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READOUT | First Minister and deputy First Minister

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25 November 2020 at 17:21

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Actions: COVID team - SOS asked that we speak to DFT/DHSC regarding test and release approach to clarify the FM's questions and ask for the underlying data behind the policy. Please could you pick up?

SOS-FM/DFM | 25 November

Secretary of State
First Minister
deputy First Minister

Secretary of State opened discussions by asking about case numbers and asked whether there were any other COVID issues that FM/DFM would like to discuss.

DFM confirmed that there were around 500 cases today.

FM said that she would like to understand the UK Government's 'test and release' approach a little more as she previously understood that the NI CMO was not keen. She asked whether if someone came in on an international flight to London, would that 'test and release' policy apply if someone arrived in London and then moved to NI.

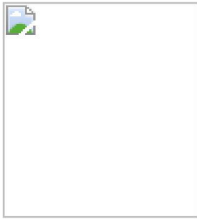
SOS said he would ask for any data on this to be provided and will get further details on the London-NI travel aspect.

DFM said that the main focus was around the 2 week circuit break and she said they were keen for the mass testing roll out to go ahead.

SOS said that if there was anything in particular he could do to help push for NI, let him know. He said he had heard things were moving forward logically and that he was confident that it could hopefully roll out smoothly.

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26 November 2020 at 07:20

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Thanks for the readout,

We'll pick up this action.

Thanks,

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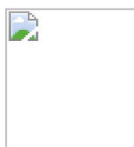
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27 November 2020 at 17:59

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For the benefit of the chain, this clarification has now been sent to TEO, along with data from DfT. Please consider this action complete

Thanks

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30 November 2020 at 11:03

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