



**INDEPENDENT STATE OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA**  
**NATIONAL PANDEMIC ACT 2020**

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**OFFICE OF THE CONTROLLER**  
**NO.5 BURIAL OF DECEASED PERSONS MEASURES**

I, Commissioner David Manning, Controller, by virtue of the powers conferred by Section 9 of the National Pandemic Act 2020 and all other enabling powers, hereby issue the following measures:

1. The Controller, may upon request of Port Moresby General Hospital or a Provincial Health Authority, direct a mass grave to be dug for the interment of deceased persons and designate the location of this mass grave.
2. The Controller, may upon request of Port Moresby General Hospital or a Provincial Health Authority, direct deceased persons to be buried in a designated mass grave.
3. Bodies buried according to paragraph 2 of these Measures will be buried at the Government's expense.
4. Port Moresby General Hospital or the relevant Provincial Health Authority shall keep a record of the persons interred in a designated grave, taken from a morgue they are responsible for.
5. Upon request of Port Moresby General Hospital and Provincial Health Authority the Controller may requisition refrigerated shipping containers for the purpose of temporary interment of deceased persons.
6. Upon request of Port Moresby General Hospital and Provincial Health Authority the Controller may direct deceased persons to be interred temporarily in refrigerated shipping containers until such time as they are interred in a grave.
7. Port Moresby General Hospital or the relevant Provincial Health Authority shall keep a record of the persons interred in a designated refrigerated shipping container taken from a morgue they are responsible for.





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8. Bodies interred temporarily according to paragraph 6 of these Measures will be interred at the Government's expense.
9. These Measures come into effect 13 April 2021 and shall apply until the end of the Declaration of a Pandemic under the Act, or as varied or revoked by the Controller.

Signed:

Date:



*12th April 2021*

DAVID MANNING, MBE, DPS, QPM  
CONTROLLER