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TEO FIRST MINISTER'S OFFICE MEETING NOTE

Date 17 May 2020

CDL – DA call Borders

TITLE/ORGANISATION:		UKG		
DATE:	17 May 2020 2pm	INFORMAL NOTE WRITTEN BY		Deirdre Griffith
VENUE:			Officials present	FM Adviser present: Philip Weir
<p>LIST OF ATTENDEES included: First Minister – Arlene Foster Deputy First Minister Stephen McGlade – SPAD dFM Carol Morrow – PS dFM Karen Pearson – Head of EU Exit , TEO First Minister Scotland First Minister Wales Michael Gove – CDL, UKG Brandon Lewis, SOS NI Simon Hart, SOS Wales Alister Jack, SOS Scotland No 10 Call out not able to confirm all attendees</p>				
KEY POINTS DISCUSSED:		<p>CDL updated Ministers on plans for management of risk of re-infection within the UK and related plans for self-quarantine for 14 days after arrival. Recognised special position in relation to narrow straits and France.</p> <p>Issues raised in discussion included strength of ROI arrangements given CTA exemption; guidance on exemptions (eg haulage drivers, frontier workers); travel from point of arrival to quarantine; HR compliance; restrictions when quarantining; engagement with ports and airports; CMO advice needed, other countries transmission rates and time limited regulations.</p>		

	<p>Need for legal and policy officials to continue to engage.</p> <p>FM Wales - keen to move together- support basis principles raised some queries FM - raised some points of clarification aske dot have sight of draft regulations dFM – vital to communicate with Dublin FM SG - support the principle necessary and sensible will need regulations to give effect and Human rights compliance.</p> <p>SOS NI indicated that there will be a meeting with ROI this week; SOS WG indicated that it was critical to move together and SOs WG agreed and noted seasonal worker are important and asked if 10 days quarantine followed by a clear test be an option.</p> <p>CDL concluded indicating: understood ROI positons – PM and Taoiseach had spoken need to be as aligned as possible Need clear guidance eg hauliers not quarantining Working on onward travel Looking as exceptional circumstance exemptions Have been in touch with ports and airports Legislation would be ECHR compatible and will have CMO advice. Will be GPSMIG tomorrow and CDL will speak to AG to consider legal basis. FM Wales – useful meeting but need regular rhythm. Less than 2 weeks from review date CDL – Will seek to make sure regular meetings – will speak at end of week. Will share info on approach to next review eg school positon</p> <p>Meeting concluded 2:20pm</p>
ACTION POINTS:	<p>Further discussion as GPSMIG on 18/5/2020</p>