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19 September 2022	Cabinet minute CAB-22-MIN-0397 - Queen Elizabeth II Memorial Day Bill: Approval to Introduce	Cabinet Office
12 September 2022	Cabinet minute CAB-22-MIN-0386 - Additional Item: Queen Elizabeth II Memorial Day	Cabinet Office

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# Cabinet

## Minute of Decision

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### Queen Elizabeth II Memorial Day Bill: Approval to Introduce

**Portfolio**                      **Workplace Relations and Safety**

On 19 September 2022, Cabinet:

- 1        **noted** that on 12 September 2022, Cabinet agreed to introduce a Bill to implement a one-off public holiday (called Queen Elizabeth II Memorial Day) on 26 September 2022 to acknowledge the service of Queen Elizabeth II to New Zealand [CAB-22-MIN-0386];
- 2        **noted** that Cabinet agreed that the Bill be introduced as soon as practicable, and that the government propose that the Bill be passed under urgency by 23 September 2023;
- 3        **noted** that Cabinet authorised the Minister for Workplace Relations and Safety (the Minister) to take further decisions consistent with the policy decisions agreed by Cabinet [CAB-22-MIN-0386];
- 4        **noted** that the Queen Elizabeth II Memorial Day Bill reflects:
  - 4.1      Cabinet’s decision that Queen Elizabeth II Memorial Day be treated as a public holiday for the purposes of the Holidays Act 2003 and as a day on which a school must close;
  - 4.2      the Minister’s further policy decisions that, in line with all other national public holidays, Queen Elizabeth II Memorial Day should not be considered a ‘working day’ and should be a non-release day for the Department of Corrections and Oranga Tamariki;
- 5        **approved** the Queen Elizabeth II Memorial Day Bill [PCO 25041/6.0] for introduction, subject to the final approval of the government caucus and sufficient support in the House of Representatives;
- 6        **agreed** that the government propose that the Queen Elizabeth II Memorial Day Bill be introduced on 19 September 2022, have its first reading, and pass through all stages under urgency so that it can be enacted by Friday 23 September 2022.

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