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# Aide-Mémoire

## Testing Innovation Weekly Update

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### Purpose

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

### Regulatory workstream

#### *Rapid review*

2. Allen and Clarke's final report was received this week. Manatū Hauora are currently preparing a report on proposed options for the future regulation of POCTs. This will be consulted amongst agencies in the week of 15 August, and we will provide this report to you for decision by the end of August.

#### *Wider regulatory review*

3. Progress on the wider review is continuing to track, and a report on this work will be provided to you in November. This will include recommendations on how this work can be incorporated into the Therapeutic Products Bill.

### Innovation and futures workstream

4. PwC's final report is due to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) in the week of 15 August, and will outline the workshop and survey engagement on testing innovation, including key themes and insights from that engagement, and general agreement on what the ideal testing innovation system looks like.
5. Based on the draft report from PwC, DPMC is drafting a briefing to consult with agencies once the final report is received. A final report is due to you by the end of August.