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Cabinet Legislation Committee

Minute of Decision

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On 5 May 2022, the Cabinet Legislation Committee:

- 1 **noted** that, on 14 February 2022, the Petitions Committee presented its report to the House entitled “Petition of Trade Aid and World Vision New Zealand: Take Action against Modern Slavery”;
- 2 **noted** that the Petitions Committee recommended that the government bring legislation addressing modern slavery before the House as soon as possible, while allowing for adequate policy development and public consideration;
- 3 **noted** that, on 8 April, the government released the discussion document *A legislative response to modern slavery and worker exploitation* (the Discussion Document) as agreed by the Cabinet Economic Development Committee [DEV-22-MIN-0027], which was developed in consultation with the petitioners as members of the Modern Slavery Leadership Advisory Group;
- 4 **noted** that the government response attached to the submission under LEG-22-SUB-0054 supports the recommendation of the Petitions Committee and sets out how the legislative proposal in the discussion document referred to in paragraph 3 above is consistent with the Petitions Committee’s recommendation;
- 5 **approved** the government response, attached to the submission under LEG-22-SUB-0054, to the Report of the Petitions Committee entitled “Petition of Trade Aid and World Vision New Zealand: Take Action against Modern Slavery”;
- 6 **noted** that the government response must be presented to the House the week commencing 9 May 2022;
- 7 **invited** the Minister for Workplace Relations and Safety to present the Government response to the House in accordance with Standing Order 380;

- 8 **invited** the Minister for Workplace Relations and Safety to write to the petitioners enclosing a copy of the government response to the report of the Petitions Committee on the petition, after the response has been presented to the House.

Rebecca Davies
Committee Secretary

Present:

Hon Chris Hipkins (Chair)
Hon Andrew Little
Hon Poto Williams
Hon Stuart Nash
Hon Kris Faafoi
Hon Kiri Allan
Hon Dr David Clark
Hon Meka Whaitiri
Kieran McAnulty, MP (Senior Government Whip)

Officials present from:

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