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Minister	Hon Paul Goldsmith	Portfolio	Media and Communications
Title of Cabinet paper	Review of Radio Spectrum Licence Fees	Date to be published	31 March 2025

List of documents that have been proactively released		
Date	Title	Author
January 2025	Review of Radio Spectrum Licence Fees	Office of the Minister for Media and Communications
29 January 2025	Review of Radio Spectrum Licence Fees ECO-25-MIN-0001 Minute	Cabinet Office

Information redacted

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Cabinet Economic Policy Committee

Minute of Decision

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On 29 January 2025, the Cabinet Economic Policy Committee (ECO):

- 1 **noted** that the Radiocommunications Act 1989 and Radiocommunications Regulations 2001 provide for annual licence fees to be paid by spectrum users;
- 2 **approved** the release of the discussion document *Radio Spectrum licence fee review*, attached under ECO-25-SUB-0001, subject to any minor or technical changes that the Minister for Media and Communications considers necessary;
- 3 **noted** that the Minister for Media and Communications intends to report back to ECO on next steps and any proposed policy Confidential advice to Government
- 4 Confidential advice to Government

Rachel Clarke
Committee Secretary

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Hon Brooke van Velden
Hon Simeon Brown
Hon Erica Stanford
Hon Paul Goldsmith
Hon Louise Upston
Hon Dr Shane Reti
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Hon Simon Watts
Hon Andrew Hoggard
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Hon Mark Patterson
Hon Chris Penk
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Hon Andrew Bayly
Hon James Meager
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