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Minister	Hon Chris Penk	Portfolio	Building and Construction
Title of Cabinet paper	Requiring the Use of Remote Inspections for Building Work	Date to be published	9 July 2024

List of documents that have been proactively released		
Date	Title	Author
May 2024	<i>Requiring the use of remote inspections for building work</i>	<i>Office of the Minister for Building and Construction</i>
29 May 2024	<i>ECO-24-MIN-0085: Minute of decision</i>	<i>Cabinet Office</i>

Information redacted	<u>YES</u> / NO
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Cabinet Economic Policy Committee

Minute of Decision

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Requiring the Use of Remote Inspections for Building Work

Portfolio **Building and Construction**

On 29 May 2024, the Cabinet Economic Policy Committee (ECO):

- 1 **noted** that in March 2024, ECO agreed to the Minister for Building and Construction's work programme, which included streamlining processes and unlocking efficiencies in the building consent system [ECO-24-MIN-0019];
- 2 **noted** that the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment will publish a guide for building consent authorities on remote inspections in mid-2024;
- 3 **agreed** to the development of a consultation document on increasing the uptake of remote inspections, including options to require building consent authorities to use remote inspections as the default approach to conducting inspections;
- 4 **invited** the Minister for Building and Construction to report back to ECO in Quarter 3 of 2024 seeking approval to release a discussion document on remote inspections for public consultation;
- 5 **noted** that following public consultation, the Minister for Building and Construction intends to report back to ECO in Confidential advice to Government with final policy proposals on requirements for building consent authorities to use remote inspections;
- 6 Confidential advice to Government

Rachel Clarke
Committee Secretary

Present: (see over)

Present:

Rt Hon Christopher Luxon
Rt Hon Winston Peters
Hon David Seymour
Hon Nicola Willis (Chair)
Hon Brooke van Velden
Hon Shane Jones
Hon Simeon Brown
Hon Paul Goldsmith
Hon Todd McClay
Hon Tama Potaka
Hon Matt Doocey
Hon Simon Watts
Hon Melissa Lee
Hon Penny Simmonds
Hon Chris Penk
Hon Andrew Bayly
Hon Andrew Hoggard
Hon Mark Patterson

Officials present from:

Office of the Prime Minister
Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment
Officials Committee for ECO