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<b>Minister</b>	Hon Michael Wood	<b>Portfolio</b>	Workplace Relations and Safety
<b>Title of Cabinet paper</b>	Plan of Action Against Forced Labour, People Trafficking and Slavery	<b>Date to be published</b>	16 March 2021

### List of documents that have been proactively released

<b>Date</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Author</b>
9 December 2020	<i>Cabinet paper: Plan of Action Against Forced Labour, People Trafficking and Slavery</i>	<i>Office of the Minister for Workplace Relations and Safety</i>
9 December 2020	<i>Cabinet Economic Development Committee Minute: Plan of Action Against Forced Labour, People Trafficking and Slavery</i>	<i>Cabinet Office</i>

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**NO**

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# Cabinet Economic Development Committee

## Minute of Decision

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### Plan of Action Against Forced Labour, People Trafficking and Slavery

**Portfolio**                      **Workplace Relations and Safety**

On 9 December 2020, the Cabinet Economic Development Committee:

- 1        **noted** that forced labour, people trafficking and slavery have been identified in New Zealand, and present a risk that must be addressed through an effective all-of-government response;
- 2        **noted** that on 22 May 2019, the Cabinet Economic Development Committee agreed to ratify the *International Labour Organization's Protocol of 2014 to the Forced Labour Convention, 1930 (No. 29)* (the Forced Labour Protocol) [DEV-19-MIN-0122];
- 3        **noted** that the Forced Labour Protocol enters into force for New Zealand on 13 December 2020, and to meet its requirements New Zealand is required to have a national plan of action addressing forced labour;
- 4        **noted** that a national *Plan of Action to Prevent People Trafficking* has been in place since 2009, but needs to be updated to reflect new developments since that time and expanded to capture a wider range of practices connected with modern slavery;
- 5        **noted** that the *Plan of Action against Forced Labour, People Trafficking and Slavery, 2020-2025* (the Plan of Action), attached to the paper under DEV-20-SUB-0178, will support an effective all-of-government response to address and reduce these connected practices;
- 6        **noted** that public consultation was undertaken on a draft Plan of Action, and that the feedback received from this process has been taken into account in its development;
- 7        **agreed** to the Plan of Action, subject to any minor editorial changes that may be required;
- 8        **agreed** that the Plan of Action be publicly released;
- 9        **noted** that officials will report to the Minister for Workplace Relations and Safety annually on progress, and quarterly in the first year, in implementing the Plan of Action.

Charlotte Doyle  
Committee Secretary

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**Present: (see over)**

**Present:**

Hon Grant Robertson (Chair)  
Hon Dr Megan Woods (Deputy Chair)  
Hon David Parker  
Hon Nanaia Mahuta  
Hon Poto Williams  
Hon Damien O'Connor  
Hon Kris Faafoi  
Hon Michael Wood  
Hon Dr David Clark  
Hon Meka Whaitiri  
Rino Tirikatene, MP  
Dr Deborah Russell, MP

**Officials present from:**

Office of the Prime Minister  
Officials Committee for DEV