



COVERSHEET

Minister	Hon Erica Stanford	Portfolio	Immigration
Title of Cabinet paper	Immigration Financial Sustainability and System Integrity Amendment Bill	Date to be published	10 April 2025

List of documents that have been proactively released

Date	Title	Author
3 April 2025	Immigration (Fiscal Sustainability and System integrity) Amendment Bill: Approval for Introduction LEG-22-MIN-0044 Minute	Cabinet Office
26 March 2025	Immigration (Fiscal Sustainability and System Integrity) Amendment Bill: Approval for Introduction	Office of the Minister of Immigration
26 March 2025	REQ-0009920 Immigration Amendment Bill: final Cabinet paper and Bill for lodgement	MBIE
24 February 2025	REQ-0009651 Immigration Amendment Bill - draft Cabinet paper and Bill for ministerial consultation	MBIE
12 February 2025	REQ-0008378 Immigration (Fiscal Sustainability and System Integrity) Amendment Bill - drafting decisions	MBIE
21 January 2025	REQ-0007504 Immigration (Fiscal Sustainability and System Integrity) Amendment Bill: Exposure draft feedback	MBIE
18 November 2024	REQ-0005172 Immigration amendment Bill: documents for release for targeted consultation	MBIE
13 November 2024	Immigration Amendment Legislation - Addition to Bill and Planning for Future Reviews ECO-24-MIN-0255 Minute	Cabinet Office
13 November 2024	Immigration Amendment Legislation - Addition to Bill and Planning for Future Reviews	Office of the Minister of Immigration
2 November 2024	REQ-0005823 Cabinet paper for lodgement: Immigration Amendment Legislation - addition to Bill and planning for future reviews	MBIE
24 October 2024	REQ-0005298 Draft Cabinet paper amending the definition of mass arrival	MBIE
8 October 2024	REQ-0004179 Immigration Amendment Bill – Mass Arrivals definition and transitional arrangements proposals	MBIE
20 September 2024	Immigration (Fiscal Sustainability and System Integrity) Amendment Bill: Policy Proposals ECO-24-MIN-0198 Minute	Cabinet Office
12 September 2024	Immigration Financial Sustainability and System Integrity Amendment Bill - policy proposals	Office of the Minister of Immigration
6 September 2024	2425-0891 Immigration Amendment Bill: Cabinet paper for lodgement	MBIE
22 August 2024	2425-0747 Immigration Amendment Bill: draft Cabinet paper for Ministerial consultation	MBIE
13 August 2024	2024-0352 Immigration Amendment Bill: draft Cabinet paper for feedback	MBIE
17 July 2024	2024-0286 Immigration Amendment Bill: update for meeting on 17 July 2024	MBIE

2 July 2024	2324-3802 Fiscal Sustainability Amendment Bill - update and key decisions	MBIE
4 April 2024	2324-2168 Proposed Immigration (Fiscal Sustainability) Amendment Bill: scope and timeframes	MBIE

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BRIEFING

Immigration Amendment Bill: final Cabinet paper and Bill for lodgement

Date:	26 March 2025	Priority:	High
Security classification:	In Confidence	Tracking number:	REQ-0009920

Action sought		
	Action sought	Deadline
Hon Erica Stanford Minister of Immigration	Agree to lodge the attached Cabinet paper seeking agreement to introduce the Immigration (Fiscal Sustainability and Fiscal Sustainability) Amendment Bill	26 March 2025

Contact for telephone discussion (if required)			
Name	Position	Telephone	1st contact
Stacey O'Dowd	Manager, Immigration (Border & Funding) Policy	Privacy of natural persons	✓
Lesley Parker	Principal Advisor, Immigration (Border & Funding) Policy	Privacy of natural persons	

The following departments/agencies have been consulted
The following agencies were consulted on the Cabinet paper and Bill: the Ministries of / for Education, Foreign Affairs and Trade, Health, Justice, Primary Industries (Biosecurity), Regulation, and Transport; the Departments of Corrections, Inland Revenue, Internal Affairs, and Prime Minister and Cabinet; the New Zealand Police, and the Treasury.

Minister's office to complete:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> See Minister's Notes | <input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn |

Comment



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Purpose

To provide you with the final Cabinet paper seeking agreement from the Cabinet Legislation Committee (LEG) to the introduction of the Immigration (Fiscal Sustainability and System Integrity) Amendment Bill (the Bill), for your approval for lodgement.

