



Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee

Minute of Decision

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Setting a Direction for the Future Development of New Zealand's Prison Network

Portfolio Corrections

On 12 December 2018, the Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee:

- 1 **noted** that in June 2018, the Cabinet Business Committee directed the Department of Corrections to develop a Prison Network Development Strategy to respond to the government's vision for the prison network, and to report back with final recommendations in December 2018 [CBC-18-MIN-0067];
- 2 **noted** that the Prison Network Development Strategy developed and assessed four possible future pathways for the prison network – status quo, incremental improvement, major improvement in services, and transformation;
- 3 **agreed** that the government adopt major improvement in services as the agreed strategic path for the prison network, on the basis of the best overall balance between the government's vision for change, deliverability, cost and risk;
- 4 **noted** that adopting the major improvement strategic path still enables the government to move towards a transformation pathway in the future if conditions allow;
- 5 **noted** that the total ten-year cost of the major improvement strategic path is approximately \$5.3 billion, and that this is approximately \$2.2 billion above the minimum investment required to deliver safe, secure and humane containment through the current approaches to services and infrastructure;
- 6 **noted** that the Department of Corrections Budget 2019 submission for new wellbeing investments, as part of the Hāpaitia Justice Sector package of initiatives, and the quick-win and set-up initiatives, is the start of the investment required to incremental improvement in rehabilitation and transition service delivery and outcomes;
- 7 **noted** that components of the strategic path in paragraph 3 above are subject to bids in the Budget 2019 process, and agreement to the strategic path does not represent a commitment to agreeing that funding.

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Committee Secretary

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Hon Kelvin Davis
Hon Grant Robertson
Hon Chris Hipkins
Hon Andrew Little
Hon Carmel Sepuloni (Chair)
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Hon Nanaia Mahuta
Hon Jenny Salesa
Hon Tracey Martin
Hon Peeni Henare
Hon Aupito William Sio
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