Additional attendees	MBIE: Simon Rae, Karl Ferguson, Poppy Haynes, Alastair Mackay, Stephanie	
	Symynuk, Justine Daw, Zachary Clarke, MFAT: Glenys Karran, MOH Allison	
	Bennett, Kelvin Watson	

Action Points

1 Welcome and review of Actions

No actions

2 COVAX Purchase plan and decision rules

- NOTED: The group highlighted the need to have a standardised process to support all
 decisions to build the portfolio, which recognises the level of risk the Portfolio is managing.
- ACTION: Develop a standardised risk assessment for the Vaccine Portfolio, to support future decision making including those related to COVAX.

3 Horizon Market Research

- NOTED Can be shared within an Agency but not beyond. Specifically don't share yet with TPM as this needs to be agreed with Horizon.
- ACTION Karl to work with colleagues on a process to socialise results
- ACTON Karl to see if there is more detail on the ethnicity information in the table on page 6 and also Section 5 *Vaccine Approval Process.*
- ACTION Karl to discuss TPM work-plan scope with Philippa Yasbek and/or Treasury.
- ACTION Ian Town and Fran Priddy to brief the Taskforce by December on options for clinical trial/long-term monitoring in NZ, and how this might provide information in support of the Communications and Engagement pillar.

4 Project status update

• NOTED: Simon has the Strategy and Policy team considering medium-term risks as part of the medium-term strategy work

5 Immunisation Strategy and implementation programme

- ACTION: Chris James to discuss Medsafe process and timeframes with Immunisation team to assist in timeframe planning.
- ACTION: Following the above, potentially hold a focus session with Simon, Poppy and Kelvin on timing.

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6 Communications and Stakeholder update

• No actions

7 COVAX and International

• No actions

8 APA Update

• NOTED: need to keep Cara (Treasury) in the loop on upcoming Cabinet and Joint Ministers papers

9 Other business

• ACTION: VAANZ Platform Director James Ussher and Clinical Director Fran Priddy to brief the Taskforce by December on progress against agreed plan, as well as any observations from their international connections.