



## JTF 629 - SITREP

**JTF 629 – DAILY SITREP TO HQJOC – OP COVID-19 ASSIST**

**SITREP COVERING PERIOD: 231000Z JUN 20 TO 241000Z JUN 20**

### COMD COMMENTS

**1. COMD JTF 629:**

- a. The main effort across the JTF today has been support to CJTG 629.2 planning efforts in Victoria. At time of writing the Victorian State Crisis Committee of Cabinet (SCCC) has requested ADF support to increased COVID-19 testing across Victoria. We are connected to the HQ JOC led plan for up to 200 medical staff to provide this support, and are focussed on ensuring the life and logistical support for personnel moving to Victoria to conduct this task.
- b. I am awaiting confirmation of further requests for operational coordination and planning support, indicatively 10-12 planners and 4 intelligence officers and for 850 General Duties ADF personnel for to conduct Quarantine Compliance Monitoring (QCM) at 16 x hotels across the Melbourne metropolitan area. CJTG 629.2 has representation across all planning efforts through 11 embedded planners and 90 personnel force prepared to undertake General Duty tasks within 48 hours. Additionally, a Combat Service Support Team of up to 15 personnel is postured to provide immediate logistic effect as required.

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3. **JTG 629.2 (VIC): Posture GREEN (Low Tempo/Responsive):**
  - a. **COMD Comments:** *Victoria has again recorded an increase in the number of COVID+ cases (20 new cases: seven associated with current clusters/outbreak, nine through routine testing, one hotel quarantine, three Under Investigation.)*

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- d. *I have warned out JTG629.2's ESF for likely tasks and compressed its NTM in anticipation of rapid deployment. I am currently awaiting confirmation of outcomes from the State Cabinet Crisis Committee meeting which will inform Victoria's RFAs.*
- e. **General Summary:** JTG 629.2 continues to support VIC State Control Centre (SCC), and VIC Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).
- f. **Planning Teams:** Planning Teams remain embedded in the VIC SCC and VIC DHHS.

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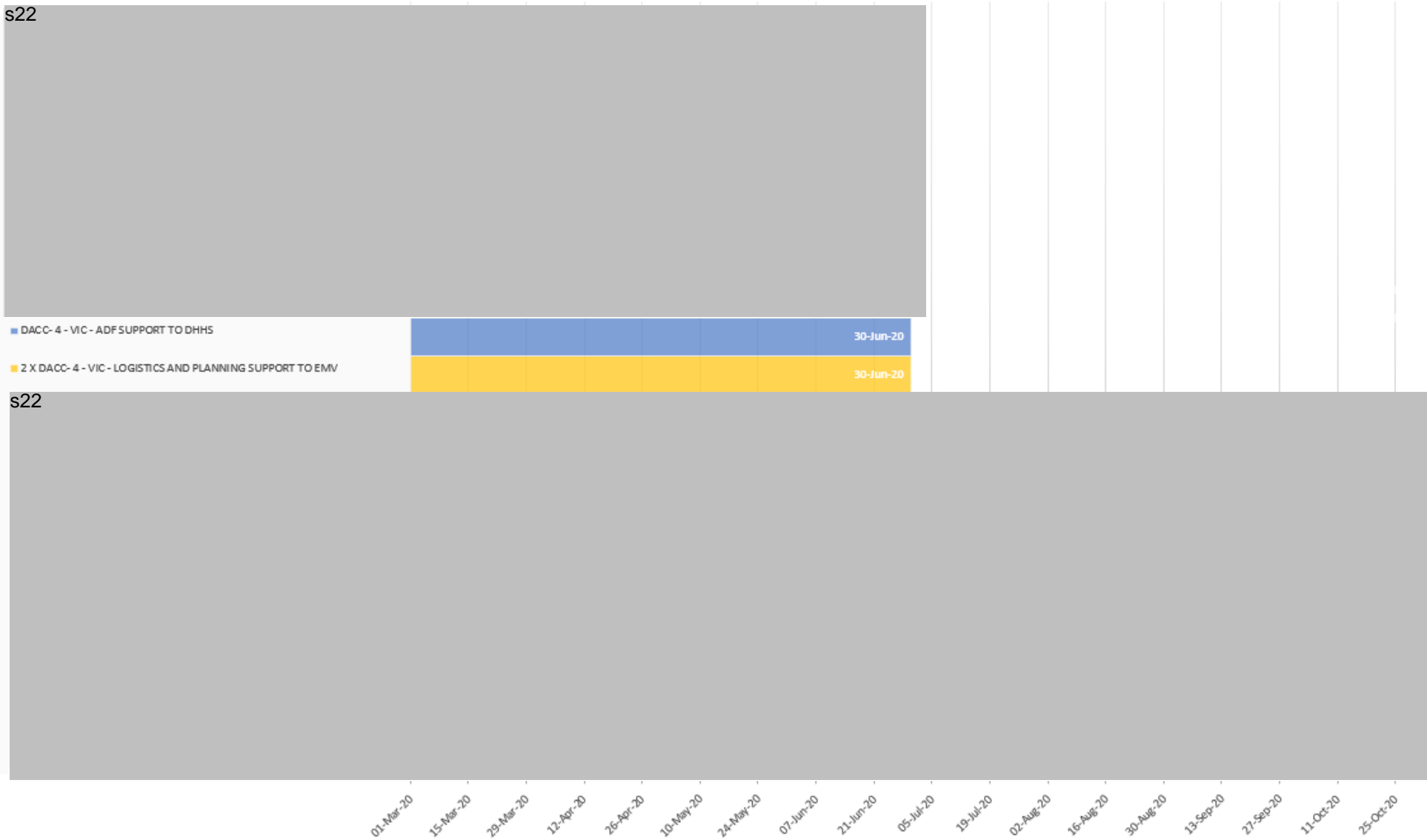


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# JTG 629.2 (VIC) – Postured to Support VIC COVID-19 Outbreak

## Outline or Activity:

**Date:** 24 Jun 20

**Who Is Involved:** Joint Task Group 629.2 (JTG629.2)

**What Has Occurred:** Victoria (VIC) has recorded 20 new coronavirus cases in the past 24 h, meaning the state has now seen double-digit increases for eight days straight. VIC is now bracing for a potential second wave of COVID-19. Six VIC local government areas have been identified as hotspots for new coronavirus cases. Almost one in five VIC (18 per cent) live in the six hotspots. The VIC Government has established a number of community testing locations. The State of Emergency within VIC has been extended until 19 Jul 20.

## What Are JTG629.2 Doing:

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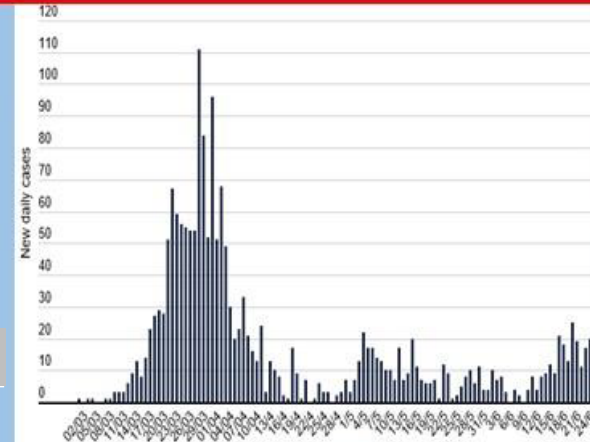
2. JTG629.2 has deployed additional planning staff into the VIC Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and the VIC State Control Centre (9 x Planners)

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4. HQ JTG629.2 have commenced posturing forces to rapidly deploy to support the VIC Government. The following force posturing has occurred :

- Generation of additional planners to support VIC Government agencies
- An ESF Recon Team has been recalled and will commence recon and planning from 241700K Jun 20.
- The NTM of the ESF (1 x HQ and 2 x Platoons) has been reduced to 48 NTM.
- The NTM of the CSST(-) with supply, medical and transport capability has been reduced to 48 h NTM.

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**SITREP No:****093 of COVID-19 2020****SITUATION REPORT – DEFENCE LIAISON OFFICER****Jurisdiction:** Victoria**Event:** OP C19A**Location:** State Control Centre (SCC)**Correct as at:** 24 1500 Jun 20**LAST 24**

The State Control Centre remains activated at Tier 2.

- SCC/EMV: No change.
- Vic COVID-19 cases increased to 1,884 (+20 from yesterday)
- Vic COVID-19 deaths increased to 20 (+1 from yesterday)
- 2 person is in ICU (-1 from yesterday)

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**ASSESSMENT**

- Over the weekend, Victoria has experienced an influx of the number of COVID 19 Cases. Due to the increases in daily cases, the Victorian Government and DHHS are undergoing crisis coordination meetings to inform what requirements they wish the ADF to facilitate. DHHS' has provided a Concept of Operations to EMV with the practical/physical requirements for ADF support yet to still to be outlined and stated. It is assessed that an increase of ADF support will occur however; the extent of this support is still to be determined by State Government Agencies (DHHS, EMV).

**JOSS-VIC POC**

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Team,

As per below, PFA updated *200624 - COMMS Pack - Op COVID-19 Assist*.

Updates include:

1. P.2 – a draft shell media release re: pending VIC DACC task. Yet to be cleared as we await MSC confirmation;
2. Pp 4-5 – Q&A re: VIC DACC task; and
3. Pers increase.

Enjoy the day.

Rgds,  
S.

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Good Morning,  
Trust all are well.

We are holding the Comms Pack for now while we await confirmation of a potential additional VIC DACC task. Separately, In the interim, there was a pers increase from 650 to 744..

Rgds,  
S.

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**COMMUNICATION PACK**

**Operation COVID-19 Assist**

**UPDATED: 24 0800K JUN 20**

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**TALKING POINTS**

The ADF is contributing to the whole-of-government response to the COVID-19 pandemic with a range of personnel and logistics support. Defence has prepared responses to a variety of contingencies through the Emergency Management Australia-led response.

**As of 24 0800 JUN 2020**

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**National – there are 744 ADF personnel deployed as part of Operation COVID-19 Assist.**

- Current nation-wide Defence support includes:
  - **Reconnaissance and planning support teams** to all state and territory governments to assist with emergency response planning.
  - **Contact tracing teams** to work with authorities in states and territories to help trace and understand the spread of the virus in the community.
  - **Quarantine assistance** for international air arrivals in Sydney, Darwin, Brisbane and Cairns. The assistance includes support to authorities at border and port of entry control points, and the transport of people to isolation venues.
  - **Isolation checking** that includes support to authorities to verify citizens and visitors are meeting isolation obligations.
  - The ADF is not authorised as law enforcement officers. This remains the responsibility of the states and territories.

#### **MEDIA RELEASE**

##### **Early draft, pre-request, not cleared:**

Because of a recent increase in the number of positive COVID-19 cases in and around Melbourne the Victorian government has requested additional planning and logistic support from the ADF.

The additional support will commence from the afternoon of Wednesday 24 June.

Minister for Defence, Senator the Hon Linda Reynolds CSC, said the additional assistance is within Defence's capacity because of the variety of contingencies planned for through the Emergency Management Australia-led response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Through our Operation COVID19 Assist we are responding to the Victorian government's request for logistics and marshalling support for a mass COVID testing location at XXX," Senator Reynolds said.

"The additional assistance includes planning support and an airlift capability to move the COVID test samples and results to and from XXX (Tasmania) to boost testing capacity and reduce turnaround times."

The ADF's additional assistance to the Victorian government's response to the pandemic supplements its existing planning support to the State Control Centre and the Department of Health and Human Services.

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| <b>QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS</b> |
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***Is the ADF increasing support to the Victorian government following the recent cluster?***

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- The Federal government is working with the Victorian government on the current outbreak of COVID-19.
- If required, the Australian Defence Force is available to support Victorian government agencies in their response.
- At this time (0800 24 June) no request for ADF support has been made by the Victorian government.
- Defence is in discussion with coordinating agencies to assess what assistance may be required.

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**Subject:** RE: PRIORITY - DACC task VIC [DLM=~~FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY~~]

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Good evening Ladies and Gentlemen,

Please see below updates regarding VIC request for ADF assistance (from COMD COVID-19 TF):

- VIC Cabinet Crisis meeting endorsed the 'COVID-19 Hotspot Enhanced Response Plan' to increase state-wide testing.
- Defence will be asked to provide:
  - o Medical support to enhanced testing
  - o General duties support to hotel quarantine compliance monitoring
- Detailed numbers will be confirmed this evening (24 Jun 20 - approx. 8pm)
- There is no request for planning / logistics staff / air movement support. Current planning staff will remain in-place.
- A request for Services to scope support has been drafted and will be released once numbers are confirmed.

Many thanks,

Paul

**Paul Hodgins**

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**Importance:** High

Good afternoon Ladies and Gentlemen,

Please see below points as an update to the below from the Watch Commander:

- MJOS VIC has indicated that ADF support to VIC will most likely be:
  - o Generalist and intelligence planning support (indicative staffing number of 2-4 pers. Spt can be non-intelligence trained with a reach back capability)
  - o Quarantine Compliance Monitoring (indicative staffing of Platoon to Flight sized organisation)
  - o Augmentation for public testing initiatives (marshalling, collection) (indicative staffing of Platoon to Flight sized organisation)
  - o Medical Staff and Pathology Collectors (indicative staffing number of 2-4 pers. Medical staff capable of taking swab test kits)
- Formal requests for assistance are expected to be submitted to MSC around 1800, 24 Jun 20.
- Please note that the initial indication of airlift support is now unlikely, given Victoria's ability to process 14000 tests per day.

I will continue to provide updates throughout the afternoon as information is provided.

Many thanks,

PH

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Ladies and Gentlemen,

BLUF: Evolving COVID-19 situation in Victoria will require additional ADF assistance to support the state government in managing a potential second outbreak. Guidance below indicates formal orders AM 24<sup>th</sup> Jun, with movement NLT PM 24<sup>th</sup> Jun.



The Watch has contacted CMDR Lakey (JOSS VIC) to attempt to clarify the expected tasking, to warn out stakeholders IOT achieve the required NTM. The key issue here is that the exact support to be requested has not been identified, only a broad guidance from initial discussions at the strategic level. EMV have not submitted a RFA ATT. CMDR Lakey will attend VIC SCC 0730K, with JTG 629.2, to clarify required support. As soon as JOC receives the content of the RFA, I will pass this to you for scoping/preparation IOT meet the PM 24<sup>th</sup> Jun timeline. Intention is to craft orders from JOC, once received from MSC, to support you in achieving the below direction.

I appreciate the lack of clarity here, the intent is to provide as much warning as possible to best achieve the below directed timeline to support the Victorian government.

Yours Aye

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Thanks George. I think all required parties are now tracking.

Kind regards

Mick Scott  
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On 23 Jun 2020, at 10:07 pm, Lakey, George CMDR <[george.lakey@defence.gov.au](mailto:george.lakey@defence.gov.au)> wrote:

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Sir,  
Contacted EMV Duty Officer / Room Manager and they have been advised to prepare the SCC for additional personnel regarding this event.

They do not have any further information – there is more in the email trail below than what EMV staff on watch currently have.

I will be in the SCC from approximately 0730 tomorrow morning to push for RFA development and JOSS Victoria will develop and execute associated DACC paperwork / MOU etc.

Available for the rest of the evening if required.

George

**George Lakey**

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Gents

As discussed, WNGO for task to support VIC is below. MSC will issue orders in the morning.

George - can you please get the VIC authorities to work a RFA for this support.

Cheers

Mick Scott

Colonel

Director Domestic & Regional Commitments

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Sir

Ack all. Working with HQJOC Watch who were not tracking, as well as JOSS-VIC. Will notify EMA as well.

Regards

Mick Scott  
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Director Domestic & Regional Commitments  
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On 23 Jun 2020, at 9:46 pm, Braz, Glen AIRCDRE <[glen.braz@defence.gov.au](mailto:glen.braz@defence.gov.au)> wrote:

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Sir, gents

I just received a call from LTGEN Frewen outlining a task to support Vic Gov in relation to COVID testing. It was a brief call outlining CDF, CJOPS, LTGEN Frewen and MAJGEN Kenny awareness and support for a range of tasks. I understand MINDEF and/or CDF had been on the phone with the PM tonight. All are supportive.

Intent is to issue CDF orders Wed am hours to cover the tasks (below) with first elements moving NLT pm hours Wed 24 June. The request is likely to come from Vic in the form of a phone call initially – for translation to a DACC request format by MSC

Task outline – details TBC through COVID TF soonest Wed 24<sup>th</sup>.

- Logistics and marshalling support for a mass testing location/s – possibly MCG or similar.
- HQ and planning support with Vic Gov.
- Likely airlift tasking to move samples to/from Tas to boost testing capacity and reduce turn around times.

I advised LTGEN Frewen MSC would be informed tonight and ready to issue orders Wed morning. He was comfortable with that approach.

Recently discussed all with Gavin by phone, this email is follow up.

Standing by to assist further.

Regards  
Glen

Air Commodore Glen Braz  
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Wes / Liz

The Services have been engaged directly by J33 staff. I imagine they will let us (JOC) know the numbers they have available to support early Thu... (after then next update email around 2000h with numbers specified). We can follow up with DEPODS into the "general duties" 629.2 OSD positions as we've provided the details. Keep engaged so we're able to provide extra info to the services should they need.

Cheers,  
Rebecca Jeffcoat  
CAPT, RAN  
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**Subject:** RE: PRIORITY - DACC task VIC [DLM=~~FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY~~]

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Good evening Ladies and Gentlemen,

Please see below updates regarding VIC request for ADF assistance (from COMD COVID-19 TF):

- VIC Cabinet Crisis meeting endorsed the 'COVID-19 Hotspot Enhanced Response Plan' to increase state-wide testing.
- Defence will be asked to provide:
  - o Medical support to enhanced testing
  - o General duties support to hotel quarantine compliance monitoring
- Detailed numbers will be confirmed this evening (24 Jun 20 - approx. 8pm)
- There is no request for planning / logistics staff / air movement support. Current planning staff will remain in-place.
- A request for Services to scope support has been drafted and will be released once numbers are confirmed.

