



## COVERSHEET

<b>Minister</b>	Hon Stuart Nash	<b>Portfolio</b>	Small Business
<b>Title of Cabinet paper</b>	Amending the New Zealand Business Number Act 2016 to include a Māori business identifier	<b>Date to be published</b>	By 11 September 2020

### List of documents that have been proactively released

<b>Date</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Author</b>
4 August 2020	Amending the New Zealand Business Number Act 2016 to include a Māori business identifier	Office of the Minister for Small Business
4 August 2020	New Zealand Business Number (Māori Business Identifier) Order 2020 LEG-20-MIN-0132	Cabinet Office

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# Cabinet Legislation Committee

## Minute of Decision

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### New Zealand Business Number (Māori Business Identifier) Order 2020

**Portfolio**                      **Small Business**

On 4 August 2020, the Cabinet Legislation Committee:

- 1        **noted** that due to the difficulty in identifying Māori businesses it has been difficult to accurately report on Māori businesses, make sound investments in Māori businesses, or measure the effectiveness of government policies and interventions for Māori businesses;
- 2        **noted** that including a Māori business identifier in the New Zealand Business Number (NZBN) Register will help address a long-standing issue of the lack of information about the Māori economy, by providing a mechanism to identify Māori businesses;
- 3        **noted** that other options to identify Māori businesses are less effective, not future-proofed, more expensive and may duplicate existing data collection;
- 4        **agreed** that the NZBN Register be used to identify Māori businesses;
- 5        **noted** that businesses will be able to self-identify as to whether they are a Māori business in the NZBN Register, and provide information about the factors significantly influencing their decision to consider themselves to be a Māori business;
- 6        **noted** that the New Zealand Business Number (Māori Entity Identifier) Order 2020 will give effect to the decision referred to in paragraph 4 above;
- 7        **noted** that section 22 of the New Zealand Business Number Act 2016 (the Act) empowers the Governor-General to amend Schedule 4 of the Act by Order in Council on the recommendation of the Minister responsible for administering the Act;
- 8        **noted** that in making a recommendation to the Governor-General under section 22 of the Act, the Minister must have regard to the advantages and disadvantages of the information or type of information being included in the NZBN Register;
- 9        **noted** that the Minister has considered the advantages and disadvantages of including a Māori business identifier in Schedule 4 of the Act, and that the changes fall within scope of the main purposes of the Act;
- 10       **authorised** the submission to the Executive Council of the New Zealand Business Number (Māori Entity Identifier) Order 2020 [PCO 23059/4.0];
- 11       **noted** that the New Zealand Business Number (Māori Entity Identifier) Order 2020 comes into force on 14 September 2020;

- 12 **noted** that this initiative will be funded from baseline within Vote Economic Development;
- 13 **noted** that future ethnicities or identifiers could be included in the NZBN Register, and that this would be informed by the success of the NZBN Register in identifying Māori businesses for the purpose of reporting on Māori economic activity; and
- 14 **directed** the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment, in consultation with the Treasury, Te Puni Kōkiri and Statistics NZ to report back to Cabinet in August 2022 on the success of identifying Māori businesses through the NZBN Register, whether this has supported more accurate reporting on Māori businesses, and whether further business identifiers should be added.

Charlotte Doyle  
Committee Secretary

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**Present:**

Rt Hon Winston Peters  
Hon Chris Hipkins (Chair)  
Hon Andrew Little  
Hon David Parker  
Hon Nanaia Mahuta  
Hon Jenny Salesa  
Hon Kris Faafoi  
Hon Tracey Martin  
Hon Eugenie Sage  
Michael Wood MP (Senior Government Whip)

**Officials present from:**

Office of the Prime Minister  
Officials Committee for LEG