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Subject: RE: [Commission] Medium Term Recovery Plan

Hi all,

Thanks for the call – CX is considering the paper for the Cabinet Office process and we'll get back to you with his comments.

Quick readout of the discussion in the meeting this afternoon – thanks for work in advance and dial in:

- CX agrees that it is very difficult to argue that NPIs should be lifted while the number of cases and deaths is still rising. Given that, for the Easter decision point he's broadly supportive of a strategy that seeks to: i) return behaviour back to the actual strategy, particularly to clarify communications around people going to work across the whole economy; ii) explore granular analysis around whether we can go further, e.g. for specific sectors or regions
- In support of that, economics group are starting to model which sectors or regions would be most economically valuable to start returning to work, to bring that together with CMO thinking on the health impacts. **Action:** for the bilat on Tues, pls can we feed in early results and thinking from that analysis. In particular, anything CX can say to the PM about potentially the two or three sectors we could encourage to return to work.
- CX continues to want to understand very clearly the exact timetable of what advice on modelling has been given when. **Action:** SPB are already working up a document that captures this; CX is keen to keep that as a live document to make sure there is some accountability around the medical decision making.
- CX noted the point around the timing of any decision – i.e. it might be better to delay the decision point slightly, in order to have more hard medical data to base the decision on. I think he would be open to making this point to the PM if we think it would make a difference.

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Specifically following up on NPI commission.

I know you are already working on a paper updating Cx on economic impact of NPIs and plan for Easter review point (i.e. easing/lifting interventions). Which I understand is going to be sent up tonight.

I also had a discussion with Emily B in No10 today and she gave me a heads up that there is likely to be a wider cabinet discussion on NPIs/Easter decision point next week and there is also a plan to have a PM/CX bilat discussion ahead of that.

Therefore can I propose the following as a process/next steps:

1. Wednesday: COVID team to send NPI / Econ paper up to Cx tonight as planned (covering: what is going on in economy, views on compliance, exit strategy, how to optimise NPIs at Easter review point)
2. Thursday: Call with Cx to discuss NPI/Econ paper – opportunity to share thoughts with Cx and get his steers
3. Can we then get by COP Friday:
 - a. Speaking note for Bilat
 - b. Paper that we can share with PM ahead of Bilat (opportunity for Cx to set out his views and the economic analysis to the PM, without it being watered down by CO process)
4. Bilat mon/tues (timing tbc)
5. Cabinet discussion on NPIs later next week

Thanks
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