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## Arrival of seasonal workers from Vanuatu

An additional 156 seasonal workers from Vanuatu landed safely in Tasmania last night and went straight into mandatory quarantine.

We are advised Vanuatu has only had one recorded case of coronavirus, and that was an international arrival who was quarantined upon arrival last year. There have been no reported cases of community transmission in Vanuatu.

Just like the cohort of seasonal workers released earlier this week, this new cohort will each need to return a negative test result before joining the local workforce in harvest, packing and processing roles after their quarantine period is over. The workers have two COVID tests during their time in quarantine.

This is part of the Australian Government's Seasonal Worker Programme, which will assist in making sure our world-class agriculture industry has the workforce it needs for harvest this year.

We have prioritised local jobs, and it's been encouraging that many Tasmanians have taken up the opportunity to fill this gap.

The health and safety of Tasmanians remains our absolute priority, which is why we have been actively working with industry and Public Health to determine a safe pathway for the additional seasonal workers to enter Tasmania under stringent COVID safety conditions.