



Cabinet Business Committee

Minute of Decision

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The Next Step Towards a New Future for Ara Poutama Aotearoa

Portfolio **Corrections**

On 25 November 2019, the Cabinet Business Committee:

- 1 **noted** that in December 2018, the Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee (SWC) agreed to adopt ‘major improvement’ in services as the strategic path for the prison network [SWC-18-MIN-0179];
- 2 **endorsed** the Hōkai Nuku Change Programme, which describes a five year programme of change to deliver ‘major improvement’ to the corrections system, referred to above;
- 3 **noted** that the Hōkai Nuku Change Programme is an essential step towards achieving the government’s objectives of a 30 percent reduction in the prison population and eliminating the overrepresentation of Māori in the justice system;
- 4 9(2)(f)(iv) [REDACTED]
- 5 **directed** Ara Poutama Aotearoa to report on its progress towards major improvement by the end of 2020, and present SWC with options for the last three years of this change programme by the end of 2021.

Vivien Meek
Committee Secretary

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Present:

Rt Hon Winston Peters (Chair)
Hon Kelvin Davis
Hon Grant Robertson
Hon Phil Twyford
Hon Dr Megan Woods
Hon Chris Hipkins
Hon Andrew Little
Hon Carmel Sepuloni
Hon Dr David Clark
Hon Nanaia Mahuta
Hon Tracey Martin
Hon James Shaw

Officials present from:

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