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Governments response to EOHCB
demand to introduce Personal
Care Services under alert level 3

Dear EOHCB Member,

RESPONSE FROM GOVERNMENT TO EOHCB'S SUBMISSIONS AND DEMAND TO INTRODUCE PERSONAL CARE SERVICES UNDER ALERT LEVEL 3

In the communication on the 1st of June 2020, we stated that the EOHCB has, on an ongoing basis, been engaged with the appropriate Minister to re-introduce personal care services under alert level 3 and, should this not happen in the near future, that an urgent application shall be launched to set aside such part of the regulations that prohibits personal care services from being rendered during alert level 3.

As part of this process, the EOHCB's legal representatives dispatched letters of demand to Government, including the appropriate Minister that the EOHCB has been dealing with directly.

On the 1st of June 2020, a written response was dispatched by the Ministry to the EOHCB's legal representatives, amongst others, stating that:

- the relevant Department is in the process of drafting the necessary protocols and/or guidelines for the opening of business activities including hairdressing, beauty treatments, makeup, nail salons, piercing and tattoo parlours for the resuming of these business operations;
- these protocols and/or guidelines are critical as they are intended to assist in the prevention of the spread of the virus as well as to protect the lives of both workers and their clients; and
- the Department is expected to finalise the protocols and guidelines by the end of this week.

Unfortunately, and due to the sensitivity of the matter and the confidential nature thereof, the entire letter cannot be published herein.

However, it is evident that the protocols and/or guidelines are enjoying Government's urgent attention and will, once made available, allow personal care services to resume under alert level 3, subject to the implementation and execution of these protocols and/or guidelines.

Kind Regards,
The EOHCB Team