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Subject: RE: Estimates Hearings

Dear Colleagues

Please find attached a letter Minister Gentleman has sent to the Committee. In short, the Committee has accepted the Government's proposal of a hybrid model. This will see Ministers and DGs, along with DDGs (as needed), attend in person with all other officials being online. The model can be implemented once the WorkSafe prohibition notice has been lifted. In the interim, the Government has proposed commencing hearings on line. Advice on this will be provided once a response from the Committee has been received.

Happy to chat.

Kind regards

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Subject: Estimates Hearings

Dear Colleagues

Ministers have received letters from the Estimates Committee indicating this year's hearings are to be in person. This has raised concerns regarding both workplace safety obligations but also for the continuity of business plans. For example, under these requirements, MPES, the Chair of SEMSOG, the Deputy Chair of SEMSOG, the ESA Commissioner, all Chief Officers within ESA, the CPO, DCPO, and each ACT Policing Commander would be in the same room for estimates for almost 2 hours. This is problematic given the pandemic. As such, MGB has written to the Committee requesting reconsideration of the decision to require all witnesses to attend in person. Attached is the letter that has been sent.

Please also note, the request is to also move to consider each portfolio via the relevant budget output, rather than the ministerial portfolio as a whole.

Happy to discuss.

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