Many thanks,

Paul

**Paul Hodgins**

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**Sent:** Wednesday, 24 June 2020 1:58 PM

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**Subject:** FW: PRIORITY - DACC task VIC [DLM-~~FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY~~]

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Good afternoon Ladies and Gentlemen,

Please see below points as an update to the below from the Watch Commander:

- MJOS VIC has indicated that ADF support to VIC will most likely be:
  - o Generalist and intelligence planning support (indicative staffing number of 2-4 pers. Spt can be non-intelligence trained with a reach back capability)
  - o Quarantine Compliance Monitoring (indicative staffing of Platoon to Flight sized organisation)
  - o Augmentation for public testing initiatives (marshalling, collection) (indicative staffing of Platoon to Flight sized organisation)
  - o Medical Staff and Pathology Collectors (indicative staffing number of 2-4 pers. Medical staff capable of taking swab test kits)
- Formal requests for assistance are expected to be submitted to MSC around 1800, 24 Jun 20.
- Please note that the initial indication of airlift support is now unlikely, given Victoria's ability to process 14000 tests per day.

I will continue to provide updates throughout the afternoon as information is provided.

Many thanks,

PH

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**From:** \*HQJOC JOR WATCH COMMANDER <[Hqjoccc.Watchcmdr@defence.gov.au](mailto:Hqjoccc.Watchcmdr@defence.gov.au)> **On Behalf Of** HQJOC JOR Watch Commander

**Sent:** Tuesday, 23 June 2020 11:21 PM

**To:** MAROPS.WATCHKEEPER <[marops.watchkeeper@defence.gov.au](mailto:marops.watchkeeper@defence.gov.au)>; Johnson, Christopher LTCOL 7 <[christopher.johnson7@defence.gov.au](mailto:christopher.johnson7@defence.gov.au)>; AOCWATCH <[aocwatch@defence.gov.au](mailto:aocwatch@defence.gov.au)>

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Ladies and Gentlemen,

BLUF: Evolving COVID-19 situation in Victoria will require additional ADF assistance to support the state government in managing a potential second outbreak. Guidance below indicates formal orders AM 24<sup>th</sup> Jun, with movement NLT PM 24<sup>th</sup> Jun.

The Watch has contacted CMDR Lakey (JOSS VIC) to attempt to clarify the expected tasking, to warn out stakeholders IOT achieve the required NTM. The key issue here is that the exact support to be requested has not been identified, only a broad guidance from initial discussions at the strategic level. EMV have not submitted a RFA ATT. CMDR Lakey will attend VIC SCC 0730K, with JTG 629.2, to clarify required support. As soon as JOC receives the content of the RFA, I will pass this to you for scoping/preparation IOT meet the PM 24<sup>th</sup> Jun timeline. Intention is to craft orders from JOC, once received from MSC, to support you in achieving the below direction.

I appreciate the lack of clarity here, the intent is to provide as much warning as possible to best achieve the below directed timeline to support the Victorian government.

Yours Aye

David Simpson

CMDR, RAN

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**From:** Scott, Michael COL 7 <[michael.scott7@defence.gov.au](mailto:michael.scott7@defence.gov.au)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, 23 June 2020 10:13 PM

**To:** Lakey, George CMDR <[george.lakey@defence.gov.au](mailto:george.lakey@defence.gov.au)>  
**Cc:** HQJOC JOR Watch Commander <[hqjocjor.watchcmd@defence.gov.au](mailto:hqjocjor.watchcmd@defence.gov.au)>; Alsworth, Robin COL <[robin.alsworth@defence.gov.au](mailto:robin.alsworth@defence.gov.au)>; AOCWATCH <[aocwatch@defence.gov.au](mailto:aocwatch@defence.gov.au)>; Barry, Mark GPCAPT <[mark.barry@defence.gov.au](mailto:mark.barry@defence.gov.au)>; MSC Domestic <[msc.domestic@defence.gov.au](mailto:msc.domestic@defence.gov.au)>; Abeyaratne, Rukshan MR <[rukshan.abeyaratne@defence.gov.au](mailto:rukshan.abeyaratne@defence.gov.au)>; Duncan, Gavin BRIG <[gavin.duncan@defence.gov.au](mailto:gavin.duncan@defence.gov.au)>; JOSS.VIC <[joss.sv@defence.gov.au](mailto:joss.sv@defence.gov.au)>; JTG629.2.OPS <[jtg629.2.ops@defence.gov.au](mailto:jtg629.2.ops@defence.gov.au)>; Molnar, John COL <[john.molnar@defence.gov.au](mailto:john.molnar@defence.gov.au)>; Odonnell, Paul LTCOL <[paul.odonnell@defence.gov.au](mailto:paul.odonnell@defence.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** Re: PRIORITY - DACC task VIC - [DLM=~~FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY~~]

Thanks George. I think all required parties are now tracking.

Kind regards

Mick Scott  
Colonel  
Director Domestic & Regional Commitments  
Military Strategic Commitments Division

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Sent from my iPhone

On 23 Jun 2020, at 10:07 pm, Lakey, George CMDR <[george.lakey@defence.gov.au](mailto:george.lakey@defence.gov.au)> wrote:

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Sir,  
Contacted EMV Duty Officer / Room Manager and they have been advised to prepare the SCC for additional personnel regarding this event.

They do not have any further information – there is more in the email trail below than what EMV staff on watch currently have.

I will be in the SCC from approximately 0730 tomorrow morning to push for RFA development and JOSS Victoria will develop and execute associated DACC paperwork / MOU etc.

Available for the rest of the evening if required.

George

**George Lakey**  
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**From:** Scott, Michael COL 7 <[michael.scott7@defence.gov.au](mailto:michael.scott7@defence.gov.au)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 23 June 2020 9:51 PM  
**To:** HQJOC JOR Watch Commander <[hqjocjor.watchcmd@defence.gov.au](mailto:hqjocjor.watchcmd@defence.gov.au)>; JOSS.VIC <[joss.sv@defence.gov.au](mailto:joss.sv@defence.gov.au)>; Lakey, George CMDR <[george.lakey@defence.gov.au](mailto:george.lakey@defence.gov.au)>  
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**Subject:** Fwd: PRIORITY - DACC task VIC - [DLM=~~FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY~~]

Gents

As discussed, WNGO for task to support VIC is below. MSC will issue orders in the morning.

George - can you please get the VIC authorities to work a RFA for this support.

Cheers

Mick Scott  
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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Scott, Michael COL 7" <[michael.scott7@defence.gov.au](mailto:michael.scott7@defence.gov.au)>  
**Date:** 23 June 2020 at 9:48:23 pm AEST  
**To:** "Braz, Glen AIRCDRE" <[glen.braz@defence.gov.au](mailto:glen.braz@defence.gov.au)>  
**Cc:** "Noble, Roger MAJGEN" <[roger.noble@defence.gov.au](mailto:roger.noble@defence.gov.au)>, "Duncan, Gavin BRIG" <[gavin.duncan@defence.gov.au](mailto:gavin.duncan@defence.gov.au)>, "Leggatt, Raymond CDRE" <[raymond.leggatt@defence.gov.au](mailto:raymond.leggatt@defence.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** Re: PRIORITY - DACC task VIC - [DLM=~~FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY~~]

Sir

Ack all. Working with HQJOC Watch who were not tracking, as well as JOSS-VIC. Will notify EMA as well.

Regards

Mick Scott  
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On 23 Jun 2020, at 9:46 pm, Braz, Glen AIRCDRE  
<[glen.braz@defence.gov.au](mailto:glen.braz@defence.gov.au)> wrote:

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Sir, gents

I just received a call from LTGEN Frewen outlining a task to support Vic Gov in relation to COVID testing. It was a brief call outlining CDF, CJOPS, LTGEN Frewen and MAJGEN Kenny awareness and support for a range of tasks. I understand MINDEF and/or CDF had been on the phone with the PM tonight. All are supportive.

Intent is to issue CDF orders Wed am hours to cover the tasks (below) with first elements moving NLT pm hours Wed 24 June. The request is likely to come from Vic in the form of a phone call initially – for translation to a DACC request format by MSC

Task outline – details TBC through COVID TF soonest Wed 24<sup>th</sup>.

- Logistics and marshalling support for a mass testing location/s – possibly MCG or similar.
- HQ and planning support with Vic Gov.
- Likely airlift tasking to move samples to/from Tas to boost testing capacity and reduce turn around times.

I advised LTGEN Frewen MSC would be informed tonight and ready to issue orders Wed morning. He was comfortable with that approach.

Recently discussed all with Gavin by phone, this email is follow up.

Standing by to assist further.

Regards  
Glen

Air Commodore Glen Braz  
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**Burke, Kathryn MS**

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**From:** Scott, Michael COL 7  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 24 June 2020 7:53 PM  
**To:** HQJOC JOR Watch Commander; Nasveld, Peter COL  
**Cc:** Alsworth, Robin COL; MSC Domestic; Ryan, David COL 1; McMurray, Roger COL; Connors, Tracey MAJ  
**Subject:** FW: ADF support to Victoria - update [DLM=~~SENSITIVE~~]  
**Categories:** For info

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Gents - Note CDF direction below of numbers. Meet the 850 and best efforts for the 200 (with hurt statement as required).

Orders to follow within the hour.

Cheers

MS

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-----Original Message-----

From: Sharkey, Sarah RADM <sarah.sharkey@defence.gov.au>  
Sent: Wednesday, 24 June 2020 7:15 PM  
To: Noble, Roger MAJGEN <roger.noble@defence.gov.au>; Frewen, John LTGEN <john.frewen@defence.gov.au>  
Cc: Scott, Michael COL 7 <michael.scott7@defence.gov.au>; Leggatt, Raymond CDRE <raymond.leggatt@defence.gov.au>; Paterson, Michael AIRCDRE 1 <michael.paterson1@defence.gov.au>  
Subject: RE: ADF support to Victoria - update [DLM=REDACTED]

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Roger, Sir

Have discussed with J07 JOC and JTF 629 - there is a good plan to get to the 200.

Tranche 1 - 60 pers in location 24- 48 hours (on task from Sunday to ensure we do PPE training and orientation)

Tranche 2 - follow-on up to 140 in 48 -72 hours (this footprint can be informed by intel from Tranche 1) Sarah

S.E.SHARKEY  
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SGADF/CJHLTH

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-----Original Message-----

From: Noble, Roger MAJGEN <roger.noble@defence.gov.au>  
Sent: Wednesday, 24 June 2020 7:05 PM  
To: Frewen, John LTGEN <john.frewen@defence.gov.au>  
Cc: Scott, Michael COL 7 <michael.scott7@defence.gov.au>; Leggatt, Raymond CDRE <raymond.leggatt@defence.gov.au>; Sharkey, Sarah RADM <sarah.sharkey@defence.gov.au>  
Subject: Re: ADF support to Victoria - update [DLM=~~SENSITIVE~~]

Mick

Make sure we have target numbers in the order - ie 850 and 200 - CDF intent is we get as far as we can towards med 200 number and we fill the full 850 amount.

Hmsc

Sent from my iPhone

> On 24 Jun 2020, at 6:58 pm, Noble, Roger MAJGEN <roger.noble@defence.gov.au> wrote:  
>  
> I concur with you in terms of setting expectations.  
>  
> Mick amend timings month. EMA task timeline need not be the same. hmsc  
>  
> Sent from my iPhone  
>  
>> On 24 Jun 2020, at 5:32 pm, Frewen, John LTGEN <john.frewen@defence.gov.au> wrote:  
>>  
>> Rodge,  
>> Happy for it to go tonight. Clearly tasks need to be scaled back in  
>> current draft. Do you think 10 days is the right initial aiming mark?  
>> I don't think we'll get any change out of two weeks and a month may  
>> be more realistic (?)  
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>>>> On 24 Jun 2020, at 5:13 pm, Noble, Roger MAJGEN <roger.noble@defence.gov.au> wrote:  
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From CDF AUSTRALIA DTG: 241102Z JUN 2020  
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Action VCDF AUSTRALIA CJOPS AUST Immediate  
Info CN AUSTRALIA CACANBERRA CAF CANBERRA HQJCG JOSS SV JTF 629 Priority  
HQJOC ACAUST JHC JLC OPS DSG FOR DOTAM ARMY HQ MAROPS  
MSC

FRAGO 16 TO CDF EXECUTO 2020/003 – OP COVID-19 ASSIST – INCREASED DEFENCE SUPPORT TO THE VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT

I2D

- A. CDF EXECUTO 2020/003 - OP COVID-19 ASSIST - ADF RESPONSE TO COVID-19 OF 25 MAR 20.
- B. RFA013 - VICTORIAN REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE - SCC INTEL OF 24 JUN 20. (ATTACHED)
- C. RFA014 - VICTORIAN REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE - SCC PLANNING (CAOG) OF 24 JUN 20. (ATTACHED)
- D. RFA015 - VICTORIAN REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE - OPS SOTARIA OF 24 JUN 20. (ATTACHED)
- E. (DRAFT) RFA016 - VICTORIAN REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE - OPS DRASI. (ATTACHED)

1. SITUATION (UPDATED).

1.A. THIS FRAGO BUILDS UPON DEFENCE SUPPORT AS PER REF A AND ASSOCIATED AMPS AND FRAGOS.

1.B. THE STATE OF VICTORIA HAS EXPERIENCED SEVEN STRAIGHT DAYS OF DOUBLE-DIGIT COVID-19 CASE INCREASES, WITH THE VICTORIAN PREMIER WARNING THERE COULD BE QUOTE SIGNIFICANT COMMUNITY TRANSMISSION END QUOTE. THE VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO IMPLEMENT AN INCREASED TESTING REGIME IN TARGETED AREAS, AND HAS CORRESPONDINGLY REQUESTED ASSISTANCE FROM DEFENCE TO ACHIEVE.

1.C. THIS FRAGO DIRECTS CJOPS TO PROVIDE SUPPORT TO VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT COVID-19 PLANNING, HEALTH INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES, QUARANTINE COMPLIANCE, AND TESTING SITE OPERATIONS.

2. MISSION. N/C.

3. EXECUTION.

3.A. CDF INTENT. N/C.

3.B. TASKS.

3.B.1. (ADD) VCDF IS TO:

3.B.1.A. (HMSC) FINALISE THE SUPPORT REQUEST (MOU) ICW JOSS-VIC AND VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES IAW REFS A-E.

3.B.1.B. (1 JPAU) PROVIDE A MILITARY CAMERA TEAM (MCT) IN ORDER TO CAPTURE STILL AND VIDEO IMAGERY AND PROVIDE OTHER MPA PRODUCT DEMONSTRATING DEFENCE SUPPORT TO THE VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT RESPONSE.

3.B.2. (ADD) CJOPS (CJTF 629) IS TO:

3.B.2.A. PROVIDE ONGOING COVID-19 RELATED HEALTH INTELLIGENCE COLLECTION, ANALYSIS AND REPORTING IAW REF B.

3.B.2.B. PROVIDE ONGOING PLANNING EFFECT TO THE VICTORIAN AUTHORITIES IAW REF C.

3.B.2.C. SUPPORT VICTORIAN HOTEL QUARANTINE COMPLIANCE MEASURES IAW REF D. EXPECT TO BUILD THIS SUPPORT OVER A SHORT TIME PERIOD, AS AGREED WITH VICTORIAN AUTHORITIES, TO A TOTAL OF NO MORE THAN 850 PERSONNEL.

3.B.2.D. BPT PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO VICTORIAN COVID-19 TESTING SITES THROUGH SPECIALIST MEDICAL (AT LEAST 60 PERSONNEL QUALIFIED TO PERFORM NASAL SWABS) IAW REF E, AND BE PREPARE TO PROVIDE LOGISTIC, MARSHALLING, AND OTHER GENERAL DUTIES EFFECTS AT TESTING SITES. (NOTE - EMV ARE YET TO SUBMIT A RFA FOR THIS TASK. RFA IS EXPECTED AM 25 JUN 20)

3.B.3. (ADD) SERVICE CHIEFS AND CJC ARE TO FA PERSONNEL AS REQUESTED BY CJOPS.

3.C. COORDINATION INSTRUCTIONS.

3.C.1. (UPDATE) TIMINGS. ADDITIONAL SUPPORT TO VICTORIA TO COMMENCE FROM NLT 26 JUN 20 WITH AN EXPECTED DURATION UNTIL 31 JUL 20.

3.C.2. (ADD) SENSITIVITIES. ALL DEFENCE SUPPORT AND MESSAGING IS TO BE COGNISANT OF CULTURAL SENSITIVITIES IN THE TESTING SITE AREAS.

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4. ADMIN AND LOGISTICS. N/C.
5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL. N/C.
6. POC. N/C.
7. REL AUTH: COMD DEFENCE COVID-19 TF.



