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VERY IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO ALL GROUP OFFICE BEARERS

We have just renewed our Public Liability Insurance Policy. All group office bearers need to be aware that there is an exclusion in the new policy relating to infectious or contagious diseases. The policy now states *'We do not cover any liability arising directly or indirectly out of, contributed to by or in connection with any highly pathogenic avian influenza in humans or any Listed Human Disease or Human Biosecurity Emergency as defined in our declared under the Biosecurity Act 2015 (Cth).* It is our understanding that all public liability insurers now have this clause in their policies.

To put it simply, should a member claim to have contracted a disease whilst attending your meeting, you are not protected by our insurance policy. You would have to pay for your own legal representation and court costs. If the claim is successful you will be **personally liable** for any damages awarded, which could be substantial.

When organising a physical meeting you should ensure that you and those attending the meeting fully comply with all government and landlord requirements.