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Establishing a Matariki Public Holiday

Portfolios **Māori Crown Relations: Te Arawhiti / Workplace Relations and Safety / Associate Arts, Culture and Heritage (Hon Peeni Henare)**

On 28 June 2021, following reference from the Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee, Cabinet:

- 1 **noted** that the government has committed to introduce a Matariki public holiday by June 2022;
- 2 **noted** that:
 - 2.1 in December 2020, Cabinet agreed to establish a Matariki Advisory Group to make recommendations to joint Ministers on dates, celebrations and education and community resources for a new Matariki public holiday [CAB-20-MIN-0533];
 - 2.2 in Budget 2021, Cabinet agreed to a \$5 million tagged contingency in Vote Te Arawhiti for the development of resources and engagement to support understanding of Matariki as a Public Holiday, and directed Te Arawhiti and the Ministry of Education to develop resources to support understanding of Matariki [CAB-21-SUB-0116.31];
- 3 **noted** that in February 2021, the Prime Minister announced that the first Matariki public holiday would be observed on Friday, 24 June 2022;
- 4 **agreed** to establish a new public holiday for Matariki through a stand-alone Bill (the Bill);
- 5 **agreed** that the Bill will include the following dates for the Matariki public holiday:

Year	Matariki Holiday Date
2022	24 June
2023	14 July
2024	28 June
2025	20 June
2026	10 July
2027	25 June
2028	14 July
2029	6 July
2030	21 June
2031	11 July

2032	2 July
2033	24 June
2034	7 July
2035	29 June
2036	18 July
2037	10 July
2038	25 June
2039	15 July
2040	6 July
2041	19 July
2042	11 July
2043	3 July
2044	24 June
2045	7 July
2046	29 June
2047	19 July
2048	3 July
2049	25 June
2050	15 July
2051	30 June
2052	21 June

- 6 **noted** that the above dates were determined using the Pipiri of Tangaroa methodology for calculating the rising of Matariki;
- 7 **agreed** that the Bill will outline the significance of Matariki for Māori;
- 8 **agreed** that the Bill require future dates for the Matariki public holiday to be inserted by Order in Council at least four years prior to the final date of the Matariki public holiday listed in the Bill;
- 9 **agreed** that the Bill require that dates for the Matariki public holiday will always fall on a Friday;
- 10 **agreed** that the new Act will be administered by Manatū Taonga, the Ministry for Culture and Heritage;
- 11 **invited** the responsible Ministers to issue drafting instructions to the Parliamentary Counsel Office to give effect to the above decisions;
- 12 **authorised** the responsible Ministers to make further decisions on minor and technical matters in line with the policy decisions agreed by Cabinet;
- 13 **noted** that the above decisions will require consequential legislative amendments, as set out in Annex Two under SWC-21-SUB-0094;

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- 16 **noted** that the Matariki Advisory Group will provide further advice to responsible Ministers on how Matariki can be celebrated appropriately, and what resources are needed to enable these celebrations within communities.

Michael Webster
Secretary of the Cabinet

Secretary's Note: This minute replaces SWC-21-MIN-0094. Cabinet added paragraphs 14 and 15.