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# Cabinet Economic Development Committee

## Minute of Decision

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### Oral Item: Immigration Response to Cyclone Gabrielle

**Portfolio**                      **Immigration**

On 22 February 2023, the Cabinet Economic Development Committee:

- 1        **noted** that the Minister of Immigration (the Minister) will consult with the office of the Prime Minister, Minister of Finance, and other relevant Ministers and officials as appropriate, on the proposal to establish an extreme weather event recovery visa (the visa) as a type of specific purpose work visa, and will seek further advice on:
  - 1.1      the criteria for the visa, including the relevant regions and job areas it will apply to;
  - 1.2      a refund system for visa fees;
- 2        **noted** that officials will be required to report back to the Minister, Minister for Social Development and Employment, and the Minister of Finance each month with information including the number of visas granted and the countries that applicants are coming from;
- 3        **noted** that the visa is proposed to be valid for six-months, and that the Minister will also seek further advice on transitional arrangements to other visa types, in case this is required;
- 4        **noted** that the Minister intends to announce the visa on 24 February 2023.

Jenny Vickers  
Committee Secretary

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**Present:**

Hon Grant Robertson (Chair)  
Hon Michael Wood  
Hon Dr Ayesha Verrall  
Hon Willie Jackson  
Hon David Parker  
Hon Peeni Henare  
Hon Priyanca Radhakrishnan  
Hon Kieran McAnulty  
Hon Ginny Andersen  
Hon Rino Tirikatene  
Hon Dr Deborah Russell  
Jo Luxton MP

**Officials present from:**

Office of the Prime Minister  
Officials Committee for DEV