



Cabinet Expenditure and Regulatory Review Committee

Minute of Decision

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Christchurch Men's Prison Redevelopment Programme

Portfolio **Corrections**

On 19 November 2024, the Cabinet Expenditure and Regulatory Review Committee:

- 1 **noted** that in July 2023, the previous government agreed to the development of a Detailed Business Case for the Christchurch Men's Prison Redevelopment Programme [GOV-23-MIN-0027];
- 2 **noted** that Christchurch Men's Prison is of significant importance in the South Island, and is a Strategic Node under the Department of Corrections' Long-Term Network Configuration Plan;
- 3 **noted** that the condition of infrastructure at Christchurch Men's Prison is poor, not fit for purpose, and does not provide the sufficient contribution to the required capacity to meet projected prison population increases;
- 4 **noted** that the Detailed Business Case, attached under EXP-24-SUB-0069, recommends providing additional high security capacity at Christchurch Men's Prison as a multi-phase redevelopment programme;
- 5 **noted** that a phased approach supports the delivery of increased capacity within the required timeframes, while also spreading the funding requirements 9(2)(f)(iv) providing flexibility and maintaining operational security needs;
- 6 **agreed** to the recommended programme delivery via a Design Build Finance and Maintain Public Private Partnership (DBFM PPP);
- 7 **agreed** to the Department of Corrections commencing a second round of market engagement based on the DBFM PPP approach, noting that no commitments will be made pending Budget decisions;
- 8 **noted** that the indicative cost for Phase 1 of the redevelopment programme is 9(2)(i) across the forecast period;
- 9 **noted** that the indicative cost for Phase 2 of the redevelopment programme is 9(2)(j), 9(2)(f)(iv) across the forecast period;

- 10 **noted** that the Department of Corrections intends to self-fund \$100.0 million of the capital investment required to deliver Phases 1 and 2, and this has been applied to offset the Budget 2025 request for Phase 1;
- 11 **noted** that the Department of Corrections intends to seek funding for Phase 1 ⁹⁽²⁾⁽ⁱ⁾
^{9(2)(f)(iv)}
- 12 **endorsed** the preferred option for progression as Option 4: Develop Northwest; Phases 1-4, as set out in the Detailed Business Case;
- 13 **endorsed** the Christchurch Men's Prison Redevelopment Programme Detailed Business Case;
- 14 **directed** the Department of Corrections to commence planning for the execution of Phases 1 and 2 of the redevelopment programme, noting that these will be subject to Budget decisions;
- 15 ⁹⁽²⁾⁽ⁱ⁾

Sam Moffett
 Committee Secretary

Present:

Rt Hon Winston Peters
 Hon David Seymour (Chair)
 Hon Chris Bishop
 Hon Simeon Brown
 Hon Erica Stanford
 Hon Paul Goldsmith
 Hon Mark Mitchell
 Hon Matt Doocey
 Hon Brooke van Velden
 Hon Casey Costello
 Hon Andrew Bayly
 Hon Andrew Hoggard
 Hon Mark Patterson

Officials present from:

Department of Corrections
 Officials Committee for EXP