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HQ 1 DIV

AHQ TASKORD 136-20 - FRAGO 081 - ARMY SUPPORT TO OPERATION COVID-19 ASSIST (FA OF PERSONNEL ISO JTG629.2) I2D MAH

TO: HQ FORCOMD (ATTN: G33), SOCOMD (ATTN: J33)  
FOR INFORMATION: HQ JOC (ATTN: WATCHCOMD/PERSOPS), MSC (ATTN: DOM OPS), MAROPS, HQAC, HQJTF629 (ATTN: J1), JTG629.2 (ATTN: J1), HQ 1 DIV (ATTN: J33)

- A. CDF EXECUTO 2020/03 - OPERATION COVID-19 ASSIST - ADF RESPONSE TO COVID-19
- B. CJOPS OPORD 2020/02 - OPERATION COVID-19 ASSIST - ADF RESPONSE TO COVID-19
- C. AHQ TASKORD 136-20 - ARMY SUPPORT TO OPERATION COVID-19 ASSIST
- D. FRAGO 16 TO CDF EXECUTO 2020/003 - OP COVID ASSIST - INCREASED DEFENCE SUPPORT TO THE VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT OF 24 1102Z JUN 20
- E. WNGO 005 TO CJTF 629 OPORD 2020/02 - OP COVID-19 ASSIST OF 241004Z JUN 2020

1. SITUATION.

1.A. GENERAL. N/C TO REF A-C.

1.B. SPECIFIC.

1.B.1. THE STATE OF VICTORIA HAS EXPERIENCED SEVEN STRAIGHT DAYS OF DOUBLE-DIGIT COVID-19 CASE INCREASES, WITH THE VICTORIAN PREMIER WARNING THERE COULD BE A QUOTE SIGNIFICANT COMMUNITY TRANSMISSION END QUOTE.

1.B.2. IAW REFS D-E, THE VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO IMPLEMENT AN INCREASED TESTING REGIME, WITHIN TARGETED AREAS, IN RESPONSE TO AN INCREASE IN COVID-19 CASE NUMBERS TO MITIGATE THE RISK OF SIGNIFICANT COMMUNITY TRANSMISSION. THE VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT HAS REQUESTED ASSISTANCE FROM DEFENCE.

1.C. THE PURPOSE OF THIS FRAGO IS TO ASSIGN ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL TO JTG629.2 (VIC) TO ACHIEVE TASKS SPECIFIED IN REF D.

2. MISSION.

2.A. N/C TO REF C.

3. EXECUTION.

3.A. GENERAL OUTLINE.

3.A.1. ARMY WILL CONTRIBUTE PERSONNEL TO JTG 629.2 (VIC) TO SUPPORT THE VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT COVID-19 PLANNING, HEALTH INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES, QUARANTINE COMPLIANCE, AND COVID-19 TESTING SITE ACTIVITIES IN MELBOURNE. TASK SPT WILL COMMENCE FROM 26 JUN 20 AND IS EXPECTED TO CONCLUDE FROM 31 JUL 20. THE INTENT IS TO GENERATE AN INITIAL EFFECT ACROSS ALL TASKS AND SCALE UP TO APPROVED PERSONNEL NUMBERS WITHIN A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME. FURTHER DETAILS WILL BE RELEASED AS AMENDMENTS TO THIS FRAGO. THE TOTAL NUMBER OF GENERAL DUTIES REQUIRED IS 850. THE OTHER TWO SERVICES ARE LIKELY TO PROVIDE 200 OF THESE GENERAL DUTIES.

3.B. GROUPING AND TASKS.

3.B.1. HQ FORCOMD IS TO:

3.B.1.A. IDENTIFY AND BPT NOMINATE SUITABLE INDIVIDUALS TO FILL POSITIONS AS FOLLOWS:

3.B.1.A.1. 05 X PERSONNEL TO GENERATE A MEDICAL C2 ELEMENT (004/05 LEAD) TO MANAGE THE FIRST TRANCHE OF MEDICAL SPT PROVIDED TO THE COVID-19 TESTING CENTRES (60 X AHPRA QUALIFIED MEDICAL PERSONNEL FROM RAAF/RAN).

3.B.1.A.2. BPT AUGMENT A SECOND TRANCHE OF AHPRA QUALIFIED MEDICAL PERSONNEL.

3.B.1.A.3. PROVIDE UP TO 650 X GENERAL DUTIES PERSONNEL TO CONDUCT QUARANTINE COMPLIANCE MEASURES (PREFERABLY WITH INTEGRAL C2 ELEMENTS).

3.B.1.A.4. 140 X GENERAL DUTIES PERSONNEL TO SUPPORT THE COVID-19 TESTING CENTRES (PREFERABLY WITH INTEGRAL C2 ELEMENTS), NOTING THE SKILLSET REQUIREMENT IS TO BE CONFIRMED BY HQJOC J07.

3.B.2. HQ SOCOMD IS TO:

3.B.2.A. IDENTIFY AND BPT NOMINATE SUITABLE INDIVIDUALS TO AUGMENT POSITIONS ABOVE:

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3.B.2.A.1. PROVIDE UP TO 30 X GENERAL DUTIES PERSONNEL TO CONDUCT QUARANTINE COMPLIANCE MEASURES (PREFERABLY WITH INTEGRAL C2 ELEMENTS).  
3.B.2.A.2. BPT PROVIDE CFA TO SUPPORT THE OPERATIONS OF COVID-19 TESTING CENTRES.

3.C. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

3.C.1. NOMINATIONS.

3.C.1.A. PERIODIC ROTATIONS ARE ACCEPTABLE AFTER DISCUSSIONS WITH GAINING UNIT AND ROTATIONS MUST BE STAFFED THROUGH HQJOC AND AHQ VIA REODEM (INITIATED BY JTF629).

3.C.1.B. FORMAL ACCEPTANCE OF LOSING UNIT IS REQUIRED PRIOR TO FORCE ASSIGNMENT.

3.C.1.C. NOMINATIONS AS PER SERIAL 3.B. ARE TO BE PROVIDED IN SIGNAL FORM AND BE EXPRESSED IN THE FOLLOWING FORMAT:

3.C.1.C.1. PMKEYS / RANK / SURNAME / FIRST NAME / UNIT / CURRENT LOCATION (CITY) / DOB / SECURITY CLEARANCE LEVEL.

3.C.2. DIRLAUTH IS AUTHORISED BETWEEN NOMINATED MEMBERS AND THE GAINING UNITS FOR COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

3.C.3. TIMINGS:

3.C.3.A. FORCE ASSIGNMENT TO COMMENCE FROM AM 26 JUN 20 (TBC).

3.C.3.B. EXPECTED DURATION OF THE TASK IS FROM 26 JUN 20 TO 31 JUL 20 (PENDING DACC TASK EXTENSION AND APPROVAL OF FA EXTENSION).

3.C.4. LOCATIONS:

3.C.4.A. TASK. GREATER MELBOURNE METROPOLITAN AREA.

3.C.4.B. HQ JTF629 IS SCOPING LIFE SUPPORT CAPACITY AND LOCATIONS FOR FA PERSONNEL.

3.C.5. SCALABILITY OF ARMY SPT:

3.C.5.A. HQ JF629 IS SCOPING THE AVAILABILITY OF FA PERS TO PROVIDE THE INITIAL RESPONSE TO ESTAB THE ADF FORCE STRUCTURE AND FOOTPRINT. THE TIMELINE FOR SCALING UP OF THE ADF RESPONSE IS BEING CONFIRMED BY THE HJQJOC J33.

3.C.5.B. THE PREFERENCE IS TO SEEK SUPPORT FROM WITHIN VICTORIA, PRIOR TO SEEKING OUT OF STATE SUPPORT.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

4.A. GENERAL. N/C REF C.

4.B. MOUNTING. N/C REF C.

5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL.

5.A. COMMAND.

5.A.1. CJOPS HAS THEATRE COMMAND.

5.A.2. CJTF629 HAS OPCOMD OF DOMESTIC COVID-19 RESPONSE.

5.A.3. PERS FA TO CJOPS WILL BE OPCOMD TO JTF629 AND OPCON TO RESPECTIVE STATE/TERRITORY JTG.

5.B. POC DETAILS.

5.B.1. AHQ: DLAND WATCHKEEPER; DPN EMAIL: AHQ-DGLAND.DLAND@DEFENCE.GOV.AU; TEL: (02)6128 5277, (02) 6128 5205, (02) 6128 4199, (02) 6128 4176.

5.B.2. AHQ: DLAND SO2 DOM OPS, MAJ MATT DONALDSON; TEL (02) 6128 5277; EMAIL: MATTHEW.DONALDSON@DEFENCE.GOV.AU.

5.B.3. HQ FORCOMD: G33; EMAIL: HQFORCOMD.G33@DEFENCE.GOV.AU.

5.B.4. JTF629: WATCHKEEPER; TEL: (02) 9349 0760; EMAIL: JTF629.JOR@DEFENCE.GOV.AU.

5.B.5. JTF629: J1; TEL: (02) 8782 1198; EMAIL: JTF629.PERSOPS@DEFENCE.GOV.AU.

5.C. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT: NOT REQUIRED.

6. RELAUTH: DLAND.

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**SITREP No:****094 of COVID-19 2020****SITUATION REPORT – DEFENCE LIAISON OFFICER****Jurisdiction:** Victoria**Event:** OP C19A**Location:** State Control Centre (SCC)**Correct as at:** 25 1500 Jun 20**LAST 24**

The State Control Centre remains activated at Tier 2.

- SCC/EMV: No change.
- Vic COVID-19 cases increased to 1,917 (+33 from yesterday)
- Vic COVID-19 deaths remain at 20 (+0 from yesterday)
- 2 person is in ICU (+0 from yesterday)

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**ASSESSMENT**

- Due to the increases in daily cases over the last week, the Victorian Government and DHHS are undergoing crisis coordination meetings and planning to facilitate the rollout of Victoria's suburb hotspot testing blitz. DHHS is currently in the process of refining its plan to coordinate this effort. A new outcome of this request is for ADF support in transporting COVID19 Test Samples to meet the surge of test samples as a result of the blitz. JOSS Vic and JTG629.2 are currently assisting EMV in drafting this RFA request. Currently no new requests outside of those already outlined in the past 24hrs are expected, however; the extent of this support is still to be determined by State Government Agencies (DHHS, EMV and the Victorian State Government).

**JOSS-VIC POC**

Thursday 25 Jun 20: CAPT Brendan Doheny s22

Friday 26 Jun 20: CAPT Brendan Doheny s22

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## JTF 629 - SITREP

**JTF 629 – DAILY SITREP TO HQJOC – OP COVID-19 ASSIST**

**SITREP COVERING PERIOD: 241000Z JUN 20 TO 251000Z JUN 20**

### COMD COMMENTS

**1. COMD JTF 629:**

- a. The main effort across the JTF today remains support to CJTG 629.2 in VIC. Media coverage and commentary regarding Defence assistance remains extensive. Planning efforts are well underway to provide the requested medical support which has been confirmed via EMV-RFA-16CV as 200 medical personnel with the appropriate AHPRA qualifications to undertake medical testing which includes nasal swabs. An initial tranche of 65 pers will be deployed to VIC on 26 Jun 20 and will be ready to commence tasking on 27 Jun 20. Separately, the 11 embedded planners already provided to VIC Government agencies will be extended to 31 Jul 20.
- b. EMV-RFA-017CV requests further support for the transportation of samples to inter and intra state laboratories. JTG629.2 continues to liaise with Victorian authorities to fully understand the scope of the requirement. Effects being sought are collection and ground transport of the samples from a point of collection, and the air transport of samples to interstate laboratories for testing (the number of samples under the new enhanced testing policy is anticipated to exceed Victoria's capabilities). I will remain engaged and report developments as this request crystallises.

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3. **JTG 629.2 (VIC): Posture GREEN (Low Tempo/Responsive):**

- **COMD Comments:** *There are 33 new cases of COVID-19 in Victoria today. Nine from outbreaks, six from routine testing, seven from hotel quarantine, and 11 under investigation.*
- b. *As verbally advised to CJTF, there has been a change to the ADF support requested yesterday evening. EMV submitted four Requests for Assistance (RFA), however the RFA seeking ADF support to hotel quarantine control monitoring will be rescinded by the EMC. The other RFAs remain extant (planning support to EMV/DHHS) and medical augmentation of staff public testing initiatives). EMV advice is that a further RFA will be raised to support the air transport of test samples to identified interstate locations. It is expected that this air transport RFA will be submitted over the next 24 – 48 hours.*
- *JTG629.2 staff have commenced a Mission Analysis and COA Development on the current and likely EMV RFA. A WNGO has been released to all Victorian based flanking units advising of potential ADF tasks and I have reduced the NTM of the ESF to 48 h with a Coy (-) certified for operations tomorrow.*
- **General Summary:** JTG 629.2 continues to support VIC State Control Centre (SCC), and VIC Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).
- **Planning Teams:** Planning Teams remain embedded in the VIC SCC and VIC DHHS.
- f. *The situation in Victoria is now in flux. COVID-19 Phase II restrictions are being both relaxed and tightened at the same time, with an increase in the number of businesses who can open on 22 June confirmed, but the numbers of people allowed being held steady. ADF and interstate support has been requested to assist in the VIC COVID-19 Response.*
- g. *There were 163 (+22) active COVID-19 cases in Victoria yesterday. 1,917 (+33) COVID cases in Victoria since 01 Jan 20, of which 1,732 (+11) have recovered. 33 new cases: 9-outbreaks, 6-routine testing, 7-hotel quarantine, 11 Under Investigation. 20,304 tests completed in Victoria since last SITREP. 1 new outbreak since yesterday (now 80 outbreaks).*
- h. *Of interest, the number of cases with an unknown source has actually reduced since yesterday (by one to 240).*

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### **OPERATIONS NEXT 24 HOURS**

11. Consolidation of planning efforts in Victoria.

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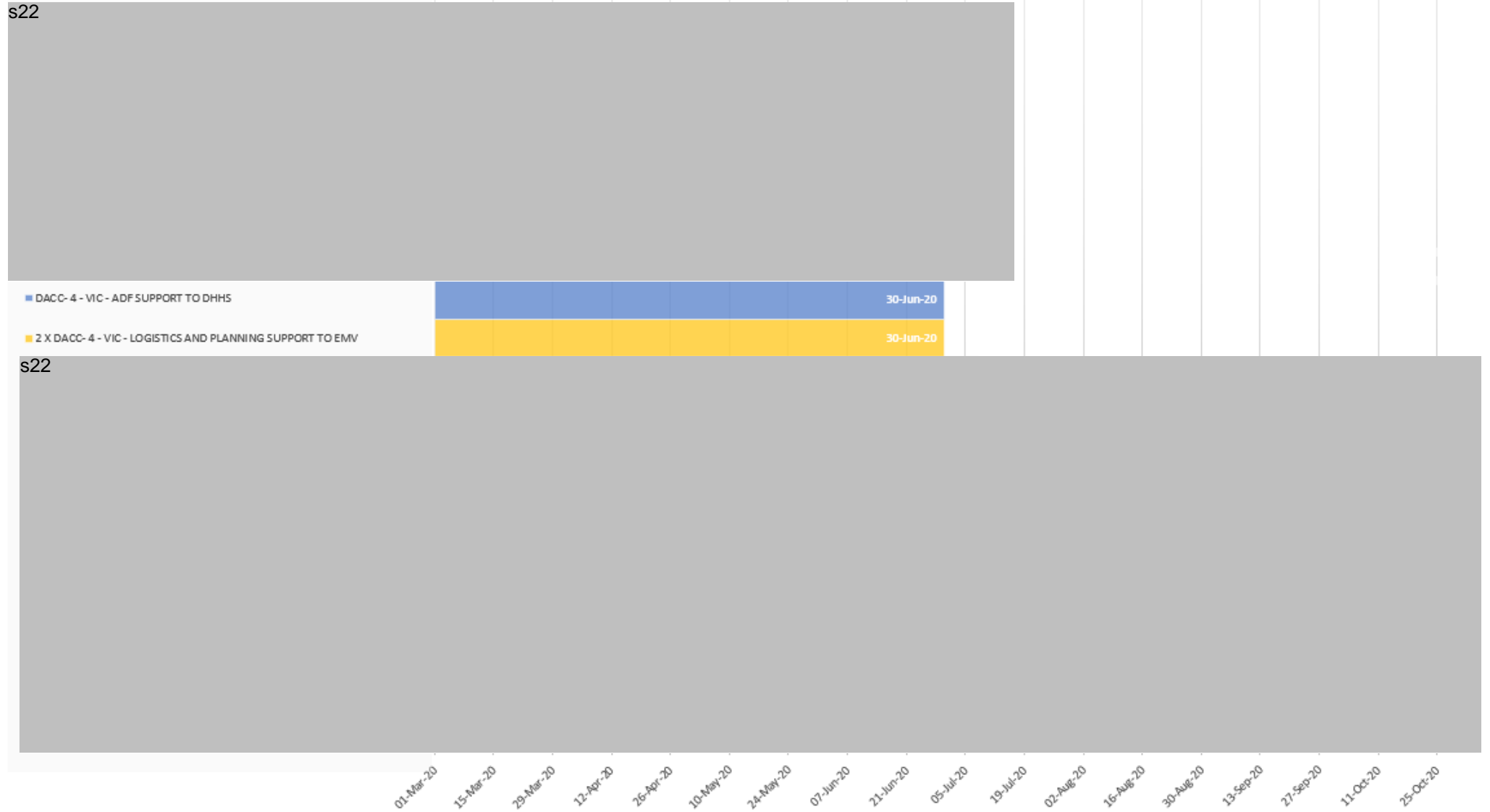
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### CJOPS TASKORD DACC TASK END DATE

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ADVICE AND EFFECTS.

3.B.2. CN IS REQUESTED TO:

3.B.2.A. HOLD AT 72H NTM PERSONNEL IAW BELOW TIMELINE TO BE FORCE ASSIGNED TO JTF 629 IF ACTIVATED FOR QCM SUPPORT:

3.B.2.A.1. 26 JUN - 01 JUL 20: 60 PERS.

3.B.2.A.2. 01 - 10 JUL 20: 210 PERS.

3.B.2.A.3. 10 - 31 JUL 20: 210 PERS.

