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Minister	Hon Chris Hipkins	Portfolio	COVID 19 Response
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Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee

Minute of Decision

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Commissioning a New Managed Isolation Facility in Christchurch

Portfolio **COVID-19 Response**

On 22 September 2021, the Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee:

- 1 **noted** that demand for MIQ space has generally outstripped capacity since the introduction of the MIQ system, and is not forecast to reduce in the near future;
- 2 **noted** that a further possible MIQ facility has been identified in Christchurch which would increase the number of rooms in the MIQ network by around 85;
- 3 **noted** this facility will require an additional \$35.646 million funding to run to June 2023;
- 4 **agreed** to fund the establishment and operation of the additional facility outlined in paragraph 2 above until the end of June 2023;
- 5 **noted** that another possible facility has been identified in Rotorua, and the Minister for COVID-19 Response will be receiving further advice on this in due course;

Financial recommendations

Vote Building and Construction

- 6 **noted** that the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) is seeking a total of \$32.155 million in new operating funding to establish and operate the additional facility until the end of June 2023;

- 7 **approved** the following changes to appropriations to provide for and give effect to the decision in paragraph 4 above, with a corresponding impact on the operating balance and net core Crown debt:

Vote Building and Construction Minister for COVID-19 Response	\$m – increase /(decrease)				
	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26 & Outyears
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Isolation and Quarantine Management MCA					
Departmental Output Expenses: Operational Support (funded by revenue Crown)	4.460	6.075	-	-	-
Non-departmental Output Expenses: Delivery of Services	8.648	12.972	-	-	-
Total Operating	13.108	19.047	-	-	-

- 8 **agreed** that any under-expenditure in the *Isolation and Quarantine Management* multi-category appropriation for MIQ be carried forward to the following financial year to recognise the uncertain timing of subsequent expenditure, with the final amount to be transferred confirmed as part of the baseline update process following the presentation of MBIE's audited financial statements;
- 9 **noted** that funding is ring-fenced to MIQ and cannot be transferred to other appropriations, and that once MIQ winds down, any remaining funding will be returned to the Crown;

Vote Health

- 10 **noted** that the Ministry of Health seeks \$3.491 million in new operating funding to cover the costs of health services for the additional facility until end of June 2023;
- 11 **approved** the following changes to appropriations to provide Vote Health with Managed Isolation and Quarantine costs, with a corresponding impact on the operating balance and net core Crown debt:

Vote Health Minister of Health	\$m – increase/(decrease)				
	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26 & Outyears
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: National response to COVID-19 across the health sector					
MCA Non-Departmental Output Expense: COVID-19 Public Health Response	1.392	2.099	-	-	-
Total Operating	1.392	2.099	-	-	-

- 12 **agreed** that the changes in paragraphs 7 and 11 above be included in the 2021/22 Supplementary Estimates and that, in the interim, the increases be met from Imprest Supply;
- 13 **agreed** that the expenses incurred in paragraphs 7 and 11 above be charged to the COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund established as part of Budget 2020.

Rachel Clarke
Committee Secretary

Present:

Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern
Hon Grant Robertson
Hon Kelvin Davis
Hon Dr Megan Woods
Hon Chris Hipkins
Hon Carmel Sepuloni (Chair)
Hon Andrew Little
Hon Nanaia Mahuta
Hon Damien O'Connor
Hon Kris Faafoi
Hon Peeni Henare
Hon Willie Jackson
Hon Jan Tinetti
Hon Dr Ayesha Verrall
Hon Aupito Williams Sio
Hon Meka Whaitiri
Hon Priyanca Radhakrishnan

Officials present from:

Office of the Prime Minister
Office of the SWC Chair
Officials Committee for SWC