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Cabinet Business Committee

Minute of Decision

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Class Exceptions to Border Restrictions: Decisions for Cabinet Approval

Portfolio **Immigration**

On 16 December 2020, the Cabinet Business Committee, having been authorised by Cabinet to have Power to Act [CAB-20-MIN-0536]:

- 1 **noted** that officials have provisionally set aside 500 rooms per fortnight for group arrivals to enable Ministers to make decisions on new class exceptions in early 2021;
- 2 **noted** that this proposed package of class exceptions uses 400 of these rooms in early 2021;
- 3 **directed** officials to reallocate the remaining 100 rooms a fortnight into emergency allocations;

Additions to lists

- 4 **noted** that on 9 December 2020, the Ministerial Group considering class exceptions (the Ministerial Group) agreed to the following additions or expansions to events and government-approved programmes, subject to timing, which have been confirmed as follows:

Proposal	Details	Decision
Kāinga Ora build and urban development programme (addition to government-approved programmes list)	Approximately 20 workers; from March 2021; workers will book places in the Managed Isolation Allocation (MIAS) system	Agreed
Cargo crew servicing the Pacific	Amendment to immigration instructions to allow replacement cargo crew to undergo 14 days in MIQ before transferring to ships; up to 200 people from February 2021; workers will book places in MIAS	Agreed
Replacement international fishing crew for foreign-flagged fishing vessels operating in international waters (addition to government-approved)	Up to 50 persons every six months, for crew identified by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade – no MIQ stay required	Agreed

programmes list)		
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5 **agreed** to the following class exception agreed in principle by the Ministerial Group:

Proposal	Details	Recommendation from Border Ministers Group
Priority returning degree and post-graduate international students (including family members where eligible)	Up to 1,000 students for entry from April 2021; students will book places in MIAS as they are available (up to 300 in April-May; 300 in May-June; 400 in June-July)	Agree

6 **noted** that the Ministerial Group deferred decisions to 2021 on a number of other proposals, which are not time-critical, as follows:

- 6.1 superyachts (owners of yachts being refitted/refurbished and other visiting cruising yachts);
- 6.2 Confidential advice to Government
- 6.3 Confidential advice to Government

7 **noted** that there are number of further groups requiring a decision before Christmas 2020, as they:

- 7.1 are time-critical with limited flexibility as to entry dates;
- 7.2 cannot be accommodated in MIQ concurrently;
- 7.3 require decisions now to enable planning;
- 7.4 involve manual allocation of MIQ and bespoke MIQ arrangements;

8 **authorised** the Ministerial Group to take final decisions on:

- 8.1 the Constellation Cup;
- 8.2 ‘summer of cricket’ series;

9 **noted** that the Ministerial Group agreed to offer options for later travel dates for a number of proposals, including the Toyota motor racing series, as the groups could not be accommodated in MIQ within the timeframes requested;

10 **noted** that the organisers of the Toyota racing series have advised that a later entry date is not possible for the event.

Gerrard Carter
Committee Secretary

Present: (see over)

Present:

Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern (Chair)
Hon Grant Robertson
Hon Kelvin Davis
Hon Dr Megan Woods
Hon Chris Hipkins
Hon Andrew Little
Hon David Parker
Hon Nanaia Mahuta
Hon Poto Williams
Hon Damien O'Connor
Hon Stuart Nash
Hon Kris Faafoi
Hon Jan Tinetti
Hon Dr David Clark
Hon Dr Ayesha Verrall
Hon James Shaw

Officials present from:

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Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet