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AHPPC Monday 24 February 2020 14:00 – 15:00 AEDT

## Attendees

<b>Members attending</b>	
Prof Brendan Murphy	Prof Brendan Murphy Commonwealth Chief Medical Officer
Dr Andrew Robertson	Chief Health Officer, Western Australia
A/Prof Nicola Spurrier	Chief Health Officer, South Australia
Dr Brett Sutton	Chief Health Officer, Victoria
Dr Kerry Chant	Chief Health Officer, New South Wales
Dr Jeremy McAnulty	Director, Health Protection, New South Wales
Dr Jeannette Young	Chief Health Officer, Queensland
Dr Mark Veitch	Chief Health Officer, Tasmania
Dr Kerryn Coleman	Chief Health Officer, ACT
CAPT Nicole Curtis RAN	ADF
Ms Simone Davenport/ Ms Justine Rixon	EMA
Dr Hugh Heggie	Chief Health Officer, Northern Territory
Dr Caroline McElany	NZ Ministry of Health
A/Prof Dianne Stephens	Deputy Chief Health Officer, Northern Territory
Dr Sonya Bennett	Chair, CDNA
Ms Bronte Martin	NCCTRC
<b>Invited Experts</b>	
Professor Jodie McVernon	University of Melbourne
Professor Allen Cheng	Director, Infection, Prevention and Healthcare Epidemiology Unit, Alfred Health
Professor Lyn Gilbert	Director, Infection Prevention and Control, Institute of Clinical Pathology, University of Sydney
<b>Department of Health</b>	
Ms Celia Street	First Assistant Secretary, Office of Health Protection
Ms Rhonda Owen	Assistant Secretary, Health Emergency Management Branch
Dr Jenny Firman	Chief Medical Officer, DVA
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<b>Apologies</b>	
Prof Paul Kelly	Deputy Chief Medical Officer
Ms Allison McMillan	Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officer
Dr Mike Catton	VIDRL
Mr Rob Cameron	EMA
Dr Gary Lum	Principal Medical Officer, MSAU
Dr Ben Howden	Chair, Public Health Laboratories Network
RADM Sarah Sharkey	Commander Joint Health and Surgeon General, ADF

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Prof Murphy opened the meeting with an update on the current case numbers and noted concerns around the situation in Italy and Iran. He noted that there has been no acceleration of cases in provinces other than Hubei, however, numbers continue to grow in Hubei.

### CDNA

Dr Bennett reported from today's meeting. She echoed the concerns around Italy and Iran, noting that Italy is not as alarming as the index case had travelled to China and mobility restrictions have been implemented but there is evidently second or third generation transmission.<sup>s33</sup>

Members noted that the behaviour of the disease is difficult as epi is therefore based only on severe cases as mild cases are not being reported and/or monitored.

### Repatriation Update

Dr Stephens advised Members that all passengers are settled and currently well at Howard Springs with no further cases at this stage.

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Dr Stephens proposed developing a SOPs-type document around the repatriation process to be used for any similar incidents in the future.

**ACTION: Repatriation process document to be developed for future incidents.**

### Homecare following a positive result

Prof Murphy sought input on the Homecare discussion paper circulated to Members. It was agreed to further consider the paper and seek endorsement at tomorrow's meeting.

**ACTION: Homecare discussion paper to be included on tomorrow's agenda for endorsement.**

A/Prof Spurrier raised concerns around risk of reinfection of people who have had COVID-19. Prof Murphy advised that both PHLN and CDNA are considering this issue in consultation with Paul Armstrong. A decision is to be made out-of-session and provided to AHPPC.

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## Release of AHPPC Statement

Members discussed a draft AHPPC statement Prof Murphy would like to release today. The statement is to advise the public of the evolving global situation and the changes to assessment of risks to Australia. All members that the statement should be released today. Some minor changes were suggested. A final draft is to be circulated at 4pm prior to the release at 5pm.

Members noted the importance of the balance between reassurance to the public and being upfront about the likelihood of a global pandemic. The messaging may need to be stronger in a staged approach as the situation changes. All Members agreed to the need for consistent messaging to ensure public confidence. Jurisdictions communications to mirror the CMO's AHPPC Statement.

It was agreed that the situation would be reviewed at each meeting with the possibility of staged public advice twice a week.

**ACTION:** The Secretariat will circulate the updated version of the AHPPC Statement at 4pm. Comments to be consolidated prior to release at 5pm.

**ACTION:** Global situation to be review with update of the AHPPC Statement twice weekly.

## Actions from AHPPC meeting with Ministers

Prof Murphy will be providing Ministers with a COVID-19 update at Friday's CHC meeting.

Prof Murphy confirmed that travel advisories for Japan and South Korea have been increased to Level 2.

Ms Street advised that supplies of flu vaccine in the NIP are satisfactory but will advise further regarding private provider supplies. She also advised that she will advise of the launch date for the Flu vaccine strategy

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## Year 11 and 12 students

Prof Murphy asked that jurisdictions report to tomorrow's meeting on the management of Year 11 and 12 students.

**ACTION:** Year 11 and 12 students to be included on tomorrow's AHPPC agenda.

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