



# Cabinet Business Committee

## Minute of Decision

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### **Making the Prison Network More Safe, Humane and Effective: Paper Two: Waikeria Corrections and Treatment Facility**

**Portfolio**                      **Corrections**

On 20 December 2017, the Cabinet Business Committee, having been authorised by Cabinet to have Power to Act [CAB-17-MIN-0565]:

#### **Waikeria Corrections and Treatment Facility**

- 1        **noted** that the Waikeria Corrections and Treatment Facility will:
  - 1.1      improve rehabilitation outcomes for prisoners through best practice design;
  - 1.2      deliver a capability to deliver intensive treatment for violence and sex offending to high security prisoners;
  - 1.3      enable significantly improved access to prisoners for treatment of mental health needs by providing excellent health and case management facilities;
  - 1.4      enable poor quality old facilities at Waikeria Prison and in the wider prison network to be permanently withdrawn from service; and
  - 1.5      enable critical infrastructure upgrades at Waikeria Prison that will improve site access, staff safety, and environmental outcomes;
- 2        **noted** that the Waikeria Corrections and Treatment Facility will also play a key role in responding to growth in the prison population;
- 3        **agreed** that the Department of Corrections (the Department) continue the procurement process for the Waikeria Corrections and Treatment Facility, including the appointment of preferred bidder;
- 4        **agreed** that the Department undertake:
  - 4.1      site preparation activities in January to April 2018 under a small early works contract package of up to \$10 million, that will be entered into by the Chief Executive of Corrections;
  - 4.2      safety and access improvements on the local road leading to the Waikeria Corrections and Treatment Facility of up to \$5 million;

- 5 **noted** that three size options for the Waikeria Corrections and Treatment Facility can be delivered – it is possible to reduce scope from the current 1,500 beds to 1,000 beds, or to increase scope to 2,000 beds;

### Financial Implications

- 6 **noted** that in November 2016 the former government established tagged operating and capital contingencies as a pre-commitment against the Budget 2017 operating and capital allowances, for the purpose of funding the 1,500 bed Waikeria Corrections and Treatment Facility;
- 7 **noted** that the expenditure referred to in paragraph 4 forms part of the original tagged contingency amounts and prior to final decisions will be funded in the interim from the Department's capital reserves;
- 8 **noted** that a specific appropriation will need to be established to undertake the safety and access improvements referred to in paragraph 4.2;
- 9 **authorised** the Minister of Finance and Minister of Corrections jointly to determine by January 2018 final detailed changes to appropriations to give effect to paragraph 4.2;
- 10 **noted** that recent revalidation of the expected construction cost by the Department indicates that the contingencies referred to in paragraph 6 will be insufficient for the delivery of 1,500 beds;
- 11 **noted** that the Department will report back to Cabinet in March 2018:
- 11.1 on the outcome of negotiations with the preferred bidder for the Waikeria Corrections and Treatment Facility (including the cost implications following the negotiated price);
  - 11.2 seeking appropriations decisions in respect of the new facility; and
  - 11.3 seeking the other approvals necessary to complete the procurement of the Waikeria Corrections and Treatment Facility and enable the Department of Corrections to enter into the contract;
- 12 **invited** the Minister of Corrections to review the current design plan for the Waikeria Corrections and Treatment Facility to ensure that it adequately addresses the need for improved rehabilitation and reintegration facilities, and to report back to the relevant Cabinet committee as soon as possible in early 2018;
- 13 **invited** the Minister of Corrections and the Minister of Housing and Urban Development to further investigate accommodation options to support prisoners' successful reintegration into society, and to report back to the relevant Cabinet committee on the proposed approach.

Rachel Clarke  
Committee Secretary

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