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Hi **Name Redacted**

Please see the updated version of the paper which incorporates SoS' comments – thanks for discussing these with me. CO will need to send the final version of the paper to the PM at 12.

Secondly, SoS asked whether establishing a process to assess travellers through health declaration forms should be used to increase the number of passengers providing their contact details. 'Assessing health declaration forms would be resource intensive and cause disruption at the border: a screening process based on health declaration forms would not be viable with current Public Health England and Border Force capacity. Operationally, health declaration forms could be initially reviewed by a Border Force official, but Border Force would not have capacity to complete initial reviews alongside immigration and security checks as border flows return to business as usual levels. Under the Coronavirus Act 2020, someone identified by Border Force officials as potentially high risk would also need to be assessed by a public health official before we can mandate they share their contact details and onward travel plans. Even with the current low flows at the border, this would require reallocation of PHE's public health officials to ports. If our aim is to collect the contact details of as many travellers as possible, including those who might not be caught by an unreliable health declaration assessment, seeking powers to require contact details of all travellers provide a more straight forward and operationally viable solution.'

Best wishes

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Hi **Name Redacted**

Attached are SofS comments in tracked changes. In particular he said that section 2 needs to be set out more clearly, with the 3 options in a clear structure (eg bullet points with pros & cons, not hidden in a single paragraph). He also had quite a number of drafting notes, and thought the general tone of the note was rather negative/pejorative.

Happy to chat if useful.

Thanks,

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Subject: RE: Box times for papers - Monday 20 Apr

Hi **NR**

Please see attached the paper on Health Monitoring and Self-Isolation Measures at the Border, for Wednesday's Quad meeting. This is also being shared with the Home Secretary overnight for initial review and will be circulated to Downing Street tomorrow, pending SoS' comments.

Best wishes

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That would be great – thanks James. I know it’s an issue he’s very interested in.

Thanks,

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Hi NR

Thanks – the paper is an HO lead but we’ve been contributing very substantially to the initial drafting over the weekend. We’re keen to send an early draft to SoS in parallel with the Home Sec to ensure he’s content with the direction of travel so will provide that as soon as there is something settled for him to review.

James



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Dear All,

Please see the attached commission from the C-19 secretariat for an updated version of the borders paper, to be discussed on Wednesday at the FSS meeting.
I understand from them that this is a HO lead, but will confirm with their PO, so I think just to note and feed into any updates to their paper.

Thanks very much,

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Hi James,

As discussed just now, I'm afraid that SofS has come back with some comments. Although, SofS agrees that measures are not needed right now he would like some further work and detail to be provided on some of the other

conclusions set out in the paper. For instance, he would like more consideration to be paid to the pre-travel checks (option 1), self-validation (option 2), or test track and trace. Within quarantine, it does not allow for quarantine until a test is completed (as opposed to 14 days with no test).

SofS has commented that whilst some of the options may have been deemed unsuitable for staffing reasons, this does not count as an epidemiological consideration and he would like this to be referenced in the paper. Essentially, SofS has commented that the opening conclusion - that only quarantine works - is not fully justified by the detail.

Although SofS has commented that the paper needs some quite considerable work as per the above, he is v keen to ensure that we do not delay the meeting. If you're able to reshare a version by 12pm tomorrow, we can try and run this by SofS ahead of sharing with CDL's office. I'll get in touch with them now to see if they have significant objections to this approach.

Thanks,

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Hi NR

As discussed, now sharing:

- Clean version of the paper for SoS review this evening;
- Brief on the paper summarising process/key points.

My understanding is that you will send on to SoS for him to review this evening, then subject to his approval you will send on to CDL's office. Can I confirm that's right?

Thanks, James



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Hi **Name Redacted**

DCMOs kindly provided further comments on the paper which we have sought to address in the attached. This also incorporates further comments from OGDs.

We understand that CDL's office is asking for a version of this paper for CDL's box in the next 30 minutes or so, but I'm conscious that it hasn't been possible for SoS to review this afternoon. If you feel strongly that the Health Secretary should review before it goes to CDL then perhaps you could make that point to CDL's office?

Thanks, James



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Hi **NR**

Apologies for having missed your deadline – afraid we've been juggling input from OGDs.

I'm now attaching the latest version of this paper; the tracks / DNs in the text are DHSC suggestions to clarify the key message that some border controls (mandatory quarantine/self-isolation) could be an effective part of our medium term response, but that further work is required on the precise measures (including implementation challenges) and when these measures would be effective.

Please do share with SoS now to give him the best opportunity to engage with the question. A further version of the paper will likely be produced later tonight which incorporates steers from other ministers, but the core elements of the paper won't now change.

I also understand that the meeting itself has now gone in for 4.30 tomorrow and that there's been a request for briefing ahead of that meeting; we will share that with you by COP this evening.

I'm also copying to Minister Churchill and Minister Bethell's offices for sight.

Please do give me or **NR** a ring if there are any questions.

Thanks, James



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Hi James,

There is a small chance that we would be able to show him this afternoon but I can't guarantee it given his diary is pretty full. We would put in the box tonight and would hopefully have comments back by tomorrow morning.

Thanks,

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Thanks for confirming.

Can I check if we provide you with a draft of the borders paper by 3pm when we would be likely to get SoS comments? I'm conscious that this paper is due to be discussed by a small ministerial group chaired by CDL possibly as early as tomorrow (and is being reviewed by the Home Sec in parallel this afternoon) so if possible SoS would also review sometime this afternoon/evening so that we're ensuring his views are given equal weight with those of the Home Sec.

Noted too on junior ministerial engagement, although again conscious of timings. The paper covers options for new public health measures at the border, policy options relating to those, and next steps to turn this into a programme of work that could feed into the HMG exit strategy. On that basis would you be able to advise which junior minister's

office we should liaise with?
Thanks, James



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We'd need by 3pm at the latest. I can't tell from the description who would lead in Junior minister office but can you ensure they are in the loop – if they need to put to minister before sofs then deadline will be earlier.

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Hi Private Office,

Wanted to get in touch regarding two papers that need to be sent to SoS tomorrow (Monday 20 Apr) to confirm box times with you.

1. A Home Office-led paper for a small ministerial group discussion happening this week, led by CDL, on plans for the border as we move into the next stage.
2. A response to the Harriet Harman in her role as chair of the Joint Committee on Human Rights

Please could you let me know what the box times are for tomorrow so that we can plan our day around this? Both items need to be sent tomorrow so a response ASAP would be really appreciated.

I've attached the initial commissioning email for no.1 and the original letter from Harriet Harman for further context, but please do feel free to give me a call on skype or **I&S** if useful to discuss further.

Many thanks,

NR



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