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Cabinet Economic Policy Committee

Minute of Decision

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Financial Services Reforms: Further Decisions

Portfolio Commerce and Consumer Affairs

On 13 November 2024, the Cabinet Economic Policy Committee (ECO):

- 1 **noted** that in September 2024, ECO:
 - agreed to key policy changes to consumer credit legislation, financial services conduct regulation, and financial dispute resolution schemes;
 - 1.2 noted that the Minister of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (the Minister) would report back on financial dispute resolution scheme governance arrangements and reporting metrics;
 - 1.3 invited the Minister to report back to seek additional policy decisions; [ECO-24-MIN-0178]
- agreed that powers to make declarations under the Credit Contracts and Consumer Finance Act 2003 (CCCFA) be transferred to the Financial Markets Authority (FMA) with appropriate safeguards;
- agreed that more substantive declarations applying the CCCFA to new forms of credit be made by Parliament through primary legislation;
- **agreed** that the FMA be able to grant exemptions from compliance with particular CCCFA obligations, with appropriate safeguards;
- agreed to amend the Financial Service Providers (Registration and Dispute Resolution) Act 2008 to provide for a regulation-making power to prescribe skills, experience, and independence requirements for financial dispute resolution scheme governance boards;
- **authorised** the Minister to issue drafting instructions to the Parliamentary Counsel Office to give effect to the above decisions.

Rachel Clarke Committee Secretary

Present: (see over)

Present:

Hon David Seymour

Hon Nicola Willis (Chair)

Hon Shane Jones

Hon Simeon Brown

Hon Erica Stanford

Hon Louise Upston

Hon Judith Collins KC

Hon Tama Potaka

Hon Matt Doocey

Hon Melissa Lee

Hon Penny Simmonds

Hon Chris Penk

Hon Nicola Grigg

Hon Andrew Bayly

Hon Andrew Hoggard

Hon Mark Patterson

Officials present from:

Office of the Prime Minister Officials Committee for ECO