3.B.2.B. FORCE ASSIGN 31 MEDICAL PERSONNEL (WITH AHPRA REGISTRATION) TO JTG629 TO SUPPORT MEDICAL TESTING.

3.B.2.C. INDICATE THE IMPACT TO CAPABILITY TO CONTRIBUTE ADDITIONAL AHPRA REGISTERED MEDICAL PERSONNEL (ADF HAS BEEN DIRECTED TO PROVIDE A TOTAL OF 200 PERSONNEL). RETURNS ARE REQUESTED NLT 1200K 26 JUN 20 TO HQJOC.

3.B.2.D. BPT SUPPORT THE MOVEMENT OF TEST SAMPLES (DETAILED REQUIREMENTS TO FOLLOW).

3.B.3. CA IS REQUESTED TO:

3.B.3.A. HOLD AT 72H NTM PERSONNEL IAW BELOW TIMELINE TO BE FORCE ASSIGNED TO JTF 629 IF ACTIVATED FOR QCM SUPPORT:

3.B.3.A.1. 26 JUN - 01 JUL 20: 640 PERS.

3.B.3.A.2. 01 - 10 JUL 20: 490 PERS.

3.B.3.A.3. 10 - 31 JUL 20: 440 PERS.

3.B.3.B. FORCE ASSIGN 5 C2 PERSONNEL TO JTG629 TO SUPPORT STAFF CONDUCTING MEDICAL TESTING.

3.B.3.C. FORCE ASSIGN 8 MEDICAL PERSONNEL (WITH AHPRA REGISTRATION) TO JTG629 TO SUPPORT MEDICAL TESTING.

3.B.3.D. INDICATE THE IMPACT TO CAPABILITY TO CONTRIBUTE ADDITIONAL AHPRA REGISTERED MEDICAL PERSONNEL (ADF HAS BEEN DIRECTED TO PROVIDE A TOTAL OF 200 PERSONNEL). RETURNS ARE REQUESTED NLT 1200K 26 JUN 20 TO HQJOC.

3.B.3.E. BPT SUPPORT THE MOVEMENT OF TEST SAMPLES (DETAILED REQUIREMENTS TO FOLLOW).

3.B.4. CAF IS REQUESTED TO:

3.B.4.A. HOLD AT 72H NTM PERSONNEL IAW BELOW TIMELINE TO BE FORCE ASSIGNED TO JTF 629 IF ACTIVATED FOR QCM SUPPORT:

3.B.4.A.1. 26 JUN - 01 JUL 20: 150 PERS.

3.B.4.A.2. 01 - 10 JUL 20: 150 PERS.

3.B.4.A.3. 10 - 31 JUL 20: 200 PERS.

3.B.4.B. FORCE ASSIGN 21 MEDICAL PERSONNEL (WITH AHPRA REGISTRATION) TO JTG629 TO SUPPORT MEDICAL TESTING.

3.B.4.C. INDICATE THE IMPACT TO CAPABILITY TO CONTRIBUTE ADDITIONAL AHPRA REGISTERED MEDICAL PERSONNEL (ADF HAS BEEN DIRECTED TO PROVIDE A TOTAL OF 200 PERSONNEL). RETURNS ARE REQUESTED NLT 1200K 26 JUN 20 TO HQJOC.

3.B.4.D. BPT SUPPORT THE MOVEMENT OF TEST SAMPLES (DETAILED REQUIREMENTS TO FOLLOW).

3.B.5. COMMANDER JOINT CAPABILITIES IS REQUESTED TO:

3.B.5.A. 1ST JOINT MOVEMENTS UNIT:

3.B.5.A.1. COORDINATE MOVEMENT OF FA FE FROM HOME LOCATION TO AGREED MOUNTING POINT (SIMPSON BARRACKS).

3.B.5.A.2. COORDINATE MOVEMENT OF FA FE FROM AGREED MOUNTING POINT (SIMPSON BARRACKS) TO HOME LOCATION.

3.B.5.B. JOINT HEALTH COMMAND:

3.B.5.B.1. ENSURE THAT ADF MEDICAL PERSONNEL DEPLOYING ARE AHPRA REGISTERED.

3.B.5.B.2. CONDUCT PRE-MEDICAL CHECKS IAW OPERATION COVID-19 ASSIST HEALTH SUPPORT ORDER AND QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE.

3.B.5.B.3. BPT PROVIDE PPE FOR THE TASKS TO BE CONDUCTED BY ADF PERSONNEL.

3.B.5.B.4. BPT TO SUPPORT PPE PROCUREMENT AND RELEASE OF CHS IAW DEMAND PROCESSES.

3.B.5.C. JOINT LOGISTICS COMMAND:

3.B.5.C.1. MANAGE SUPPLY CHAIN TO SUPPORT JTG 629.2 ICW HQJOC, JTF 629, AND JHC.

3.B.5.C.2. BPT PROVIDE LOAN POOL VEHICLES DURING THE INCREASE SURGE OF ADF PERSONNEL IN VICTORIA SUPPORTING JTG 629.2.

3.B.5.C.3. BPT SPT MEDICAL PPE DISTRIBUTION ON REQUEST.

3.B.6. CJTF 629 IS TO:

3.B.6.A. PROVIDE MEDICAL SUPPORT TO VICTORIAN COVID-19 TESTING LOCATIONS AND MEDICAL TESTING OF THE COMMUNITY (UP TO 200 PERSONNEL) IAW REF A.

3.B.6.B. PROVIDE ONGOING ADVISORY, OPERATIONS AND PLANNING SUPPORT IN THE SCC STRATEGIC INTELLIGENCE UNIT IAW REF C.

3.B.6.C. PROVIDE ONGOING ADVISORY, OPERATIONS AND PLANNING SUPPORT IN THE SCC PLANNING TEAM IAW REF D.

3.B.6.D. PROVIDE CLINICAL AND NON-CLINICAL PPE REQUIREMENTS FOR ADF PERSONNEL FA TO JTG 629.

3.B.6.E. PROVIDE RECEPTION FOR FA PERSONNEL AT THE AGREED MOUNTING POINT.

3.B.6.F. LIAISE WITH LOCAL AUTHORITIES TO UNDERSTAND THE SPECIFIC HANDLING AND STORAGE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF TEST SAMPLES.

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3.B.6.G. SUBMIT AND MANAGE LNIDS DEMANDS FOR CLINICAL AND NON-CLINICAL PPE REQUIREMENTS FOR ADF PERSONNEL FA TO JTG 629.2.  
3.B.6.H. COORDINATE RLS REQUIREMENTS FOR JTG 629.2.  
3.B.6.I. BACK BRIEF LOGISTICS RISKS AND ISSUES TO HQJOC FOR RESOLUTION NLT 1600K, 26 JUN 20.  
3.B.6.J. BPT SUPPORT VICTORIAN HOTEL QUARANTINE COMPLIANCE MEASURES IAW REF E.  
3.B.6.K. BPT TO PROVIDE LOGISTIC, MARSHALLING, AND OTHER GENERAL DUTIES EFFECTS AT TESTING SITES.  
3.B.6.L. BPT SUPPORT THE MOVEMENT OF TEST SAMPLES, BOTH INTRA AND INTER STATE, BY SURFACE OR AIR.  
3.B.7. ESTATE AND INFRASTRUCTURE GROUP IS REQUESTED TO:  
3.B.7.A. PROVIDE BASE SUPPORT SERVICES IAW REQUESTED SUPPORT AND WITHIN CAPABILITY.  
3.B.7.B. BPT PROVIDE ACCOMMODATION AND CATERING FOR ADF PERSONNEL WEF 26 JUN 20.  
3.B.7.C. BPT TO PROVIDE E&IG POOL VEHICLES TO ADF PERSONNEL.  
3.B.7.D. PROVIDE COACH TRANSPORT TO MOVE ADF PERSONNEL ON REQUEST BY CONTRACTED SUPPORT.  
3.B.7.E. PROVIDE BED CAPACITY FIGURES TO HQJOC J43 AND JTF 629 NLT 1000K DAILY.  
3.C. COORDINATION INSTRUCTIONS.  
3.C.1. TIMINGS. TASKS ARE TO BE EXECUTED OVER THE FOLLOWING DATES:  
3.C.1.A. SUPPORT TO MEDICAL TESTING: 27 JUN - 31 JUL 20.  
3.C.1.B. ADVISORY, OPERATIONS AND PLANNING SUPPORT IN THE SCC STRATEGIC INTELLIGENCE UNIT AND PLANNING TEAM: 01 - 31 JUL 20.  
3.C.1.C. BPT SUPPORT TO MOVEMENT OF TEST SAMPLES: 27 JUN - 31 JUL 20.  
3.C.1.D. BPT SUPPORT TO QCM: NB 26 JUN - 31 JUL 20.  
3.C.1.D. REVIEW OF TASKS: NLT 20 JUL 20.  
3.C.2. SENSITIVITIES. ALL DEFENCE SUPPORT AND MESSAGING IS TO BE COGNISANT OF CULTURAL SENSITIVITIES IN THE TESTING SITE AREAS.  
3.C.3. PUBLIC AFFAIRS. PA PRODUCT IS TO BE CLEARED AND EXPLOITED IAW EXTANT PROCESSES AND IAW OP COVID-19 ASSIST PA PLAN AT APPENDIX 3 TO ANNEX E OF REF H.  
3.C.4. LOCATIONS:  
3.C.4.A. AGREED MOUNTING POINT. SIMPSON BARRACKS, WATSONIA  
3.C.4.B. SUPPORT TO QCM: METROPOLITAN MELBOURNE  
3.C.4.C. SUPPORT TO MEDICAL TESTING: EXPECTED TO OPERATE FROM METROPOLITAN MELBOURNE AREAS, WITH THE EXACT LOCATIONS TO BE CONFIRMED BY VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT.  
3.C.4.D. ADVISORY, OPERATIONS AND PLANNING SUPPORT IN THE SCC STRATEGIC INTELLIGENCE UNIT AND PLANNING TEAM: EITHER 8 NICHOLSON ST, MELBOURNE EAST OR 121 EXHIBITION ST, MELBOURNE.  
3.C.4.E. LOCATIONS FOR MOVEMENT OF TEST SAMPLES IS TBC.  
  
4. ADMIN AND LOGISTICS  
4.A. EXTANT SPT ARRANGEMENTS REMAIN IN PLACE IAW REF H.  
4.B. MOUNTING REQUIREMENTS ARE IAW WITH REF H AND CJTF629 MOUNTING INSTRUCTION.  
4.C. FINANCE. COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH SUPPORT TO THE VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT FOR COVID-19 ASSISTANCE ARE TO USE THE FOLLOWING DETAILS (THIS INCLUDES WHERE THERE IS A REQUIREMENT FOR USER PAYS 14-DAY QUARANTINE ON COMPLETION OF TASKING):  
4.C.1. CCC: 151487.  
4.C.2. FUND CODE: 70513.  
4.C.3. WBS: COVID19-VIC.  
  
5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL  
5.A. IAW REF H.  
5.B. MEMBERS REQUIRED TO CONDUCT 14-DAYS QUARANTINE ON COMPLETION OF TASKING WILL REVERT TO THEIR PARENT SERVICE C2 ONCE THEY ARRIVE AT THEIR QUARANTINE LOCATION.  
  
6. POC  
6.A. HQJOC. J335 DOMESTIC. LCDR PAUL HODGINS, 02 6128 4685, PAUL.HODGINS(AT)DEFENCE.GOV.AU.  
6.B. HQJOC JOR. 02 6128 4333, DPN - HQJOC.CURRENTOPERATIONS(AT)DEFENCE.GOV.AU. DSN - HQJOCJOR.DOMWK(AT)DEFENCE.GOV.AU.  
6.C. JTF629 WATCHKEEPER, 02 9349 0760, JTF629.JOR(AT)DEFENCE.GOV.AU  
  
7. ACK INSTRUCTIONS.  
7.A. ACTION ADDRESSES ARE TO ACK  
  
8. RELEASE AUTHORITY. HQJOC WATCH COMMANDER

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E. (UPDATE) EMV-RFA-016 – VICTORIAN REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE – OPS DRASI. (ATTACHED)

F. (ADD) EMAIL EMV TO EMA – WITHDRAWAL OF VICTORIAN RFA015 OF 25 JUN 20.

G. (ADD) EMV-RFA-017 – VICTORIAN REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE – TEST SAMPLE SURGE TRANSPORT. (ATTACHED)

# 1. SITUATION.

1.A. (NO CHANGE) THIS FRAGO BUILDS UPON DEFENCE SUPPORT AS PER REF A AND ASSOCIATED AMPS AND FRAGOS.

1.B. (UPDATE) THE STATE OF VICTORIA HAS EXPERIENCED EIGHT STRAIGHT DAYS OF DOUBLE-DIGIT COVID-19 CASE INCREASES, WITH THE VICTORIAN PREMIER WARNING THERE COULD BE QUOTE SIGNIFICANT COMMUNITY TRANSMISSION END QUOTE. THE VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO IMPLEMENT AN INCREASED TESTING REGIME IN TARGETED AREAS, AND HAS CORRESPONDINGLY REQUESTED ASSISTANCE FROM DEFENCE TO ACHIEVE. THE CURRENT PRIORITY OF EFFORT FOR VICTORIA IS MEDICAL TESTING.

1.C. (UPDATE) THIS FRAGO DIRECTS CJOPS TO PROVIDE SUPPORT TO VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT COVID-19 PLANNING, HEALTH INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES, TESTING SITE OPERATIONS, AND SURGE TRANSPORT OF TEST SAMPLES AS REQUESTED.

# 2. MISSION. N/C.

# 3. EXECUTION.

## 3.A. CDF INTENT. N/C.

## 3.B. TASKS.

### 3.B.1. (NO CHANGE) VCDF IS TO:

3.B.1.A. (HMSC) FINALISE THE SUPPORT REQUEST (MOU) ICW JOSS-VIC AND VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES IAW REFS A AND B.

3.B.1.B. (1JPAU) PROVIDE A MILITARY CAMERA TEAM (MCT) IN ORDER TO CAPTURE STILL AND VIDEO IMAGERY AND PROVIDE OTHER MPA PRODUCT DEMONSTRATING DEFENCE SUPPORT TO THE VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT RESPONSE.

### 3.B.2. CJOPS (CJTF 629) IS TO:

3.B.2.A. (NO CHANGE) PROVIDE ONGOING COVID-19 RELATED HEALTH INTELLIGENCE COLLECTION, ANALYSIS AND REPORTING IAW REF B.

3.B.2.B. (NO CHANGE) PROVIDE ONGOING PLANNING EFFECT TO THE VICTORIAN AUTHORITIES IAW REF C.

3.B.2.C. (UPDATE) NOTE THE REQUEST TO SUPPORT TO VICTORIAN HOTEL QUARANTINE COMPLIANCE MEASURES (REF D) HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN AS PER REF F. DEFENCE IS TO REMAIN PREPARED TO PROVIDE QUARANTINE COMPLIANCE SUPPORT IF SUBSEQUENTLY REQUESTED.

3.B.2.D. (UPDATE) PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO VICTORIAN COVID-19 TESTING SITES THROUGH SPECIALIST MEDICAL (200 PERSONNEL QUALIFIED TO PERFORM NASAL SWABS) IAW REF E, AND BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE LOGISTIC, MARSHALLING, AND OTHER GENERAL DUTIES EFFECTS AT TESTING SITES.

3.B.2.E. (ADD) PROVIDE A HURT STATEMENT TO MSC NLT 26 1330K JUN 20 IF THE 200 MEDICAL PERSONNEL WILL IMPACT CONTINGENCY FE, OR CANNOT BE ACHIEVED.

3.B.2.F. (ADD) BPT, UPON REQUEST, SURGE TRANSPORT TEST SAMPLES BOTH INTRA AND INTER-STATE, BY SURFACE OR AIR, UPON REQUEST IAW REF G. SAMPLES ARE TO ARRIVE AT THE DESIGNATED LABORATORY WITHIN 48 HOURS OF RECEIPT BY DEFENCE.

3.B.3. (NO CHANGE) SERVICE CHIEFS AND CJC ARE TO FA PERSONNEL AS REQUESTED BY CJOPS.

## 3.C. COORDINATION INSTRUCTIONS.

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- 3.C.1. (UPDATE) TIMINGS. ADDITIONAL SUPPORT TO VICTORIA TO COMMENCE NLT 27 JUN 20, BUT EARLIER IF PRACTICABLE, WITH AN EXPECTED END DATE OF 31 JUL 20.
- 3.C.2. (NO CHANGE) SENSITIVITIES. ALL DEFENCE SUPPORT AND MESSAGING IS TO BE COGNISANT OF CULTURAL SENSITIVITIES IN THE TESTING SITE AREAS.
- 3.C.3. (ADD) SAMPLES REQUIRING TRANSPORT FOR TESTING ARE SWABS THAT CONTAIN BIO- HAZARD MATERIALS, AND APPROPRIATE MEASURES FOR TRANSPORTATION ARE TO BE CONSIDERED.
4. ADMIN AND LOGISTICS. N/C.
5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL. N/C.
6. POC. N/C.
7. REL AUTH: COMD DEFENCE COVID-19 TF.
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**Operation COVID-19 Assist**

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**TALKING POINTS**

The ADF is contributing to the whole-of-government response to the COVID-19 pandemic with a range of personnel and logistics support. Defence has prepared responses to a variety of contingencies through the Emergency Management Australia-led response.



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**MEDIA RELEASE - [HQJOC AND COVID19 TF CLEARED 24 JUNE 2020]**

The Australian Defence Force (ADF) will significantly increase its support to Victoria to help it contain the recent outbreak of COVID-19.

Following a request from the Victorian Government, around 1,000 ADF personnel will deploy in Victoria. Up to 850 ADF members will provide support to hotel quarantine monitoring, while around 200 personnel will provide logistical and medical support for public testing initiatives.

