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NO

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N.B. the Government response is not included in this proactive release as it was presented to the House on 5 March 2024 and is publicly available [here](#)



Cabinet Legislation Committee

Minute of Decision

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Government Response to the Petitions Committee report on the Petition of Sabah Deniz Gulensoy: Temporary Post-earthquake Visas

Portfolio Associate Immigration (Hon Casey Costello)

On 22 February 2024, the Cabinet Legislation Committee:

- 1 **noted** that, on 7 September 2023, the Petitions Committee presented its report to the House entitled *Petition of Sabah Deniz Gulensoy: Temporary post-earthquake visas*;
- 2 **noted** that the Petitions Committee recommended that the Government “consider undertaking policy work to establish a visa framework to better support displaced persons who are not considered refugees”;
- 3 **approved** the Government response, attached to the submission under LEG-24-SUB-0012, to the Report of the Petitions Committee entitled “Petition of Sabah Deniz Gulensoy: Temporary post-earthquake visas”(the Report);
- 4 **noted** that, once approved, the Government response can be presented in the House on the next available sitting day;
- 5 **noted** that the Government response must be presented to the House by 5 March 2024;
- 6 **invited** the Associate Minister of Immigration (Hon Casey Costello) to present the Government response to the House in accordance with Standing Order 256;
- 7 **invited** the Associate Minister of Immigration (Hon Casey Costello) to write to the petitioner enclosing a copy of the Government response to the Report after the response has been presented to the House.

Rebecca Davies
Committee Secretary

Present:

Rt Hon Winston Peters
Hon Chris Bishop (Chair)
Hon Dr Shane Reti
Hon Simeon Brown
Hon Louise Upston
Hon Tama Potaka
Hon Casey Costello
Hon Andrew Bayly
Scott Simpson, MP
Todd Stevenson, MP
Jamie Arbuckle, MP

Officials present from:

Officials Committee for LEG
Office of the Prime Minister
Office of the Leader of the House
Office of the Minister of Revenue