



## COVERSHEET

<b>Minister</b>	Hon Michael Wood	<b>Portfolio</b>	Workplace Relations and Safety
<b>Title of Cabinet paper</b>	Minimum Wage Review 2022	<b>Date to be published</b>	10 February 2023

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December 2022	Cabinet paper: Minimum Wage Review 2022	Office of the Minister of Workplace Relations and Safety
6 December 2022	Minimum Wage Review 2022 CPC-22-MIN-0048 Minute	Cabinet Office

### **Information redacted**

**NO**

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# Cabinet Priorities Committee

## Minute of Decision

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### Minimum Wage Review 2022

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

On 6 December 2022, the Cabinet Priorities Committee:

- 1        **noted** that the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment has provided the Minimum Wage Review 2022, attached to the submission under CPC-22-SUB-0048, and recommends a 6 percent increase in the minimum wage to \$22.50;
- 2        **noted** that Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment's recommendation is based on an analysis that is informed by two quarters of confirmed, and two quarters of forecast, Consumers Price Index (CPI) data as at the point in time of the Minimum Wage Review 2022;
- 3        **noted** that the Minister for Workplace Relations and Safety (the Minister) is of the view that due to the uncertain economic situation, and particularly uncertainty about the inflation environment, a decision on setting the minimum wage rate for 2023 should wait for the December 2022 CPI data to be released on 25 January 2023 – this would allow a decision based on the most up to date inflation and other economic data;
- 4        **authorised** the Minister of Finance and the Minister to signal that the 2023 minimum wage rate will be announced in January 2023;
- 5        **invited** the Minister to report-back to Cabinet in January 2023 with the December CPI data.

Jenny Vickers  
Committee Secretary

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**Attendance: (see over)**

**Present:**

Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern (Chair)  
Hon Grant Robertson  
Hon Kelvin Davis  
Hon Dr Megan Woods  
Hon Carmel Sepuloni  
Hon Andrew Little  
Hon David Parker  
Hon Poto Williams  
Hon Damien O'Connor  
Hon Stuart Nash  
Hon Michael Wood  
Hon Kiri Allan

**Officials present from:**

Office of the Prime Minister  
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet  
Officials Committee for CPC