Minister for Defence, Senator the Hon Linda Reynolds CSC, said Defence stood ready to assist.

“Defence has been providing support to Victoria since April and I’m pleased we’re able to rapidly increase our assistance to help manage this upturn in transmission,” Minister Reynolds said.

Under Operation COVID-19 ASSIST, Defence has been providing customised support to state and territory authorities, to reinforce and expand their capacity to respond to the pandemic

“The COVID-19 pandemic requires a proactive national response and Defence is well postured to provide scalable support to states and territories.”

This additional assistance to the Victorian Government supplements existing planning support to Emergency Management Victoria and the Department of Health and Human Services.

Information regarding Defence support to COVID-19 is available at:

<https://news.defence.gov.au/national/daily-update-defence-response-covid-19>

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### **Victoria**

ADF personnel are:

- Providing planning teams to the State Control Centre, and the Department of Health and Human Services.
- Support previously provided to Victoria by the ADF included:
  - Supporting Victoria Police's Police Assistance Line call centre with quarantine isolation checking in Ballarat.
  - The provision of planning personnel in the Victoria Police Operations Centre.

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***If asked: what assistance is Defence offering to Victoria?***

- The Australian Defence Force has accepted a request for assistance from Victoria in light of the state's increase in confirmed COVID-19 cases.
- I can confirm about 1000 ADF personnel will be deployed to Victoria.
- About 850 personnel will provide planning advice, hotel quarantine monitoring.
- About 200 personnel will provide logistical and medical support for public testing initiatives.
- The ADF personnel are expected to be on task in Melbourne no later than Friday 26th of June.
- As you can appreciate, this is a rapidly evolving situation. I expect our support will be fully operational by the weekend. We are still working out the best way to position ourselves to support Victoria.
- It's important to remember the ADF has been assisting Victoria since April as part of Operation COVID-19 Assist. This is an increase in our support.
- Our priorities will be making effective contributions, ensuring the safety of our personnel and working with our partners at the local level.
- Defence is contributing to a whole-of-government response. We are not acting alone here.
- We have provided all of this support in other states already over the last few months, particularly in New South Wales and Queensland, so we are well placed to contribute.

***If asked: How long will the ADF provide support for?***

- The agreement is to provide support until the end of July, but of course we will work closely with the Victorian Government and will reassess as the situation evolves.

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- We are undertaking strict preventative measures to limit the spread of COVID-19.

**CLEARANCE**

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Mick

No impact on CPD at 60 – probably non at 200 either if they are drawn from the ADF health elements on longer NTM.

We have sourced the initial 60 which will be 21 from RAAF and 39 from NAVY – all I believe from the Southern States so and from static bases and training schools.

I am going to recommend we get ARMY to provide a 5 person COMD team above this for health only that will work with VIC HLTH but to JTF629.2 and that then will establish the intelligence platform on which to base the additional 140 health pers makeup and dispersion if required. Prefer Army as they are most experienced at running concurrent health elements.

Anyway the conversation is about to start this end. Undoubtedly we will be in touch regularly for the next few days.

Pete

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G'day Pete

Can you please confirm if the 60 medical staff will impact any of our contingency health capabilities – Role 2 and/or PHCTs? I would like to ensure LTGEN Frewen and the CDF are tracking at what cost this support will come.

Cheers

Mick

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Mike

This is one thread between the SGADF and COMD JTF629 and beyond. Read below....

This would seem to debunk the AUSMAT connection also – this is surge support rather than an effect – so would seem pointless to layer another tier of coord – would anticipate that they would work to the direction of the Victorian Health Department in multiple locations under our coord.

By way of background I was dragged into a teleconf by SGADF this morning circa 10:30 and she had just got off the blower to CMO Federal and the CMO Victoria. They were discussing 200 medical personnel from Defence to support the testing directly. Other correspondence has confirmed the SGADF direction that any “testing” of individuals or management of pathology samples be done by AHPRA register health practitioners (ie medics / nurses and scientific officers specifically I would guess). I would support that approach as it ensures we have delivered the safest workforce we can into a known fly blown area – experienced with infection control and PPE.

I note your other threads seem to indicate a different work effort and it is likely that it will be a combination of both threads at the end of the day. These other threads include quarantine management / logistics / marshalling etc... as well as the planner support being boosted.

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I will be on my mobile s22

My lead planner for this is **MAJ Tracey Connors** s22 or on our Directorate common line 6128 5299.

Where possible we will draw the health workforce from NSW / Vic so we do not face the potential for 2 weeks of quarantine when we give them back.

Standing by: hope to be helpful...

Pete

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Thanks Sarah.

regards,

**PK**

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Hi Paul (Sir FYSA)

Have spoken again to Len Notaras and he confirms that AUSMAT have not been approached to contribute a response to Victoria at this time. We are aligned in our thinking as articulated below, that there is no operational / technical value in an Ausmat leadership of workforce surge. I understand AUMSAT have separately offered the availability of resources within the unit in Darwin.

We will stay in touch as things progress.

Sarah

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Thanks Paul

Generally an Ausmat- ADF response (like the NW Tas) makes sense when we are mobilising a formed capability. My sense is that the current requirement is for surge staff which is materially different.

I did speak to Len Notaras (NCCTRC) this morning and understand the request for them was along the lines of linguistic health capabilities but I will go back and clarify with him directly to ensure we are aligned. It is not surprising that there is a political preference for AUSMAT to be seen to be leading any mobile health response.

Sarah

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Sarah,

I assume you have seen this correspondence that suggest a AUSMAT – ADF response? I also note that the Secretary for VIC Department of Premier and Cabinet has indicated that we can deploy 'non-medical' professionals to administer the saliva test.

regards,

**PK**

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Sir, as discussed. FYSA the traffic between Victoria Dept of Premier and Cabinet and PMC this morning. I anticipate confirmation of the below after the conclusion of 1330's Vic SCCC meeting.  
Regards

**Brigadier Matt Burr**  
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Sir,  
FYSA  
John

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Gents – Inputs to planning are below. It is agreed at the highest levels that EMV are leading the planning and Defence will provide support to that plan to achieve rapid effects. Note – the requests below are to the Australian Government, not just Defence. I note the Health Minister has just mentioned AUSMAT in a TV interview.

Cheers

MS

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Ack all

**Roger Noble**

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John, Roger,

Further advice from Secretary Gaetjens.

Bron

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Greg and others

Chris Eccles provided further advice as follows re medical staff: - *For the next week - any combination of basic army medic, div 2 nurse, previously trained pathology collectors, regular nurses that can be provided could take swab tests.*

*Then as we roll out saliva testing wholesale over next week, do not need medically trained people, just personnel to collect saliva samples and bag them.*

The PM would also like to reply to Victoria. Given ADF is already meeting with Victoria this morning, I suggest your people draft a response that can be sent to [REDACTED] and me for the PM. If you think other arrangements are better, let me know. [REDACTED] you might think about a health contribution to the reply that goes beyond the ask and response relating to ADF.

Thx.

**Philip Gaetjens**

Secretary

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Greg

The request below goes a bit further than what was discussed, particularly with respect to medical staff.

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Phil

As per my recent text, the Premier and Prime Minister discussed last night the support that might be provided by the ADF in relation to the current outbreaks in Victoria.

The categories of requested support follow.

### **Operational coordination and planning support**

The State Control Centre and other emergency management arrangements are fully engaged in coordination, operations and logistics, including through whole of government coordination and engagement with other agencies such as the ADF. The mission will involve targeted deployment of DHHS operational capabilities in each region, VicPol capacity (in particular to support enforcement and compliance at hotel quarantine locations and elsewhere) and deployment of ADF personnel and capability in support and logistics roles, and to transport pathology samples interstate for testing if required.

The State Control Centre has remained operational for the duration of the COVID-19 response. Resourcing of the SCC is scalable and will be reviewed by the State Control Team in line with this mission.

EMV have established the combined agency operations group (CAOG). This group combines relevant state agencies and the ADF to provide planning and technical expertise that can assist in a number of areas including planning, logistics and supply chain solutions, and generally assisting at times when normal agency arrangements are becoming overwhelmed. The CAOG forms a part of the overall SCC operating model supporting the State Controller Health.

Staff request: 10-12 planners/logisticians and 4 intelligence officers. This will add to the 9 planners currently operating from the State Control Centre

### **Medical and co-ordination staff to support drive through testing**

In addition to neighbourhood and door to door testing in hotspot suburbs it is essential to maintain a baseline testing level to effectively monitor the spread of the virus across the state.

A baseline target of 10,000 test a day will be set to ensure anyone with mild symptoms can get tested across the state. This is on top of testing of testing associated with any outbreaks, sensitive sights and close contacts of confirmed cases.

Existing retail and drive through sites will be maintained. An additional ten drive through testing sites will be stood up this week. This will include large drive through sites to support the effort, including the showgrounds, race courses and the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre. ADF co-ordination and medical support for these testing sites is requested.

Staff request: 5 planners/logisticians and 200 medical staff

### **Security support services for hotel operations**

Similar to support provided in NSW, ADF security support for passengers entering and exiting hotel quarantine is sought.

Personnel request: between 50-100 personnel

Our contact person is Andrea Spiteri, health commander, who can be contacted at [andrea.spiteri@dhhs.vic.gov.au](mailto:andrea.spiteri@dhhs.vic.gov.au) and on s22 [REDACTED]

I'm also happy to discuss.

Thanks

Chris

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**Subject:** RE: Outcomes of 0900 JPG - DACC support VIC [SEC=~~PROTECTED~~]

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Ladies & Gents,

Thanks for your attendance at the brief.

As discussed, intent for allocation of forces across the services is proposed as follows;

Fm 26 Jun – 01 Jul 20

Army; 640 pers

Navy; 60 pers

Air Force; 150 pers

Fm 01 Jul – 10 Jul 20

Army; 490 pers

Navy; 210 pers

Air Force; 150 pers

Fm 10 Jul – 31 Jul 20

Army; 440 pers

Navy; 210 pers

Air Force; 200 pers

**Services / 1JMU;** Can you please confirm the locations of personnel so that the coordination of movement can be planned.

**Army;** Can you confirm your pers allocation includes O5 pers required to C2 the QCM.

Agreed Mounting Base; Simpson Barracks, Watsonia

Regards

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**Subject:** Outcomes of 0900 JPG - DACC support VIC

Good morning Ladies and Gentlemen,

Please find below RFI responses from HQ JTF 629

1. Can JTF 629 achieve the support / effect to VIC GOV in its current format:
  - a. JTF 629.2 is currently moving from a Green posture to an Amber posture – This will increase the HQ Size from 26 to 43 pers to support this task.
  - b. HQ JTF 629 – Is scaling transitioning to a minor JTF WEF 03 Jul 20. Key staff positions have been identified and REODOM have been sent out to extend or replace anyone that may be departing prior to 31 July
2. Can JTF 629 extend people current FA to cover the period of the task.
  - a. REDOMS have been already sent out to extend key staff positions until 31 Jul 20. Any position not filled will result in a potential risk to HQJTF 629 capability.
3. QCM Task Force Flow (Answers From JOSS Vic)
  - a. Some questions around QCM 850 pers number right now, however expecting this to be confirmed (as 850pers) shortly.
  - b. Expect they are wanting immediate effect considering local circumstances, however given Task Group Draft MA Outcomes and the way this tasking has been generated – I would expect staggered approach is FASD given manpower vs. deployment time numbers.
  - c. Fidelity is being sought today – expecting clarity over next 12-24hrs
  - d. Premier VIC just announced at Press Conference that ADF Support will include Ground Transport/APOD Transfer for Hotel QCM and Air Tpt for Testing sample distro – both items not in RFAs or debunked yesterday. Wait out for further on this.
4. What effect can JTF 629 provide today
  - a. Planners are now embedded within respective VIC State Departments
  - b. ESF Recon team is working with VIC SCC/DHHS to identify QCM requirements
  - c. MCT now in loc. Effective from PM 25 Jun 20
5. What is the RLS concept for supporting approx. 1000 ADF Pers in Vic
  - a. Transport – Air or Bus – JTF J07 has advised JTF 629 that “SGADF has provided guidance that there is no requirement for restriction on numbers in buses” which will allow further freedom of movement
  - b. QCM – Currently seeking confirmation if members conducting QCM can be accommodated and rationed at those hotels (Approx 16-20 Hotels)
  - c. Testing Sites – Members conducting testing will be accommodated and rationed in a local hotel to that site
  - d. Simpson Barracks will be established as a mounting and demounting base for all pers
  - e. Ground Transport – White fleet or hire cars

POC for this is LCDR Matthew Snelling.

Regards,

**CAPT Joseph Thomas**

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**Subject:** IMPORTANT: Victoria RFA Efforts. [DLM=~~FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY~~]  
**Importance:** High  
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Sir

JOSS-Vic have notified MSC that we are expecting two more RFAs from Victoria, both currently with the Victoria Premier. The first is for the medical support and the second is for a surge capacity for transporting samples.

I will notify you when the requests are received.

Kind regards

Mick

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Arnie,  
RFA16 which is the 200 personnel for medical support is with the Premier for signature.

He will sign it along with RFA17 which is the transport for test samples request – RFA17 being developed now and should be signed today.

Will provide a drop copy of RFA17 as soon as I see it.

George

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Arnie,  
Current RFA status both current and future is as follows:

- RFA 13 and 14 approved.
- RFA 15 rescinded however remain at BPT.
- RFA 16 for medical support still to be delivered by EMV to EMA. Advice on 25JUN20 from EMC Victoria to EMA is that this will be delivered ASAP.

RFA17 to be developed for surge capacity for transport of test samples – I will work with EMV on this as they are asking both inter and intra state transport. Will have completed by AM SAT 27JUN20.

As discussed, nil bus transport to be used.

As advised, the situation remains dynamic, will advise of any further changes as known.

George

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Sir,

CJOPS TASKORD has just been released. The CDF TASKORD has directed 200 medical pers with the ability to swab test are to be deployed.

The CJOPS TASKORD reads that we are still to send the 65 tomorrow and scope the additional 135 pers, providing a capability statement to MSC if unable to achieve NLT 1200 tomorrow. All Services have been asked to contribute to that total number of 200 pers and provide an impact statement.

Paul

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Rgr Chris , Paul and J3 are still here.

Paul – RFI from DLAND on CDF TASKO

Kind regards

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Thanks Al,

Is HQJOC's intent still to send forward the initial team of 60 (plus the 5 man C2 element) to assess the situation and then follow on with the remaining 140 later? Or do you want the entire 200 up front?

My recommendation is the former so as to allow the medical specialists time to assess the situation and provide detailed recommendations to the J07 on how qualified the additional 140 need to be. My concern is that if the services generate 200 AHPRA qualified pers up front, then find out we only needed to send general duties pers, then we may have wasted significant effort and prematurely committed people who are in short supply.

Army, for example, only has approx 300 medics across the force, and many of them are in critical positions. I'm sure the other service's will be in a similar position.

That said, if the requirement exists for 200 AHPRA qualified pers, then we will all dig deep and make it happen. But we will need to get to work on finding them tonight.

Please advise.

Chris  
G33 Army

Sent from my iPhone

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FYSA.

Kind regards

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Good evening Alister

Please find attached the CDF TASKORD for Victoria. I note the final RFA is expected to be received tomorrow morning. This order provides authority to plan and prepare for this task.

Kind regards

MS

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Good evening s22

Defence accepts all tasks as per RFA013, RFA014 and RFA015 without cost recovery. I note we expect to receive RFA016 tomorrow morning.

Kind regards

Mick

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Good evening MSC,

Attached for your consideration are three requests for assistance from the Victorian government in support of the response to the cluster outbreaks of COVID-19 in and around Melbourne. RFA-13 and-14 extend existing RFA-12, which is due to expire on **Tuesday, 30 June 2020**.

- RFA –13 - Continued provision of ADF Advisory, Operations and Planning Support to assist EMV, through the provision of four personnel to work shift rotation in the SCC Strategic Intelligence Unit.
- RFA-14 - Continued provision of ADF Advisory, Operations and Planning Support to assist EMV, through the provision of twelve personnel to work shift rotation in the SCC Planning Team.

The tasking will include support to crisis action planning and campaign planning which is being coordinated by the SCC Combined Agencies Operation Group (CAOG).  
RFA-15 seeks support in the form of personnel to augment and assist Victorian Department of Health and Human Services in the mandatory quarantine of individuals who have returned from overseas. Support is requested to commence on **Friday 26 June 2020** until **Friday 31 July 2020**.

Emergency Management Victoria has advised that a fourth request is being finalised by the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services and will be forwarded tomorrow morning, **25 June 2020**.

Please contact me should you have any questions.

Kind regards,

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850 PERSONNEL.

3.A.6. (NO CHANGE). BPT PROVIDE LOGISTIC, MARSHALLING AND OTHER GENERAL DUTIES EFFECTS AT TESTING SITES.

3.B. TASKS.

3.B.1. VCDF (1JPAU) IS REQUESTED TO:

3.B.1.A. (NO CHANGE). DEPLOY A MILITARY CAMERA TEAM (MCT) TO CAPTURE STILL IMAGERY, VIDEO IMAGERY AND PROVIDE OTHER MPA PRODUCT DEMONSTRATING ADF SUPPORT TO THE VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT RESPONSE.

3.B.1.B. (NO CHANGE). DEPLOY A PAO (O3) AS JTF 629.2 J09 TO PROVIDE PUBLIC INFORMATION STAFF ADVICE AND EFFECTS.

3.B.2. CN IS REQUESTED TO:

3.B.2.A. (NO CHANGE). HOLD AT 72H NTM PERSONNEL IAW BELOW TIMELINE TO BE FORCE ASSIGNED TO JTF 629 IF ACTIVATED FOR QCM SUPPORT:

3.B.2.A.1. (NO CHANGE). 26 JUN - 01 JUL 20: 60 PERS.

