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### Testing Innovation Weekly Updates

The following documents have been included in this release:

**Title of paper:** Testing Innovation Weekly Update – 1 July 2022

**Title of paper:** Testing Innovation Weekly Update – 8 July 2022

**Title of paper:** Testing Innovation Weekly Update – 23 July 2022

**Title of paper:** Testing Innovation Weekly Update – 29 July 2022

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# Aide-Mémoire

## Testing Innovation Weekly Update - 8 July

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| <b>To:</b>              | Hon Dr Ayesha Verrall<br>Minister for COVID-19 Response |                        |                            |
| <b>From:</b>            | Alice Hume, Head of Strategy & Policy                   | <b>Date:</b>           | 8/07/2022                  |
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### Purpose

1. This aide memoire provides a brief update on the testing innovation work programme.

### Regulatory workstream

#### *Rapid review*

2. The rapid review of Point-of-Care Testing (POCT) began Monday 4 July and is expected to be complete by mid-August. Advice from Health New Zealand (HNZ) on any recommendations arising is expected late August.

#### *Wider regulatory review*

3. The Ministry of Health (MoH) is undertaking a desktop scan of relevant documents on testing and innovation and has developed a draft skeleton for the review report, which is being used to shape and guide further research and analysis.
4. Engagement with the rapid review team has begun to ensure the rapid review of POCT aligns with the wider review in terms of the future regulation of POCT. Work to ensure there is an ongoing legislative mechanism for approving POCT is a priority.

### Innovation and futures workstream

5. The second workshop scheduled for Friday 8 July has been postponed to allow officials from the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC), MoH, HNZ, and the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) to re-evaluate the best use of the workshop, in light of the first workshop held on Wednesday 29 June.
6. Officials are unpicking the issues within testing innovation and further considering the best way to engage on the issues amongst officials and with key external stakeholders to ensure different perspectives are brought in.
7. DPMC will report back to you next week on the date and approach for the rescheduled workshop.