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Cabinet Extreme Weather Recovery Committee

Minute of Decision

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Cyclone Recovery: Proposal to Fund Regional Recovery Projects

Portfolio **Economic Development**

On 23 August 2023, the Cabinet Extreme Weather Recovery Committee, exercising its Power to Act in accordance with its terms of reference:

- 1 **noted** that on 20 February 2023, Cabinet agreed to establish a tagged contingency *Cyclone Gabrielle: To provide for interim business and primary sector support for the impacts of Cyclone Gabrielle and other recent weather events not covered by the Auckland Package*, in Vote Business, Science and Innovation [CAB-23-MIN-0044];
- 2 **noted** that the Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Finance, Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Economic Development and Minister of Agriculture (Joint Ministers) agreed to allocate most of the tagged contingency to discretionary funding for flood recovery;
- 3 **noted** that Joint Ministers created the *Cyclone Gabrielle – Business support for the impacts of Cyclone Gabrielle and January 2023 weather events* appropriation in Vote Business, Science, and Innovation to provide support for businesses impacted by Cyclone Gabrielle and the January 2023 weather events;
- 4 **noted** that the Minister of Finance has approved an in-principle expense transfer of a \$10.000 million underspend from the *Cyclone Gabrielle – Business support for the impacts of Cyclone Gabrielle and January 2023 weather events* appropriation into the 2023/24 financial year;
- 5 **noted** that funding of \$10.000 million is sought for a package of nine regional recovery projects in Northland, Hawke’s Bay and Tairāwhiti;
- 6 **agreed** to the allocation of the remaining \$10.000 million of discretionary funding for flood recovery to the package of regional recovery projects in Northland, Hawke’s Bay, and Tairāwhiti;
- 7 **noted** that the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet’s Cyclone Recovery Unit has reviewed the regional recovery projects proposed in the paper under EWR-23-SUB-0069 to check for their correlation with the relevant regional recovery plans, and has found that all of the proposals appear sensible and are critical enablers to economic recovery in the regions mentioned;

8 **agreed** to establish the following new appropriation in Vote Business, Science, and Innovation to give effect to the regional recovery package:

| Vote | Appropriation Minister | Appropriation Administrator | Title | Type | Scope |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|---|--------------------------------|--|
| Business, Science and Innovation | Minister for Economic Development | Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment | Cyclone – Regional support for the impacts of Cyclone Gabrielle and January 2023 weather events | Non-departmental Other Expense | This appropriation is limited to providing support for regions impacted by Cyclone Gabrielle and the January 2023 weather events |

9 **noted** that early confirmation of the available expense transfer in the *Cyclone Gabrielle – Business support for the impacts of Cyclone Gabrielle and January 2023 weather events* appropriation is required to enable the fiscal neutral transfer to the proposed new appropriation;

10 **agreed** to an expense transfer of \$10.000 million from 2022/23 to 2023/24;

11 **approved** the following changes to appropriations to provide early confirmation:

| Vote Business, Science and Innovation Minister for Economic Development | \$m – increase/(decrease) | | | |
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| | 2023/24 | 2024/25 | 2025/26 | 2026/27 & outyears |
| Non-Departmental Other Expenses Cyclone Gabrielle – Business support for the impacts of Cyclone Gabrielle and January 2023 weather events | 10.000 | - | - | - |

12 **approved** the following fiscally neutral transfer of \$10.000 million to provide for the regional recovery package, with no impact on the operating balance or net core Crown debt:

| Vote Business, Science and Innovation Minister for Economic Development | \$m – increase/(decrease) | | | |
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| | 2023/24 | 2024/25 | 2025/26 | 2026/27 & outyears |
| Non-departmental Other Expense: Cyclone Gabrielle – Business support for the impacts of Cyclone Gabrielle and January 2023 weather events | (10.000) | - | - | - |
| Non-departmental Other Expense: Cyclone – Regional support for the impacts of Cyclone Gabrielle and January 2023 weather events | 10.000 | - | - | - |

- 13 **agreed** that the changes to appropriations for 2023/24 above be included in the 2023/24 Supplementary Estimates and that, in the interim, the increases be met from Imprest Supply.

Janine Harvey
Committee Secretary

Present:

Hon Kelvin Davis
Hon Grant Robertson (Chair)
Hon Willie Jackson
Hon Damien O'Connor
Hon David Parker
Hon Kieran McAnulty
Hon Barbara Edmonds

Officials present from:

Office of the Prime Minister
Officials Committee for EWR
Cyclone Recovery Unit, DPMC
Chair, Taskforce