3.B.2.A.2. (NO CHANGE). 01 - 10 JUL 20: 210 PERS.

3.B.2.A.3. (NO CHANGE). 10 - 31 JUL 20: 210 PERS.

3.B.2.B. (AMEND). FORCE ASSIGN 51 MEDICAL PERSONNEL (WITH AHPRA REGISTRATION) TO JTG629 TO SUPPORT MEDICAL TESTING.

3.B.2.C. (AMEND). INDICATE THE IMPACT TO CAPABILITY TO CONTRIBUTE ADDITIONAL AHPRA REGISTERED MEDICAL PERSONNEL (ADF HAS BEEN DIRECTED TO PROVIDE A TOTAL OF 200 PERSONNEL). RETURNS ARE REQUESTED NLT 1200K 26 JUN 20 TO HQJOC - COMPLETE.

3.B.2.D. (NO CHANGE). BPT SUPPORT THE MOVEMENT OF TEST SAMPLES (DETAILED REQUIREMENTS TO FOLLOW).

3.B.3. CA IS REQUESTED TO:

3.B.3.A. (NO CHANGE). HOLD AT 72H NTM PERSONNEL IAW BELOW TIMELINE TO BE FORCE ASSIGNED TO JTF 629 IF ACTIVATED FOR QCM SUPPORT:

3.B.3.A.1. (NO CHANGE). 26 JUN - 01 JUL 20: 640 PERS.

3.B.3.A.2. (NO CHANGE). 01 - 10 JUL 20: 490 PERS.

3.B.3.A.3. (NO CHANGE). 10 - 31 JUL 20: 440 PERS.

3.B.3.B. (NO CHANGE). FORCE ASSIGN 5 C2 PERSONNEL TO JTG629 TO SUPPORT STAFF CONDUCTING MEDICAL TESTING.

3.B.3.C. (AMEND). FORCE ASSIGN 114 MEDICAL PERSONNEL (WITH AHPRA REGISTRATION) TO JTG629 TO SUPPORT MEDICAL TESTING.

3.B.3.D. (AMEND). INDICATE THE IMPACT TO CAPABILITY TO CONTRIBUTE ADDITIONAL AHPRA REGISTERED MEDICAL PERSONNEL (ADF HAS BEEN DIRECTED TO PROVIDE A TOTAL OF 200 PERSONNEL). RETURNS ARE REQUESTED NLT 1200K 26 JUN 20 TO HQJOC - COMPLETE.

3.B.3.E. (NO CHANGE). BPT SUPPORT THE MOVEMENT OF TEST SAMPLES (DETAILED REQUIREMENTS TO FOLLOW).

3.B.4. CAF IS REQUESTED TO:

3.B.4.A. (NO CHANGE). HOLD AT 72H NTM PERSONNEL IAW BELOW TIMELINE TO BE FORCE ASSIGNED TO JTF 629 IF ACTIVATED FOR QCM SUPPORT:

3.B.4.A.1. (NO CHANGE). 26 JUN - 01 JUL 20: 150 PERS.

3.B.4.A.2. (NO CHANGE). 01 - 10 JUL 20: 150 PERS.

3.B.4.A.3. (NO CHANGE). 10 - 31 JUL 20: 200 PERS.

3.B.4.B. (AMEND). FORCE ASSIGN 30 MEDICAL PERSONNEL (WITH AHPRA REGISTRATION) TO JTG629 TO SUPPORT MEDICAL TESTING.

3.B.4.C. (AMEND). INDICATE THE IMPACT TO CAPABILITY TO CONTRIBUTE ADDITIONAL AHPRA REGISTERED MEDICAL PERSONNEL (ADF HAS BEEN DIRECTED TO PROVIDE A TOTAL OF 200 PERSONNEL). RETURNS ARE REQUESTED NLT 1200K 26 JUN 20 TO HQJOC - COMPLETE.

3.B.4.D. (NO CHANGE). BPT SUPPORT THE MOVEMENT OF TEST SAMPLES (DETAILED REQUIREMENTS TO FOLLOW).

3.B.5. COMMANDER JOINT CAPABILITIES IS REQUESTED TO:

3.B.5.A. 1ST JOINT MOVEMENTS UNIT:

3.B.5.A.1. (NO CHANGE). COORDINATE MOVEMENT OF FA FE FROM HOME LOCATION TO AGREED MOUNTING POINT (SIMPSON BARRACKS).

3.B.5.A.2. (NO CHANGE). COORDINATE MOVEMENT OF FA FE FROM AGREED MOUNTING POINT (SIMPSON BARRACKS) TO HOME LOCATION.

3.B.5.B. JOINT HEALTH COMMAND:

3.B.5.B.1. (NO CHANGE). ENSURE THAT ADF MEDICAL PERSONNEL DEPLOYING ARE AHPRA REGISTERED.

3.B.5.B.2. (AMEND). CONDUCT PRE-MEDICAL CHECKS IAW OPERATION COVID-19 ASSIST HEALTH SUPPORT ORDER AND QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE, EXCEPT FOR THE VACCINATION SCHEDULE. THE ONLY VACCINATION REQUIRED IS THE 2020 FLU VACCINATION.

3.B.5.B.3. (NO CHANGE). BPT PROVIDE PPE FOR THE TASKS TO BE CONDUCTED BY ADF PERSONNEL.

3.B.5.B.4. (NO CHANGE). BPT TO SUPPORT PPE PROCUREMENT AND RELEASE OF CHS IAW DEMAND PROCESSES.

3.B.5.C. JOINT LOGISTICS COMMAND:

3.B.5.C.1. (NO CHANGE). MANAGE SUPPLY CHAIN TO SUPPORT JTG 629.2 ICW HQJOC, JTF 629,

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AND JHC.

3.B.5.C.2. (NO CHANGE). BPT PROVIDE LOAN POOL VEHICLES DURING THE INCREASE SURGE OF ADF PERSONNEL IN VICTORIA SUPPORTING JTG 629.2.

3.B.5.C.3. (NO CHANGE). BPT SPT MEDICAL PPE DISTRIBUTION ON REQUEST.

3.B.6. CJTF 629 IS TO:

3.B.6.A. (NO CHANGE). PROVIDE MEDICAL SUPPORT TO VICTORIAN COVID-19 TESTING LOCATIONS AND MEDICAL TESTING OF THE COMMUNITY (UP TO 200 PERSONNEL) IAW REF A.

3.B.6.B. (NO CHANGE). PROVIDE ONGOING ADVISORY, OPERATIONS AND PLANNING SUPPORT IN THE SCC STRATEGIC INTELLIGENCE UNIT IAW REF C.

3.B.6.C. (NO CHANGE). PROVIDE ONGOING ADVISORY, OPERATIONS AND PLANNING SUPPORT IN THE SCC PLANNING TEAM IAW REF D.

3.B.6.D. (NO CHANGE). PROVIDE CLINICAL AND NON-CLINICAL PPE REQUIREMENTS FOR ADF PERSONNEL FA TO JTG 629.

3.B.6.E. (NO CHANGE). PROVIDE RECEPTION FOR FA PERSONNEL AT THE AGREED MOUNTING POINT.

3.B.6.F. (NO CHANGE). LIAISE WITH LOCAL AUTHORITIES TO UNDERSTAND THE SPECIFIC HANDLING AND STORAGE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF TEST SAMPLES.

3.B.6.G. (NO CHANGE). SUBMIT AND MANAGE LNIDS DEMANDS FOR CLINICAL AND NON-CLINICAL PPE REQUIREMENTS FOR ADF PERSONNEL FA TO JTG 629.2.

3.B.6.H. (NO CHANGE). COORDINATE RLS REQUIREMENTS FOR JTG 629.2.

3.B.6.I. (NO CHANGE). BACK BRIEF LOGISTICS RISKS AND ISSUES TO HQJOC FOR RESOLUTION NLT 1600K, 26 JUN 20.

3.B.6.J. (NO CHANGE). BPT SUPPORT VICTORIAN HOTEL QUARANTINE COMPLIANCE MEASURES IAW REF E.

3.B.6.K. (NO CHANGE). BPT TO PROVIDE LOGISTIC, MARSHALLING, AND OTHER GENERAL DUTIES EFFECTS AT TESTING SITES.

3.B.6.L. (NO CHANGE). BPT SUPPORT THE MOVEMENT OF TEST SAMPLES, BOTH INTRA AND INTER STATE, BY SURFACE OR AIR.

3.B.7. ESTATE AND INFRASTRUCTURE GROUP IS REQUESTED TO:

3.B.7.A. (NO CHANGE). PROVIDE BASE SUPPORT SERVICES IAW REQUESTED SUPPORT AND WITHIN CAPABILITY.

3.B.7.B. (NO CHANGE). BPT PROVIDE ACCOMMODATION AND CATERING FOR ADF PERSONNEL WEF 26 JUN 20.

3.B.7.C. (NO CHANGE). BPT TO PROVIDE E&IG POOL VEHICLES TO ADF PERSONNEL.

3.B.7.D. (NO CHANGE). PROVIDE COACH TRANSPORT TO MOVE ADF PERSONNEL ON REQUEST BY CONTRACTED SUPPORT.

3.B.7.E. (NO CHANGE). PROVIDE BED CAPACITY FIGURES TO HQJOC J43 AND JTF 629 NLT 1000K DAILY.

3.C. COORDINATION INSTRUCTIONS.

3.C.1. TIMINGS. TASKS ARE TO BE EXECUTED OVER THE FOLLOWING DATES:

3.C.1.A. (AMEND). SUPPORT TO MEDICAL TESTING: 27 JUN - 31 JUL 20. FORCE BUILD UP IS TO BE COMPLETED NLT 03 JUL 20.

3.C.1.B. (NO CHANGE). ADVISORY, OPERATIONS AND PLANNING SUPPORT IN THE SCC STRATEGIC INTELLIGENCE UNIT AND PLANNING TEAM: 01 - 31 JUL 20.

3.C.1.C. (NO CHANGE). BPT SUPPORT TO MOVEMENT OF TEST SAMPLES: 27 JUN - 31 JUL 20.

3.C.1.D. (NO CHANGE). BPT SUPPORT TO QCM: NB 26 JUN - 31 JUL 20.

3.C.1.D. (NO CHANGE). REVIEW OF TASKS: NLT 20 JUL 20.

3.C.2. SENSITIVITIES. (NO CHANGE). ALL DEFENCE SUPPORT AND MESSAGING IS TO BE COGNISANT OF CULTURAL SENSITIVITIES IN THE TESTING SITE AREAS.

3.C.3. PUBLIC AFFAIRS. (NO CHANGE). PA PRODUCT IS TO BE CLEARED AND EXPLOITED IAW EXTANT PROCESSES AND IAW OP COVID-19 ASSIST PA PLAN AT APPENDIX 3 TO ANNEX E OF REF H.

3.C.4. LOCATIONS:

3.C.4.A. (NO CHANGE). AGREED MOUNTING POINT. SIMPSON BARRACKS, WATSONIA.

3.C.4.B. (NO CHANGE). SUPPORT TO QCM: METROPOLITAN MELBOURNE.

3.C.4.C. (NO CHANGE). SUPPORT TO MEDICAL TESTING: EXPECTED TO OPERATE FROM METROPOLITAN MELBOURNE AREAS, WITH THE EXACT LOCATIONS TO BE CONFIRMED BY VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT.

3.C.4.D. (NO CHANGE). ADVISORY, OPERATIONS AND PLANNING SUPPORT IN THE SCC STRATEGIC INTELLIGENCE UNIT AND PLANNING TEAM: EITHER 8 NICHOLSON ST, MELBOURNE EAST OR 121 EXHIBITION ST, MELBOURNE.

3.C.4.E. (NO CHANGE). LOCATIONS FOR MOVEMENT OF TEST SAMPLES IS TBC.

4. ADMIN AND LOGISTICS

4.A. (NO CHANGE). EXTANT SPT ARRANGEMENTS REMAIN IN PLACE IAW REF H.

4.B. (NO CHANGE). MOUNTING REQUIREMENTS ARE IAW WITH REF H AND CJTF629 MOUNTING INSTRUCTION.

4.C. (NO CHANGE). FINANCE. COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH SUPPORT TO THE VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT FOR COVID-19 ASSISTANCE ARE TO USE THE FOLLOWING DETAILS (THIS INCLUDES WHERE THERE

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IS A REQUIREMENT FOR USER PAYS 14-DAY QUARANTINE ON COMPLETION OF TASKING):

4.C.1. (NO CHANGE). CCC: 151487.

4.C.2. (NO CHANGE). FUND CODE: 70513.

4.C.3. (NO CHANGE). WBS: COVID19-VIC.

4.D. (NEW). FORCE PREPARATION. ALL MEMBERS IDENTIFIED TO SUPPORT VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT TASKS, INCLUDING THOSE PERSONNEL PLACED ON A NTM TO ASSIST, ARE TO COMPLETE THE ONLINE OPERATION COVID-19 ASSIST ADF FORCE PREPARATION TRAINING AVAILABLE AT [HTTPS://WWW.ADELE.EDU.AU](https://www.adele.edu.au) AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL

5.A. (NO CHANGE). IAW REF H.

5.B. (NO CHANGE). MEMBERS REQUIRED TO CONDUCT 14-DAYS QUARANTINE ON COMPLETION OF TASKING WILL REVERT TO THEIR PARENT SERVICE C2 ONCE THEY ARRIVE AT THEIR QUARANTINE LOCATION.

6. POC

6.A. (NO CHANGE). HQJOC. J335 DOMESTIC. LCDR PAUL HODGINS, 02 6128 4685, PAUL.HODGINS(AT)DEFENCE.GOV.AU.

6.B. (NO CHANGE). HQJOC JOR. 02 6128 4333, DPN - HQJOC.CURRENTOPERATIONS(AT)DEFENCE.GOV.AU. DSN - HQJOCJOR.DOMWK(AT)DEFENCE.GOV.AU.

6.C. (NO CHANGE). JTF629 WATCHKEEPER, 02 9349 0760, JTF629.JOR(AT)DEFENCE.GOV.AU

7. ACK INSTRUCTIONS.

7.A. ACTION ADDRESSES ARE TO ACK

8. RELEASE AUTHORITY. HQJOC WATCH COMMANDER

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REF A TO D. N/C.

E. (UPDATE) EMV-RFA-016 – VICTORIAN REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE – OPS DRASI. (ATTACHED)

F. (ADD) EMAIL EMV TO EMA – WITHDRAWAL OF VICTORIAN RFA015 OF 25 JUN 20.

G. (ADD) EMV-RFA-017 – VICTORIAN REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE – TEST SAMPLE SURGE TRANSPORT. (ATTACHED)

# 1. SITUATION.

1.A. (NO CHANGE) THIS FRAGO BUILDS UPON DEFENCE SUPPORT AS PER REF A AND ASSOCIATED AMPS AND FRAGOS.

1.B. (UPDATE) THE STATE OF VICTORIA HAS EXPERIENCED EIGHT STRAIGHT DAYS OF DOUBLE-DIGIT COVID-19 CASE INCREASES, WITH THE VICTORIAN PREMIER WARNING THERE COULD BE QUOTE SIGNIFICANT COMMUNITY TRANSMISSION END QUOTE. THE VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO IMPLEMENT AN INCREASED TESTING REGIME IN TARGETED AREAS, AND HAS CORRESPONDINGLY REQUESTED ASSISTANCE FROM DEFENCE TO ACHIEVE. THE CURRENT PRIORITY OF EFFORT FOR VICTORIA IS MEDICAL TESTING.

1.C. (UPDATE) THIS FRAGO DIRECTS CJOPS TO PROVIDE SUPPORT TO VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT COVID-19 PLANNING, HEALTH INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES, TESTING SITE OPERATIONS, AND SURGE TRANSPORT OF TEST SAMPLES AS REQUESTED.

# 2. MISSION. N/C.

# 3. EXECUTION.

## 3.A. CDF INTENT. N/C.

## 3.B. TASKS.

### 3.B.1. (NO CHANGE) VCDF IS TO:

3.B.1.A. (HMSC) FINALISE THE SUPPORT REQUEST (MOU) ICW JOSS-VIC AND VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES IAW REFS A AND B.

3.B.1.B. (1JPAU) PROVIDE A MILITARY CAMERA TEAM (MCT) IN ORDER TO CAPTURE STILL AND VIDEO IMAGERY AND PROVIDE OTHER MPA PRODUCT DEMONSTRATING DEFENCE SUPPORT TO THE VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT RESPONSE.

### 3.B.2. CJOPS (CJTF 629) IS TO:

3.B.2.A. (NO CHANGE) PROVIDE ONGOING COVID-19 RELATED HEALTH INTELLIGENCE COLLECTION, ANALYSIS AND REPORTING IAW REF B.

3.B.2.B. (NO CHANGE) PROVIDE ONGOING PLANNING EFFECT TO THE VICTORIAN AUTHORITIES IAW REF C.

3.B.2.C. (UPDATE) NOTE THE REQUEST TO SUPPORT TO VICTORIAN HOTEL QUARANTINE COMPLIANCE MEASURES (REF D) HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN AS PER REF F. DEFENCE IS TO REMAIN PREPARED TO PROVIDE QUARANTINE COMPLIANCE SUPPORT IF SUBSEQUENTLY REQUESTED.

3.B.2.D. (UPDATE) PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO VICTORIAN COVID-19 TESTING SITES THROUGH SPECIALIST MEDICAL (200 PERSONNEL QUALIFIED TO PERFORM NASAL SWABS) IAW REF E, AND BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE LOGISTIC, MARSHALLING, AND OTHER GENERAL DUTIES EFFECTS AT TESTING SITES.

