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Subject: RE: Essential workers

Chris

It's been agreed that a quick virtual meeting takes place to resolve this issue involving you, Diane Dodds, Peter Weir, Stephen McGlade and Declan Kearney.

The aim would be to agree a compromise position which would then be shared with the smaller parties.

Sorry!

David

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Karen

Yes – best published together, but not fatal if the list goes out first.

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Is the issue to pull the various things together under cover of a short clear message from fm and dFM along the lines of Chris' lines below. There are a number of products in play which would land best if they went out together.

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Ministers focusing on this right now in ECCMC.

Would be worth bearing in mind:

- Economy minister and DAERA minister want to keep things open where possible
- DFM and finance minister seeing a conflict between economy messages and medical advice. DFM asking for guidance to be issues this morning
- Justice minister reporting on concerns being raised by constituents and asking for clear messaging for the weekend
- DfI minister asking for clear messaging

I think we will need some messaging today. Happy to discuss after eccmc.

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Chris M

Recent conversation refers. Here is a suggested compromise on key workers that might manage the risk of a disagreement.

Publish list of essential workers alongside regs

Additional guidance moves core policy message forward somewhat by saying:

- Anyone who can work from home must work from home
- Only those who cannot work from home should travel to work
- **Employers should think very carefully before asking anyone not on the list to travel to work**
- Employers must facilitate social distancing for anyone coming in to work

Line in bold is key. Not enforceable, but nevertheless well in front of GB position, and likely to make many businesses very worried.

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