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List of documents that have been proactively released

Date	Title	Author
August 2022	Aerospace Strategy: Release of public consultation document and associated reprioritisations	Office of the Minister for Economic and Regional Development; Office of the Minister of Research, Science and Innovation; Office of the Associate Minister of Transport
24 August 2022	Aerospace Strategy: Release of public consultation document and associated reprioritisations DEV-22-MIN-0200 Minute	Cabinet Office

Information redacted

YES

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Cabinet Economic Development Committee

Minute of Decision

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Aerospace Strategy: Release of Public Consultation Document and Associated Reprioritisations

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On 24 August 2022, the Cabinet Economic Development Committee (DEV):

Release of Aerospace Strategy Consultation Document

- 1 **noted** that New Zealand has a significant opportunity to foster economic growth and innovation through the development of its emerging aerospace sector;
- 2 **noted** that an ambitious Aerospace Strategy is necessary to set out a framework and actions for achieving sector growth;
- 3 **agreed** to the release of the consultation document *Developing the Aotearoa New Zealand Aerospace Strategy* (the consultation document), attached to the paper under DEV-22-SUB-0200, for a public consultation period of five weeks from 7 September to 12 October 2022;
- 4 **authorised** the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment to make any necessary editorial changes that arise during the finalisation of the consultation document before its release;

Financial implications

- 5 **noted** that additional regulatory capability and support is required to enable the success of the Aerospace Strategy, and that this will require further funding;
- 6 **noted** that on 29 June 2022, DEV:
 - 6.1 approved in principle expense transfers of up to \$3.7 million within Vote Business Science and Innovation, to be used for the purposes of the Aerospace Strategy;
 - 6.2 authorised the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Tourism and the Minister for Economic and Regional Development to jointly agree the final amounts to be transferred and to approve the required fiscally neutral adjustments;

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- 7 **agreed** that a fiscally neutral transfer of up to the amount referred to in paragraph 6 above be used for the Civil Aviation Authority's Emerging Technologies Programme, to ensure New Zealand has the regulatory capability and support to:
- 7.1 rapidly develop and safely adopt low and zero carbon aviation technologies necessary for New Zealand's future transport needs;
 - 7.2 enable the safe testing, trialling and transition into operation of advanced aerospace technologies, including space and autonomous aviation vehicles, particularly those developed by industry partners in the government's Airspace Integration Trials Programme;
 - 7.3 respond to other emerging aerospace technologies as they arise;
- 8 **authorised** the Minister of Finance, the Minister for Economic and Regional Development, the Minister of Tourism, and the Associate Minister of Transport acting jointly to transfer funding to enact the policy decisions referred to in paragraph 7 above (including establishing new appropriations or changing existing appropriations), once the final amount available has been determined, and with no impact on the operating balance and/or net core Crown debt across the forecast period;
- 9 **noted** that the final amount of funding from Vote Business Science and Innovation will be determined through the completion of the 2021/22 audited financial statements of the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment;
- 10 **noted** that supporting the outcomes referred to in paragraph 7 above will involve modernising the existing regulatory system and laying the foundational groundwork for the advanced use of aerospace technologies, including with personnel.

Janine Harvey
Committee Secretary

Present:

Hon Grant Robertson (Chair)
Hon Damien O'Connor
Hon Stuart Nash
Hon Willie Jackson
Hon Michael Wood
Hon Dr David Clark
Hon Dr Ayesha Verrall
Hon Priyanca Radhakrishnan
Hon Meka Whaitiri
Hon Kieran McAnulty
Dr Deborah Russell, MP

Officials present from:

Office of the Prime Minister
Officials Committee for DEV