3.B.2.E. (ADD) PROVIDE A HURT STATEMENT TO MSC NLT 26 1330K JUN 20 IF THE 200 MEDICAL PERSONNEL WILL IMPACT CONTINGENCY FE, OR CANNOT BE ACHIEVED.

3.B.2.F. (ADD) BPT, UPON REQUEST, SURGE TRANSPORT TEST SAMPLES BOTH INTRA AND INTER-STATE, BY SURFACE OR AIR, UPON REQUEST IAW REF G. SAMPLES ARE TO ARRIVE AT THE DESIGNATED LABORATORY WITHIN 48 HOURS OF RECEIPT BY DEFENCE.

3.B.3. (NO CHANGE) SERVICE CHIEFS AND CJC ARE TO FA PERSONNEL AS REQUESTED BY CJOPS.

## 3.C. COORDINATION INSTRUCTIONS.

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- 3.C.1. (UPDATE) TIMINGS. ADDITIONAL SUPPORT TO VICTORIA TO COMMENCE NLT 27 JUN 20, BUT EARLIER IF PRACTICABLE, WITH AN EXPECTED END DATE OF 31 JUL 20.
- 3.C.2. (NO CHANGE) SENSITIVITIES. ALL DEFENCE SUPPORT AND MESSAGING IS TO BE COGNISANT OF CULTURAL SENSITIVITIES IN THE TESTING SITE AREAS.
- 3.C.3. (ADD) SAMPLES REQUIRING TRANSPORT FOR TESTING ARE SWABS THAT CONTAIN BIO- HAZARD MATERIALS, AND APPROPRIATE MEASURES FOR TRANSPORTATION ARE TO BE CONSIDERED.
4. ADMIN AND LOGISTICS. N/C.
5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL. N/C.
6. POC. N/C.
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Team,  
Apologies – but please note an addition at p. 3 (in blue) re: VIC and the initial deployment of 65 pers today.

Rgds,  
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**Sean Childs**  
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Good Morning,  
Trust all are well.

PFA updated *200626 - COMMS Pack - Op COVID-19 Assist*.  
Updates:

1. Pp 2-3: revised support to VIC;
2. Pp 4-7: Q&As; and
3. Slight pers increase.

Enjoy the day.

Rgds,

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## Victoria

ADF personnel are:

- Providing planning teams to Emergency Management Victoria, the State Control Centre, and the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

In response to the Victorian government's revised request for increased support:

- Up 200 ADF medical personnel with the appropriate Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) qualifications are preparing to support the DHHS'



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enhanced testing regime at designated community COVID-19 testing sites to be determined by DHHS.

- It is expected that the support will include nasal swab testing.
  - DHHS are coordinating the reception and briefing of the ADF medical team.
- An initial tranche of 65 personnel will be deploy today, ready to commence tasking on 27 Jun 20.

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## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

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### **For increased support to Victoria:**

#### ***If asked: what assistance is Defence offering to Victoria?***

- The Australian Defence Force has agreed to a revised request for assistance from the Victorian Government.
- These requests are approved under the Defence Assistance to the Civil Community (DACC) framework.
- The ADF is also prepared to assist in the transport of COVID-19 test samples for processing. This may include both air and road transport in Victoria and interstate to provide a surge capacity if required.
- Following a 24 June request from the Victorian Government Defence had approved the deployment of 850 ADF personnel to support hotel quarantine monitoring in Victoria.
- That request was withdrawn by the Victorian Government on 25 June.

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- As you can appreciate, this is a rapidly evolving situation.
- The ADF has been assisting Victoria and all states and territories since April as part of Operation COVID-19 Assist. This is an increase in our support.
- Our priorities will be making effective contributions, ensuring the safety of our personnel and working with our partners at the local level.
- Defence is contributing to a whole-of-government response. We are not acting alone here.
- We have provided similar types of assistance in other states already over the last few months, particularly in New South Wales and Queensland, so we are well placed to contribute.

***If asked: How long will the ADF provide support for?***

- The agreement is to provide support until the end of July, but of course we will work closely with the Victorian Government and will reassess as the situation evolves.

***If asked: are you concerned about the Victorian response, given the changed request?***

- We are working closely with Victoria on its COVID-19 response and Defence is willing and ready to assist.
- As I said earlier, this is a rapidly evolving situation and we'll continue to work constructively with the Victorian authorities.
- As Victoria's Chief Health Officer has said, the state is making good progress in slowing the spread. However, like him, I'm concerned by the increase in transmissions in households and families.
- I urge all Australians to follow the health advice: wash your hands, practise social distancing and get tested if you think you have symptoms.

***If asked: why did the hotel quarantining not proceed?***

- That's a matter for the Victorian Government – we received the request on 24 June and it was withdrawn the following afternoon.
- Defence is agile in its support and we are postured to respond to the requests and needs of the states and territories.
- I can confirm no ADF personnel were moved into Victoria following this request.

***If asked: will ADF members accompany police in Victoria?***

- There has been no request for ADF personnel to accompany Victorian police.
- Previously, in other states, the ADF has accompanied police during hotel quarantine and home compliance checks.
- Our support is tailored to the needs of each state and territory.
- ADF personnel are not authorised as law enforcement officers.

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***If asked: What support has previously been provided in Victoria?***

- Our assistance to Victoria since March has mostly been behind the scenes but our contributions were important.
- For example, our contact tracing teams were essential in stopping the spread of COVID-19 across Victoria.
- I expect that planning and logistics support to continue – it's a vital contribution to the Victorian Government.
- We've tied in closely with Emergency Management Victoria and the Department of Health to make sure our people are making effective contributions where they're needed.
- I'm particularly proud of the way we helped Shepparton-based company Med-Con to produce surgical face masks earlier this year.
  - We began supporting their factory in early March and helped them produce nearly three million surgical masks.
  - We also helped train their staff and maintain their machinery.
  - Support like that shows how agile and effective we can be at short notice.

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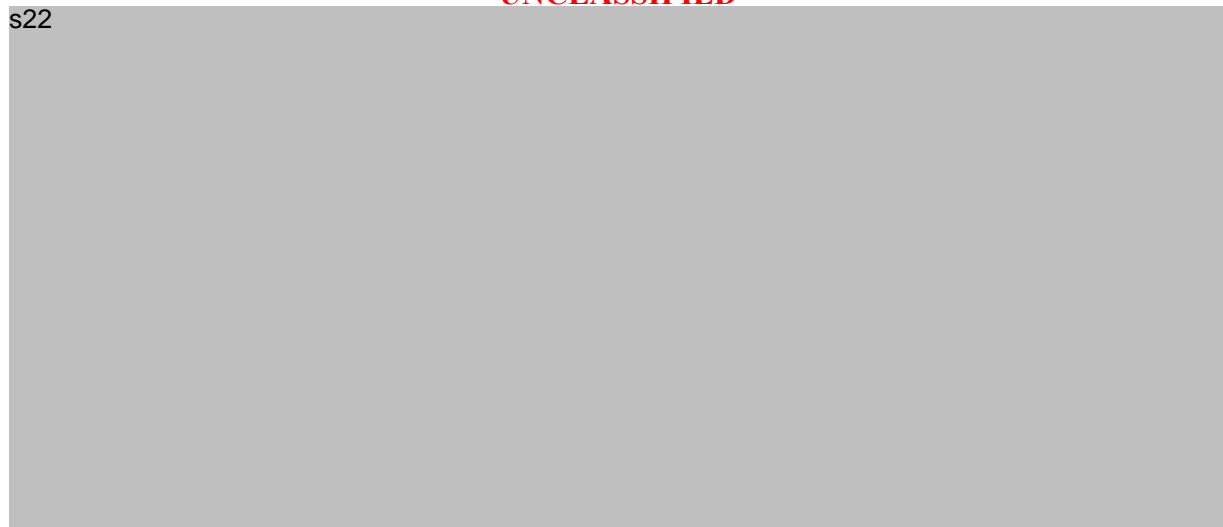
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| <b>JOC</b>        | CAPT T Phillips | J33                             |                 |
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|                   |                 |                                 |                 |

**SITREP No:****095 of COVID-19 2020****SITUATION REPORT – DEFENCE LIAISON OFFICER****Jurisdiction:** Victoria**Event:** OP C19A**Location:** State Control Centre (SCC)**Correct as at:** 26 1400K Jun 20**LAST 24**

The State Control Centre remains activated at Tier 2.

- SCC/EMV: No change.
- Vic COVID-19 cases increased to 1,947 (+30 from yesterday)
- Vic COVID-19 deaths remain at 20 (+0 from yesterday)
- 1 person is in ICU (-1 from yesterday)

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**ASSESSMENT**

- Due to the increases in daily cases over the last week, the Victorian Government and DHHS are undergoing crisis coordination meetings and planning to facilitate the rollout of Victoria's suburb hotspot testing blitz. DHHS is currently in the process of refining its plan to coordinate this effort.
- Currently no new requests outside of those already outlined in the past 24hrs are expected, however; the extent of this support is still to be determined by State Government Agencies (DHHS, EMV and the Victorian State Government).

**JOSS-VIC POC**

Friday 26 Jun 20: MAJ Steve Whitehead s22

Saturday 27 Jun 20: MAJ Steve Whitehead s22

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## JTF 629 - SITREP

**JTF 629 – DAILY SITREP TO HQJOC – OP COVID-19 ASSIST**

**SITREP COVERING PERIOD: 251000Z JUN 20 TO 261000Z JUN 20**

### COMD COMMENTS

**1. COMD JTF 629:**

- a. The main effort across the JTF today remains support to CJTG 629.2 in VIC. JTG629.2 continues to liaise with Victorian authorities to fully understand the scope of the medical effects required by VIC DHHS. The first contingent of Tranche 1 (including the C2 element) of the medical support teams will arrive in Melbourne by 1800h this evening and will be moved to Simpson Barracks where they will commence RSO&I training. The Military Camera Team have captured imagery of the personnel arriving. Tomorrow we will see 12 personnel move to the Melbourne Showground (8 personnel) and Pakenham (site TBC – 4 personnel) testing sites to commence VIC DHHS led nasal swab training. We anticipate that all Tranche 1 medical personnel (65 personnel) will be in Melbourne by no later than Sunday 28 Jun 20 and be ready for commencing tasks on Monday. We are currently working with HQJOC staff and 1 JMU to identify the movement plans for the Tranche 2 medical personnel that have been identified by the Services today.

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3. **JTG 629.2 (VIC): Posture GREEN (Low Tempo/Responsive):**

- **COMD Comments:** *There are 30 new cases of COVID-19 in Victoria today. Seven from outbreaks, five from routine testing, five from hotel quarantine, and 13 under investigation. There are also 10 recovered cases in the last 24 h. Currently there are 185 active cases within the state of VIC.*
- b. *JTG629.2 staff have commenced COA Development on the current and likely EMV RFA's. JTG629.2 is currently anticipating the arrival of 50 Health Support Staff (14 pax from YAMB and 36 pax from YSRI) pm 26 Jun 20. They will commence mounting actions on arrival to SBW. We are working to have a lead element of 12 Health Support Staff on task from am Sat 27 Jun 20.*
- c. *REODEMs have been distributed IOT fill position within JTG629.2 HQ with priority roles identified as Ops and mounting staff, enabling 24/7 operations and increased mounting actions over the next 72 h.*
- d. **General Summary:** JTG 629.2 continues to support VIC State Control Centre (SCC), and VIC Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and is postured for an increase of tasks. JTG629.2 focus is on planning for the arrival and deployment of the 200 medical personnel to spt VIC DHHS testing sites.
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There were 183 (+20) active COVID-19 cases in Victoria yesterday. 1,947 (+30) COVID cases in Victoria since 1 Jan 20, of which 1,742 (+10) have recovered. 30 new cases: 7-outbreaks, 5-routine testing. 5-hotel quarantine. 13 UI. 20,168 tests completed in Victoria since last SITREP. 6 new cases in healthcare workers since yesterday

- g. **Medical Support Teams:** RSO&I will commence PM 26 Jun 20 for the first arrival of the medical teams. On 27 Jun 20, 12 medical personnel will move to testing sites (Melbourne Showground – 8 personnel and Pakenham (TBC) – 4 personnel) and

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undertake nasal swab testing under the direct supervision of the Infection Control Nurses in charge of the testing site.

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**OPERATIONS NEXT 24 HOURS**

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11. Consolidation of planning efforts in Victoria.

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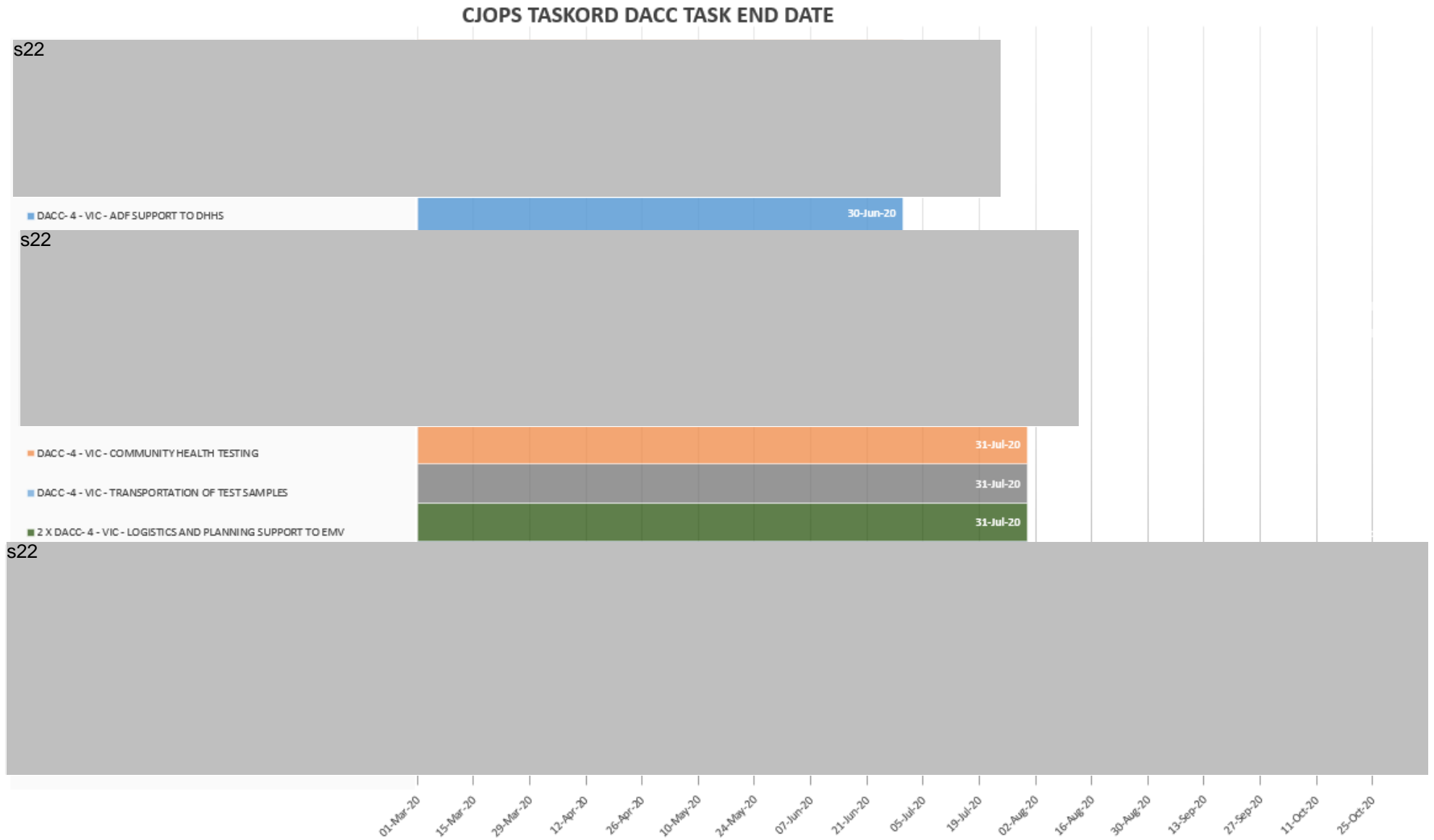
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**From:** Liebowitz, Yaeli MS on behalf of Secretary\_CDF  
**Sent:** Friday, 26 June 2020 6:21 PM  
**To:** All Defence Staff  
**Subject:** A message from the Secretary and the Chief of the Defence Force: COVID-19 - 26 June 2020 [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]



## A message from the Secretary and Chief of the Defence Force

26 June 2020

All

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You will have seen there will be an increase in numbers of Australian Defence Force (ADF) personnel assisting the Victorian Government to help manage the recent outbreak of COVID-19.

Our response to this request, once again, demonstrates Defence's agility to provide support in times of crisis, and we take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you as you continue to rise to the challenge, and for remaining flexible in these rapidly changing times.

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Thank you

Greg Moriarty  
Secretary

Angus J Campbell, AO, DSC  
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Chief of the Defence Force

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**To:** HQJOC JOR Watch Commander  
**Cc:** Sirois, Mark CAPT - RAN; Hickey, Brian LTCOL 2; HQJOC JOR Domestic Watchkeeper; JTF629.JOR; Lakey, George CMDR  
**Subject:** Victorian medical testing - further info [DLM=~~FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY~~]

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Please see partial answer to our request for further info on the medical request for assistance from Victoria below.

JOSS VIC is following up to determine actual effect required, rather than just asking for a number of personnel – will advise.

Thanks,

Arnie

Roland Morscheck  
Wing Commander  
COVID-19 Response  
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**Subject:** RE: Victorian requests for assistance - RFA 16 &17 [DLM=~~For Official Use Only~~]

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Good morning MSC,

Please see below the advice from the SCC in regard to your question about shifts for medical testing.

