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<b>Minister</b>	Hon Andrew Little	<b>Portfolio</b>	Immigration
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### List of documents that have been proactively released

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May 2023	Immigration (Visa, Entry Permission, and Related Matters) Amendment Regulations 2023	Office of the Minister of Immigration
11 May 2023	Immigration (Visa, Entry Permission, and Related Matters) Amendment Regulations 2023 LEG-23-MIN-0050 Minute	Cabinet Office

### Information redacted

Yes/  No

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# Cabinet Legislation Committee

## Minute of Decision

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### Immigration (Visa, Entry Permission, and Related Matters) Amendment Regulations 2023

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On 11 May 2023, the Cabinet Legislation Committee:

- 1        **noted** that in February 2023, the Cabinet Economic Development Committee agreed to amend the Immigration (Visa, Entry Permission and Related Matters) Regulations 2010 (the Visa Regulations) to enable:
  - 1.1      applications for a visa and/or entry permission on arrival in New Zealand to be made electronically (i.e. using the New Zealand Traveller Declaration or NZTD);
  - 1.2      these applications to be completed in languages other than English;
  - 1.3      the Chief Executive of the Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment (MBIE) to mandate these applications to be made electronically;

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- 2        **noted** that it is not possible to give the Chief Executive of MBIE the ability to mandate applications for entry permission be made electronically (as noted in paragraph 1.3 above), and for that policy decision to be implemented the Visa Regulations could be amended in the future to require these applications to be made electronically if appropriate;
- 3        **noted** that the Immigration (Visa, Entry Permission, and Related Matters) Amendment Regulations 2023 (the amendment regulations) give effect to the decisions referred to in paragraphs 1.1 and 1.2 above;
- 4        **agreed** to amend the Visa Regulations to require applications for entry permission to be made electronically if appropriate, consistent with Cabinet decisions and as noted in paragraph 2;
- 5        **authorised** the submission to the Executive Council of the Immigration (Visa, Entry Permission, and Related Matters) Amendment Regulations 2023 [PCO 25426/8.0];
- 6        **noted** that the amendment regulations come into force on 21 June 2023.

Rebecca Davies  
Committee Secretary

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**Attendance: see over**

**Present:**

Hon Kiri Allan  
Hon Michael Wood  
Hon Andrew Little (Chair)  
Hon David Parker  
Hon Kieran McAnulty  
Hon Ginny Andersen  
Hon Barbara Edmonds  
Hon Dr Duncan Webb  
Tangi Utikere, MP (Chief Government Whip)

**Officials present from:**

Office of the Prime Minister  
Officials Committee for LEG