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Modelling the course of the COVID epidemic and the impact of different interventions and recommendations

I refer to your paper regarding the above issue.

I would be keen to establish how the consideration of the potential restrictions being suggested relate to the agreed relaxation of measures due to come into effect from midnight today.

In addition, while recognising the gravity of the situation there is a need to consider the effectiveness of the range of proposals detailed, to correlate these to the impact on effectively containing and reducing the infection rate, assess each of the measures in a much broader context as I have previously suggested and to bring a strategic policy approach to the management of this issue. Equally important we need to continue to improve the tools already in place to maximise their effectiveness.

Finally I would stress the importance of the support schemes being brought forward by various departments ensuring that businesses are adequately funded to meet the scale of the challenges presented by closure at this key time of year.

I am copying this to the Attorney General, Departmental Solicitor's Office, First Legislative Counsel and to Executive Secretariat.

Yours sincerely

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