



Cabinet Economic Development Committee

Minute of Decision

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Review of Cost Recovery for Selected Services Provided by the Ministry for Primary Industries: Release of Consultation Document

Portfolios **Agriculture / Biosecurity / Food Safety**

On 14 February 2018, the Cabinet Economic Development Committee (DEV):

- 1 **noted** that the proposed changes to fees and levies charged by the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI), contained in the consultation document *A Review of Cost Recovery for Selected Services Provided by the Ministry for Primary Industries* (the consultation document), attached to the paper under DEV-18-SUB-0007, are needed to:
 - 1.1 avoid unrecoverable deficits accumulating in memorandum accounts;
 - 1.2 reduce the size of future adjustments to fees and levies; and
 - 1.3 minimise the risk of unrecoverable deficits;
- 2 **noted** that the consultation document includes options for the timing and amount of levy increases charged to meat, dairy, and fish processors, to seek feedback about the industry's preferences about how best to address the underlying deficits;
- 3 **agreed** to the release of the consultation document for public consultation for a period of four weeks, from 20 February to 20 March 2018;
- 4 **invited** the Minister of Agriculture, Biosecurity and Food Safety to report back to DEV by 30 April 2018 with the outcome of consultation and proposed changes to fees, charges, and levies;
- 5 **invited** the Minister of Agriculture, Biosecurity and Food Safety to include specific advice on the impacts of the cost recovery proposals on small, remote and developing businesses in the report referred to in paragraph 4 above;
- 6 **noted** that MPI intends to contact its Cost Recovery Industry Reference Group and key stakeholders to convey the timing of planned consultation and the scope of proposals;
- 7 **noted** that MPI is developing a second tranche of cost recovery proposals, aiming for consultation later in 2018 and implementation on 1 July 2019;

- 8 **authorised** the Minister of Agriculture, Biosecurity and Food Safety to agree final non-substantive edits to the consultation document to amend or clarify minor or technical points.

Janine Harvey
Committee Secretary

Present:

Rt Hon Winston Peters
Hon Kelvin Davis
Hon Grant Robertson (Chair)
Hon Phil Twyford
Hon Dr Megan Woods
Hon David Parker
Hon Nanaia Mahuta
Hon Stuart Nash
Hon Iain Lees-Galloway
Hon Damien O'Connor
Hon Clare Curran
Hon Shane Jones
Hon Kris Faafoi
Hon Willie Jackson
Hon Meka Whaitiri
Hon James Shaw
Hon Julie Anne Genter
Hon Eugenie Sage

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