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Minister	Hon Chris Penk	Portfolio	Building and Construction
Title of Cabinet paper	Fire Safety Review: Release of Issues Discussion Document	Date to be published	25 November 2024

List of documents that have been proactively released

Date	Title	Author
October 2024	Fire Safety Review: Release of Issues Discussion Document	Office of the Minister for Building and Construction
15 October 2024	Fire Safety Review: Release of Issues Discussion Document EXP-24-MIN-0053 Minute	Cabinet Office

Information redacted

YES

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- Confidential Advice to Government.



Cabinet Expenditure and Regulatory Review Committee

Minute of Decision

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On 15 October 2024, the Cabinet Expenditure and Regulatory Review Committee:

- 1 **noted** that, in March 2024, the Cabinet Economic Policy Committee confirmed the Minister for Building and Construction's (the Minister) priority is to create an efficient, competitive building regulatory system and reduce overall building costs [ECO-24-MIN-0019];
- 2 **noted** that a significant number of issues have been identified with the fire safety provisions in the Building Code which may leave people and buildings at risk to a variety of fire hazards and are making it harder to build;
- 3 **agreed** to the release of the issues discussion document *Building Code fire safety review*, attached under EXP-24-SUB-0053, for public consultation;
- 4 **authorised** the Minister to make minor amendments and refinements to the issues discussion document and supporting documents before they are released;
- 5 **noted** that the Minister intends to release the issues discussion document on or about 23 October 2024, and will be making a media statement on the release;
- 6 **noted** that the Minister intends to report back to the Cabinet Expenditure and Regulatory Review Committee **Confidential advice to Government** on potential options for changes to fire safety provisions.

Sam Moffett
Committee Secretary

Present:

Hon David Seymour (Chair)
Hon Nicola Willis
Hon Chris Bishop
Hon Simeon Brown
Hon Erica Stanford
Hon Louise Upston
Hon Mark Mitchell
Hon Simon Watts
Hon Brooke van Velden
Hon Casey Costello
Hon Andrew Bayly
Hon Chris Penk
Hon Andrew Hoggard
Hon Mark Patterson
Simon Court MP

Officials present from:

Officials Committee for EXP
Office of Hon Chris Bishop
Office of Simon Court MP