



Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee

Minute of Decision

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Options to Achieve Improved Outcomes in the Corrections System: Discussion Document

Portfolio Corrections

On 3 August 2022, the Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee:

- 1 **approved** the release of the discussion document, *Consultation on options to improve rehabilitation, reintegration, and safety outcomes for the corrections system*, attached under SWC-22-SUB-0137, to support a six-week public consultation process;
- 2 **agreed** that the discussion document include options that relate to the monitoring, gathering, and storage of information about prisoner activities and communications;
- 3 **agreed** that the discussion document include options that would amend regulations relating to how people are assigned to male and female prisons;
- 4 **agreed** that the discussion document include options that would amend the regulations to increase access to privacy and control over lighting in prison cells;
- 5 **agreed** that the discussion document include options that relate to ensuring the disciplinary process in prisons is effective and timely;
- 6 **agreed** that the discussion document include options to support improved rehabilitation and reintegration outcomes for Māori;
- 7 **agreed** that the discussion document include options to provide more remand accused people with access to key non-offence focused programmes and services in prison to support the Department of Corrections' strategic shift;
- 8 **agreed** that options for miscellaneous changes to improve the Department of Corrections' ability to operate safely, efficiently and to reflect best practice are included in the discussion document;
- 9 **noted** that the Department of Corrections will commence public consultation on options to improve rehabilitation, reintegration and safety outcomes for the corrections system as soon as the discussion document is published;
- 10 **authorised** the Minister of Corrections to approve any minor changes to the discussion document prior to public release;

11 **noted** the public consultation process will include targeted hui and fono held by the Department of Corrections.

Rachel Clarke
Committee Secretary

Present:

Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern
Hon Kelvin Davis
Hon Dr Megan Woods
Hon Chris Hipkins
Hon Carmel Sepuloni (Chair)
Hon Andrew Little
Hon Damien O'Connor
Hon Peeni Henare
Hon Willie Jackson
Hon Jan Tinetti
Hon Aupito William Sio

Officials present from:

Office of the Prime Minister
Office of the Chair
Officials Committee for SWC