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Cabinet Business Committee

Minute of Decision

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Regulatory Systems (Economic Development) Amendment Bill and Regulatory Systems (Immigration and Workforce) Amendment Bill: Approval for Introduction

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On 13 May 2024, the Cabinet Business Committee:

- 1 **noted** that the Regulatory Systems (Economic Development) Amendment Bill and the Regulatory Systems (Immigration and Workforce) Amendment Bill (the Bills) both hold a category 4 priority (to be passed by the end of 2024 if possible) on the 2024 Legislation Programme;
- 2 **noted** that the Bills provide a legislative vehicle for making minor and technical amendments to various Acts administered by the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE), consistent with MBIE's legislative stewardship responsibilities and the Government's expectations that agencies regularly review the legislation they administer and reduce the burden that legislation is imposing;
- 3 **noted** that, in November 2021, Parliament's Business Committee agreed that the Bills be introduced as omnibus Bills, and be considered cognate at first, second and third readings, but that this will be reconfirmed after Cabinet approval in view of the time that has elapsed since;
- 4 **noted** that, in July 2019 and May 2021, the previous government agreed to two sets of amendments to be included in these Bills [DEV-19-MIN-0190 and DEV-21-MIN-0088];

Additional policy decisions

- 5 **noted** that Cabinet previously agreed to include in the Bills some amendments to the Accident Compensation Act 2001 Confidential advice to Government
 the Credit Contracts and Consumer Finance Act 2003, and the Employment Relations Act 2000, but that these are now being progressed through other Bills;
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8 **noted** that officials have advised that the amendments in Annex One to the paper under CBC-24-SUB-0037 should not proceed, notwithstanding that they were agreed by the previous government [DEV-21-MIN-0088], because they are no longer required, are considered unsuitable for inclusion, or the costs of implementing them outweigh the benefits;

9 **agreed** that the amendments in Annex One not proceed in the Bills;

10 **noted** that officials have identified a small number of changes that are proposed to be made to earlier Cabinet decisions, and that officials and previous Ministers identified some additional amendments to include in the Bills, as set out in Annex Two to the paper under CBC-24-SUB-0037;

11 **agreed** to include in the Bills the proposed changes and new amendments listed in Annex Two to the paper under CBC-24-SUB-0037;

12 **noted** that consequential amendments to the Electricity Industry (Enforcement) Regulations 2010 that are not currently in the Regulatory Systems (Economic Development) Amendment Bill will be required as a result of the proposed changes to the Electricity Industry Act 2010;

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Introduction

15 **authorised** the Minister for Economic Development to make:

15.1 minor and technical changes to the Bills in line with Cabinet policy decisions, prior to introduction;

15.2 any changes required by the Business Committee;

16 **approved** the introduction, subject to the final approval by the government caucuses and sufficient support in the House of Representatives, of the:

16.1 Regulatory Systems (Economic Development) Amendment Bill [PCO 20937/7.0];

16.2 Regulatory Systems (Immigration and Workforce) Amendment Bill [PCO 24109/18.0];

17 **agreed** that the Bills be introduced in May 2024;

- 18 **agreed** that the Government propose that the Bills be referred to the following select committees for consideration:
- 18.1 Regulatory Systems (Economic Development) Amendment Bill to the Economic Development, Science and Innovation Committee;
 - 18.2 Regulatory Systems (Immigration and Workforce) Amendment Bill to the Education and Workforce Committee;
- 19 **agreed** to propose that the Bills be enacted by December 2024.

Rachel Clarke
Committee Secretary

Present:

Rt Hon Christopher Luxon (Chair)
Hon David Seymour
Hon Nicola Willis
Hon Brooke van Velden
Hon Shane Jones
Hon Chris Bishop
Hon Simeon Brown
Hon Paul Goldsmith
Hon Judith Collins
Hon Melissa Lee

Officials present from:

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Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet