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Minister	Hon Stuart Nash	Portfolio	Economic and Regional Development
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List of documents that have been proactively released

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YES

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Cabinet Economic Development Committee

Minute of Decision

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Government Procurement: Refreshing Strategic Priorities

Portfolio **Economic and Regional Development**

On 10 November 2021, the Cabinet Economic Development Committee (DEV):

- 1 **noted** that on 19 May 2021, DEV noted that the Minister for Economic and Regional Development intended to report back on refreshed strategic government procurement priorities that align more strongly with post-COVID-19 government priorities [DEV-21-MIN-0107];
- 2 **noted** that key elements of the proposed vision for New Zealand’s procurement system are:
 - 2.1 delivering more value to New Zealand;
 - 2.2 delivering on government priorities;
 - 2.3 a system that is fair, transparent and has integrity;
- 3 **noted** that to deliver on this vision, significant aspects of the procurement system need to be strengthened and other aspects would benefit from new and different approaches, involving a cultural shift by all agencies in their approach to procurement activities;
- 4 **noted** that a focus on improving the following three key strategic priority areas will result in greater confidence that procurement spend is delivering the best public value possible:
 - 4.1 moving to more transparency, digitalisation and automation, enabling procurement to focus on strategic considerations and adding value;
 - 4.2 working better as “one government” with direct lines of accountability to the centre and stronger central oversight, and a procurement leadership model that drives collaboration among agencies and productive relationships with suppliers;
 - 4.3 unlocking value through streamlining policy and practice, and ensuring the procurement profession has the right skills and capability to underpin the success of the system;
- 5 **approved** the strategic procurement priority areas and the programme of work to position government procurement for the future, as outlined in Annex One to the submission under DEV-21-SUB-0224;

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invited the Minister for Economic and Regional Development to report back to DEV by the end of May 2022 on progress on the procurement work programme.

Janine Harvey
Committee Secretary

Present:

Hon Grant Robertson (Chair)
Hon David Parker
Hon Poto Williams
Hon Damien O'Connor
Hon Stuart Nash
Hon Kris Faafoi
Hon Willie Jackson
Hon Dr David Clark
Hon Meka Whaitiri
Rino Tirikatene MP
Dr Deborah Russell MP

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