

Media Release

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10,000th self-swab completed at the East Arm/ Ferry Terminal this week

This week saw the COVID-19 testing programme pass a significant milestone.

The self-swabbing facilities at the East Arm and the Ferry Terminal were set up in September last year to enable travellers to take a COVID-19 test on arrival. On 28 January of this year, these facilities were adapted to test a range of critical and essential workers through a targeted testing programme. Between 28 January and 28 February, **10,000** self-swabs will have been taken using these facilities.

Richard Evans, Portfolio Delivery Director said:

‘The establishment of the targeted testing facilities at the East Arm and the Ferry Terminal represented a significant step up in our testing and surveillance programme.

The facilities on the East Arm are challenging for the people working in there, especially recently, as it has been extremely windy, wet and cold.

The fact that we have received the milestone of 10,000 self-swabs being taken represents the fantastic work of a number of teams who worked together to set up this facility.’

In recent weeks these facilities have facilitated self-swab tests to a range of essential workers in a range of critical areas. For example, teachers who have been in school during lockdown, Bailiwick Law Enforcement and supermarket workers.

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