Kind regards,

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Assistant Director, Planning and Engagement  
Crisis & Security Management Branch  
Security & Resilience Group  
Department of Home Affairs  
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In response to question below regarding the shift work reference for the medical staff.  
There is no expectation at this point nor with this current request that the testing sites would operate for 24 hrs.  
The reference to shift rotation was to support the potential extended hours of operation of the sites (between 12-16 hours) and to assist with coverage 7 days a week. However, it has been indicated at this stage a daily shift would be approximately 12 hours, the exact timing are yet to be confirmed with DHHS.

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**Sent:** Thursday, 25 June 2020 6:13 PM

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**Subject:** RE: Victorian requests for assistance - RFA 16 &17 [DLM=~~FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY~~]

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Good evening s22

Defence accepts both RFAs with the following caveats:

- EMV-RFA-016
  - Defence may not be able to provide 200 medical personnel who are AHPRA qualified. Defence will advise on 26 Jun 20 the number which can be provided.
  - Defence is trying to understand the concept of employment for the medical staff. The RFA notes shift work, 7 days per week. Is this 24/7 work?
  - Defence will not have a leadership role with regards to testing.
- EMV-RFA-017
  - Defence notes this is a surge capability, providing additional or redundancy capacity above that provided by other arrangements.
  - Defence will work to the 48h deadline from receipt of samples.

Kind regards

Mick

**Mick Scott**

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**Cc:** Brett, Julian CMDR  
**Subject:** FW: Support to ensure robust JTF629 staffing during the transition to a JTF (Minor) [SEC=~~PROTECTED~~]  
**Attachments:** 200611\_DECISION BRIEF JTF629 ONGOING CAPABILITY DELIVERY.pdf; 200609\_JTF629\_DB for CJOPS\_Transition of JTF629\_PROTECTED\_Enclosure 1.pdf

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Bec, Wes, as discussed yesterday – can we please have confirmation that the extensions to the 30 Jun deadline can be put in place, and that Services are in agreement? Thanks,

Regards,

**Kirrily Dearing**  
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**Subject:** Support to ensure robust JTF629 staffing during the transition to a JTF (Minor) [SEC=~~PROTECTED~~]

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Sir,

While responding to the dynamic situation in Victoria, we continue to prepare JTF629 for transition to a JTF (Minor) on 03 Jul 20 in accordance with the intent of the attached brief. I assess that responding to the current task load, including the projected support for VIC, will remain within the capacity of the JTF (Minor) structure as long as we implement the risk mitigation measures previously briefed to you (see attached Decision Brief).

As we discussed during your visit, one of the transition risks relates to the enduring JTF (Minor) and JTG staffs and the cessation of the current DEPORDs on 30 Jun 20. My team have been assured by your J1/4 staff that the additional transition support team of 10 pers will be retained on the JTF629 OSD. Furthermore, we have been informed that the Services are still working through their enduring OSD liabilities.

While my staff, led by CDRE Paul O'Grady, is liaising with your J1/4 team to get assurance on the Services meeting their OSD liabilities I am not confident that this being given the priority necessary to reduce the risks on 30 Jun 20.

Consequently, I request your support in resolving the Service liabilities IOT avoid any unnecessary disruption to current staffing and risk to our capabilities. Should the situation in Victoria deepen, a large staff transition could prove problematic.

regards,

**PK**

Major General P. Kenny DSC DSM | Commander JTF 629 | Op COVID-19 ASSIST  
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**Subject:** RE: Medical support to VIC (re RFA 016) [DLM=~~For Official Use Only~~]

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Thanks Arnie. I will provide this advice to Victoria.

Kind regards,

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Assistant Director, Planning and Engagement  
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**Subject:** Medical support to VIC (re RFA 016) [DLM=~~FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY~~]

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G'day EMA,

Defence can now confirm the capability to provide 200 ADF medical support personnel in support of Victorian COVID-19 testing.

The build-up to the 200 total will occur as quickly as possible, with out-of-state based personnel starting to arrive in Victoria from today. This support is sustainable until 31 Jul 20.

Any request to increase numbers above 200, or to provide support beyond 31 Jul 20, cannot be guaranteed, and would require further detailed scoping by Defence.

Thanks,

Arnie

Roland Morscheck  
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**Subject:** FW: ADF medical support to Government of Victoria [DLM=~~FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY~~]

Good afternoon JTF 629,

Please see below from the HQJOC J07 regarding a request from the SGADF.

Paul

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Paul

A quick one the SGADF has "requested" that all health personnel on task in VIC clearly identify with the red cross brassard..

Can we get the message out - clothing store in MELB should be able to address any deficiencies...

Pete

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**Subject:** ADF medical support to Government of Victoria [DLM=~~FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY~~]

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Sir,

As per direction in AMDT 1 to FRAGO 16 to CDF EXECUTO 2020/003 – Op COVID-19 ASSIST – INCREASED DEFENCE SUPPORT TO THE VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT please see below additional ADF medical support numbers and considerations of impact:

**BLUF:** The number of 200 ADF medical support personnel is achievable with a manageable RTS impact for the Services. Any impact to OPGEN and CPD is able to be mitigated.

Total number by Service:

- Navy: **51 pers**
- Army: **119 pers** (this number includes a 5 pers C2 node)
- Air Force: **30 pers**

These numbers are sustainable to 31 Jul 20, IAW tasking. Support beyond 31 Jul 20 will be scoped.


Personnel will commence arriving in Victoria from today (26 Jun 20). The force will increase over the weekend and into next week. Services have been asked to flow into Victoria as quickly as possible.

Thanks very much Sir,

Paul

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From JTF 629 Originator's No. BO8040134 DTG: 270034Z JUN 2020

Releaser  LOG WATCH KEEPER/JTF 629

Action  HQJOC Priority 

Info  JTG 629.2  ARMY HQ  HQ FORCOMD Routine 

JTF629 OP COVID-19 ASSIST REINFORCEMENT DEMAND 266/20

ATTN: FORCOMD G3, FORCOMD G1  
A. CJOPS TASKORD 20/300 - OP COVID-19 ASSIST - INCREASED DEFENCE SUPPORT TO THE VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT  
1. JTF 629 ON BEHALF OF JTG629.2 REQUESTS THE FOLLOWING REINFORCEMENT DEMAND.  
2. OPERATION: OP COVID-19 ASSIST.  
3. OSD POSN NUMBER: COR-VIC-005.  
4. POSN TITLE: COS  
5. POSN LOC: SIMPSON BARRACKS  
6. SECURITY CLEARANCE/BRIEFS REQ: N/A  
7. RANK: O05  
8. ESSENTIAL SKILL/QUALS: N/A  
9. INCUMBENT: 8244259, LTCOL, PAUL O'DONNELL (START DATE 20 MAR 20 , CEASE DATE 19 JUN 20).  
10. DATES REQUIRED: 01 JUL 20 - 31 JUL 20.  
11. AMPLIFYING COMMENTS: CRITICAL POSITION COORDINATING ALL HQ STAFF EFFORT  
12. JTG629.2 HAVE IDENTIFIED: NIL  
13. RESPONSE DUE BY: 30 JUN 20  
14. POC AT REQUESTING UNIT: JTG629.2, JTG629.2.OPS(AT)DEFENCE.GOV.AU  
15. POC JTG629.2: J13, MAJ P NOWAK, TEL 0419881395  
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**SITREP No:****096 of COVID-19 2020****SITUATION REPORT – DEFENCE LIAISON OFFICER****Jurisdiction:** Victoria**Event:** OP C19A**Location:** State Control Centre (SCC)**Correct as at:** 27 1400K Jun 20**LAST 24**

The State Control Centre remains activated at Tier 2.

- SCC/EMV: No change.
- Vic COVID-19 cases increased to 1,987 (+40 from yesterday)
- Vic COVID-19 deaths remain at 20 (+0 from yesterday)
- 1 person is in ICU (N/C from yesterday)

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**ASSESSMENT**

- Due to the increases in daily cases over the last few weeks (since approx. 9 Jun), the Victorian Government and DHHS are undergoing crisis coordination meetings and planning to facilitate the rollout of Victoria's suburb hotspot testing blitz. DHHS is currently in the process of refining its plan to coordinate this effort.
- Currently no new requests outside of those already outlined in the past week are expected, however; the extent of this support is still to be determined by State Government Agencies (DHHS, EMV and the Victorian State Government).

**JOSS-VIC POC**

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# JTF 629 - SITREP

**JTF 629 – DAILY SITREP TO HQJOC – OP COVID-19 ASSIST**

**SITREP COVERING PERIOD: 261000Z JUN 20 TO 271000Z JUN 20**

## COMD COMMENTS

**1. COMD JTF 629:**

- a. The main effort across the JTF today remains support to JTG 629.2 in VIC. Last night saw the arrival of 48 medical personnel (including the C2 element). The inflow of ADF medical personnel from around Australia will continue over the coming days, with the majority of the force expected to be in Melbourne by NLT Mon 29 Jun 20. Today we have seen 12 personnel conduct VIC DHHS led nasal swab training and subsequently commence community testing at the Melbourne Showgrounds as well as the Pakenham and Fawkner testing sites. The remainder of our medical personnel currently in Melbourne will complete their training today and progressively deploy on task from Sun 28 Jun 20 to the above testing areas as well as Casey Fields and Dandenong.

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3. **JTG 629.2 (VIC): Posture GREEN (Low Tempo/Responsive):**

- a. **COMD Comments:** *There are 41 new cases of COVID-19 in Victoria today. 8 from outbreaks, 13 from routine testing, 1 from hotel quarantine, and 19 under investigation. There are also 19 recovered cases in the last 24 h. Currently there are 204 active cases within the state of VIC. The rising number of unknown sources is of concern. ADF assessment is that the spread is related to poor compliance in homes and that businesses appear to be doing the right thing. The re-establishment of the SCC CAOG is starting to enable greater operational and interagency understanding which should provide enhanced ADF SA.*
- b. *48 Health personnel, including the 5 pers command element arrived in the AO on 26 Jun 20 for DACC tasking under RFA -017CV. 12 were mounted last night and are on task in the public domain today supporting DHHS testing sites. These personnel are receiving DHHS training on site and have commenced testing. The remainder of personnel are conducting RSO&I and MST, and will be progressively rolled out on task from 28 Jun 20. IOC will be reached tomorrow with FOC expected to be reached by 2 Jul 20, based on force flow projections.*
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- f. **Medical Support Teams:** The first ADF health professionals have deployed to undertake testing this morning with deployment of further health professionals tomorrow. Further planning and liaison regarding ADF support – particularly the disposition of the remaining health professionals tomorrow, as well as the further tranche of medical personnel expected early next week.

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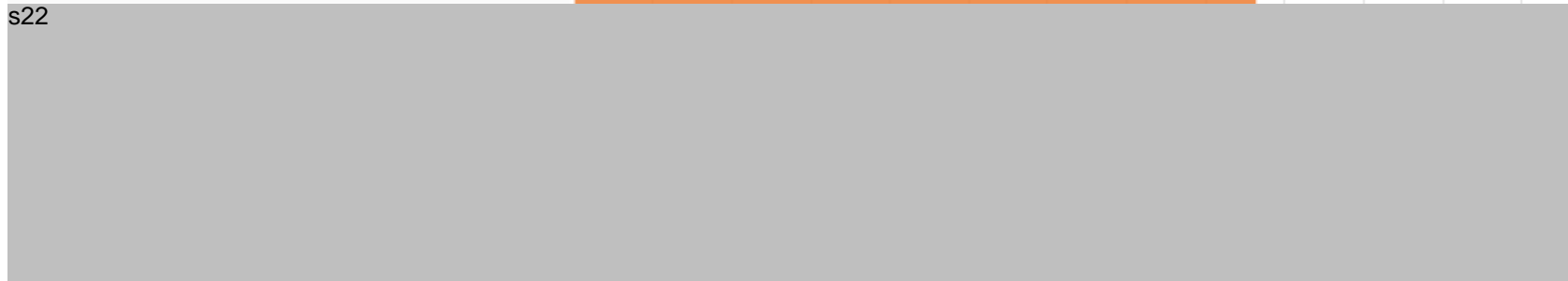
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■ DACC-4 - VIC - ADF SUPPORT TO DHHS

30-Jun-20

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■ DACC-4 - VIC - COMMUNITY HEALTH TESTING

31-Jul-20

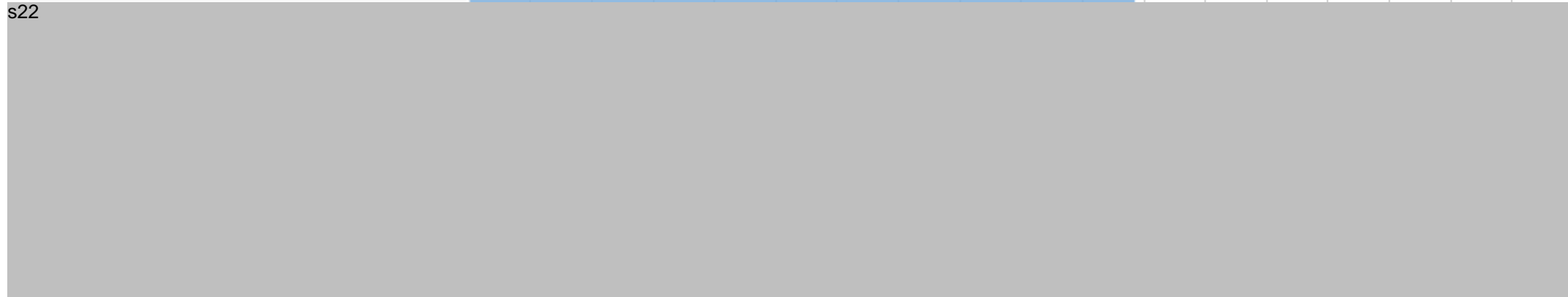
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**SITREP No:****097 of COVID-19 2020****SITUATION REPORT – DEFENCE LIAISON OFFICER****Jurisdiction:** Victoria**Event:** OP C19A**Location:** State Control Centre (SCC)**Correct as at:** 28 1400K Jun 20**LAST 24**

The State Control Centre remains activated at Tier 2.

- SCC/EMV: No change.
- Vic COVID-19 cases increased to 2,028 (+41 from yesterday)
- Vic COVID-19 deaths remain at 20 (+0 from yesterday)
- 1 person is in ICU (N/C from yesterday)

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**ASSESSMENT**

- Due to the increases in daily cases over the last few weeks (since approx. 9 Jun), the Victorian Government and DHHS are undergoing crisis coordination meetings and planning to facilitate the rollout of Victoria's suburb hotspot testing blitz. DHHS is currently in the process of refining its plan to coordinate this effort.
- Currently no new requests outside of those already outlined in the past week are expected, however; the extent of this support is still to be determined by State Government Agencies (DHHS, EMV and the Victorian State Government).

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## JTF 629 - SITREP

**JTF 629 – DAILY SITREP TO HQJOC – OP COVID-19 ASSIST**

**SITREP COVERING PERIOD: 271000Z JUN 20 TO 281000Z JUN 20**

### COMD COMMENTS

**1. COMD JTF 629:**

- a. The JTF's main effort continues to be the provision of medical effects to VIC, where 49 new COVID-19 positive cases were reported today. 53 ADF medical personnel are now deployed at five testing locations, having completed RSO&I and nasal swab training with Victorian authorities. Initial integration has proceeded well with positive feedback received. Approximately 18,000 tests were conducted yesterday and this rate of testing is anticipated to continue.
- b. There will be a significant inflow of further medical personnel over the next 48h (12 personnel today and an additional 114 personnel on Mon 29 Jun 20) and JTG629.2 remains on track to achieve FOC for this task by 3 Jul 20. The separate RFA to support test sample transportation from collection site continues to be scoped with Victorian agencies, who appear to consider it a contingency task to cover surge requirements. The current commercial arrangements are reported to be coping with the increased rate of testing thus far. We will continue to refine this task, including NTM aspects for ADF elements.

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3. **JTG 629.2 (VIC): Posture GREEN (Low Tempo/Responsive):**
- a. **COMD Comments:** *There are 49 new cases of COVID-19 in Victoria today. Four from outbreaks, 26 from routine testing, and 19 under investigation. There are also 14 recovered cases in the last 24hrs, currently there are 231 active cases within the state of VIC. The COVID-19 Hotspot Enhanced Intervention Plan is the State's response which seeks to conduct a hotspot testing blitz with a target of 10,000 tests per day in addition to the current 10,000 baseline tests per day within the State. The Plan also includes significant engagement within impacted LGA with DHHS staff going door to door within culturally and linguistically diverse communities.*
  - b. *JTG629.2.3 are at an operational capacity of 70 personnel, with 116 more expected to arrive in the next 48hrs. There are currently 50 medical personnel on task, with support distributed across 5 locations: Melbourne Showgrounds (Ascot Vale), Pakenham Health Centre, Fawkner Merri Health, Casey Fields (Cranbourne East), and Dandenong Drive-through centre. ADF personnel have received good feedback from DHHS and are integrating well with the other DHHS contracted civilian medical staff.*
  - c. **General Summary:** JTG 629.2 continues to support VIC State Control Centre (SCC), and VIC Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and is postured for an increase of tasks. JTG629.2 focus is on planning for the arrival and deployment of the 200 medical personnel to spt VIC DHHS testing sites.
  - d. **Planning Teams:** Planning Teams remain embedded in the VIC SCC and VIC DHHS.
  - e. **Medical Support:** The first ADF health professionals have deployed yesterday to undertake testing with deployment of further health professionals today and tomorrow. Further planning and liaison regarding ADF support is ongoing, particularly in relation to the disposition of the remaining health professionals tomorrow expected over the week.

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