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Minister	Hon Shane Jones	Portfolio	Regional Development
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List of documents that have been proactively released

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YES / NO

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Cabinet Economic Policy Committee

Minute of Decision

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Monitoring and Evaluating the Regional Infrastructure Fund

Portfolio **Regional Development**

On 11 December 2024, the Cabinet Economic Policy Committee:

- 1 **noted** that in June 2024, Cabinet noted the Minister for Regional Development (the Minister) would report back to Cabinet before the end of 2024 with a detailed monitoring and evaluation roadmap [CAB-24-MIN-0214];
- 2 **noted** that in May 2024, Cabinet invited the Minister to report back to Cabinet on the Regional Infrastructure Fund's (RIF) progress by the end of 2024 [CAB-23-MIN-0168.02];
- 3 **noted** that since the RIF opened for applications on 1 July 2024, 182 applications have been received and ^Cntide projects worth \$^{Confidential advice to G} million have been approved for funding by the Regional Development Ministerial Group;
- 4 **agreed** to the implementation of the monitoring and evaluation approach outlined in the paper under ECO-24-SUB-0300;
- 5 **noted** that officials have developed, and will operationalise, a detailed Monitoring and Evaluation Framework for the RIF that takes into account lessons-learned from delivery of previous regional development funds, and includes specific performance measures and evaluation milestones;
- 6 **authorised** the Ministers of Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Māori Development, and Minister for Regional Development (RIF Ministers) to make further decisions on the monitoring, evaluation, and reporting of the RIF;
- 7 **noted** that the Minister will report back to Cabinet:
 - 7.1 on any substantive findings from the RIF's formative evaluation which RIF Ministers believe should be considered by Cabinet;
 - 7.2 on the findings of the RIF's impact evaluation;
- 8 **noted** that RIF Ministers will continue to monitor the RIF's progress and outcomes;

- 9 **invited** the Minister to provide RIF Ministers with options for funding ex-post evaluations of RIF projects within existing baselines.

Rachel Clarke
Committee Secretary

Present:

Hon David Seymour
Hon Nicola Willis (Chair)
Hon Shane Jones
Hon Simeon Brown
Hon Paul Goldsmith
Hon Louise Upston
Hon Judith Collins KC
Hon Todd McClay
Hon Tama Potaka
Hon Melissa Lee
Hon Penny Simmonds
Hon Chris Penk
Hon Nicola Grigg
Hon Andrew Bayly
Hon Andrew Hoggard
Hon Mark Patterson
Simon Court MP

Officials present from:

Office of the Prime Minister
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