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| Minister | Hon Erica Stanford | Portfolio | Immigration |
| Title of Cabinet paper | Progressing the Immigration (Mass Arrivals) Amendment Bill | Date to be published | 15 May 2024 |

List of documents that have been proactively released

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| 28 March 2024 | LEG-24-MIN-0055 Minute | Cabinet Office |

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Cabinet Legislation Committee

Minute of Decision

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Progressing the Immigration (Mass Arrivals) Amendment Bill

Portfolio **Immigration**

On 28 March 2024, the Cabinet Legislation Committee:

- 1 **noted** that the Immigration (Mass Arrivals) Amendment Bill (the Bill):
 - 1.1 provides more time for the District Court to consider an application for a group warrant of commitment, and enables a mass arrival group to be held in warrantless detention until a warrant is granted or denied;
 - 1.2 clarifies the obligation on members of a mass arrival group to apply for entry permission and a visa;
 - 1.3 removes members of a mass arrival group from the definition of ‘passenger’ in the Immigration Act 2009 to ensure that a group can be processed appropriately;
- 2 **noted** that an Amendment Paper has been drafted which incorporates additional safeguards into the Bill and addresses concerns raised at the select committee stage;
- 3 **agreed** that the Bill continue to progress through the House;
- 4 **agreed** that the Amendment Paper be introduced at the appropriate time.

Rebecca Davies
Committee Secretary

Attendance: see over

Present:

Rt Hon Winston Peters
Hon Brooke van Velden
Hon Shane Jones
Hon Nicola Willis
Hon Chris Bishop (Chair)
Hon Dr Shane Reti
Hon Simeon Brown
Hon Erica Stanford
Hon Paul Goldsmith
Hon Judith Collins
Hon Nicole Mckee
Hon Casey Costello
Hon Penny Simmonds
Hon Simon Watts
Hon Chris Penk
Hon Scott Simpson, MP
Todd Stevenson, MP
Jamie Arbuckle, MP

Officials present from:

Office of the Leader of the House
Officials Committee for LEG