Recommended action

The Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) recommends that you:

- a. **Note** that we provided you with near-final versions of the LEG paper and Bill on 11 March 2025, and your office subsequently circulated them to interested Ministers for consultation
Noted / Discuss
- b. **Note** that:
 - i. the only feedback received through Ministerial consultation was from the Office of the Minister of Finance, relating to the (future) implementation of the Bill's levy proposals
 - ii. these implementation considerations have been noted by officials, but have not required any changes to the LEG paper itself
Noted / Discuss
- c. **Note** that LEG paper has been updated to:
 - i. (on the basis of legal advice) seek Cabinet's agreement to rescind its earlier invitation to undertake a review of immigration charges in parallel to the passage of the Bill, given that this work is no longer on the immigration work programme for 2025
Noted / Discuss
 - ii. note the change to the definition of out-of-hours
Noted / Discuss
- d. **Approve**, for lodgement by 10am, 27 March 2025, the attached:
 - i. Cabinet paper (**Annex One**)
 - ii. Bill (**Annex Two**)
 - iii. Departmental Disclosure Statement (**Annex Three**)
Agree / Disagree / Discuss
- e. **Note** that a tracked changes version of the Cabinet paper is attached for your reference at **Annex Four**
Noted / Discuss

f. **Note** that talking points are provided in **Annex Five** to support your discussion of the paper at LEG with colleagues

Noted / Discuss

g. **Note** that, on 27 March 2025, officials will provide you with a House pack of materials to support you at the Bill's first reading, which is currently confirmed for 10 April 2025

Noted / Discuss

h. **Note** that a preparation session with officials is planned for 1 April 2025, ahead of the Bill's introduction.

Noted / Discuss



Stacey O'Dowd
**Manager, Immigration Policy
(Border and Funding)**
Labour, Science and Enterprise, MBIE

Hon Erica Stanford
Minister of Immigration

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You have consulted your colleagues on the LEG paper and Bill

1. You recently considered a draft of the LEG paper and Bill, and your office consulted interested Ministers on them.
2. The only feedback received through Ministerial consultation was from the Office of the Minister of Finance, relating to the (future) implementation of the Bill's levy proposals. These implementation considerations have been noted by officials, but have not required any changes to the LEG paper itself.

There have been some updates to the LEG paper

3. The Cabinet paper has been updated to:
 - a. (following Legal advice) seek Cabinet's agreement to rescind its earlier invitation to undertake a review of immigration charges in parallel to the passage of the Bill, given that this work is no longer on the immigration work programme for 2025
 - b. note, at paragraphs 8.6 and 9, changes to amend the definition of out-of-hours in the Bill to 8pm to 7am, which reflect your recent decisions [REQ-0011212 refers].
4. Final versions of the LEG paper and Bill, and the Departmental Disclosure Statement (DDS), are attached at **Annexes One, Two and Three**, respectively. A tracked-changes version of the LEG paper is attached for your reference at **Annex Four**.
5. We have also provided talking points at **Annex Five** to support your conversation at LEG with colleagues.

Next steps

6. We are seeking your feedback (if any) as soon as possible, and your final approval no later than **close of play 26 March 2025**. That will enable them to be lodged with Cabinet Office by 10 am on 27 March 2025, for consideration by LEG on 3 April 2025.
7. We are preparing documentation to both:
 - a. support you, as you lead the Bill through its introduction and first reading, and
 - b. assist interested parties to understand the proposals and contribute meaningfully to the Select Committee's consideration of the Bill.

Material to support you in the House

8. You will receive a draft House Pack on 27 March 2025. The pack will include mandatory and anticipated timeframes, and links to relevant Standing Orders, the legislative statement for first reading, talking points for your first reading speech, back pocket questions and answers, and copies of the relevant Cabinet documents.
9. The accompanying briefing will also seek your agreement to the proactive release (with redactions) of the out-of-hours compliance definition briefing [REQ-0011212 refers] the LEG paper and this briefing [REQ-0009920].
10. You are currently scheduled to meet with us on 1 April 2025, to discuss the Bill and Cabinet paper, the proposals, and identify issues or difficult questions that may be raised by either your colleagues or in parliament.

Key milestones

11. The next set of key milestones for the project is set out in Table One below.

Table One: Key milestones for the Bill

Date	Milestone
Wednesday 26 March 2025	Approval to lodge
Thursday 27 March 2025	Paper, Bill and DDS lodged with Cabinet Office
	House pack (including draft speech notes) provided to Minister
Tuesday 1 April 2025	Meeting with officials: prep session prior to introduction
Thursday 3 April 2025	LEG consideration of paper and Bill
Monday 7 April 2025	Cabinet consideration of paper and Bill
Monday 7 April 2025	Introduction to the House of Representatives
	Proactive release material published on MBIE website
Thursday 10 April 2025	First Reading and referral to Select Committee

Annexes

Annex One: Cabinet paper: Immigration (Fiscal Sustainability and Fiscal Integrity) Amendment Bill: Approval for Introduction

Annex Two: Immigration (Fiscal Sustainability and Fiscal Integrity) Amendment Bill

Annex Three: Departmental Disclosure Statement

Annex Four: Tracked-changes version of the Cabinet paper

Annex Five: Talking points for Cabinet Legislation Committee

Annex One: Cabinet paper: Immigration (Fiscal Sustainability and Fiscal Integrity) Amendment Bill: Approval for Introduction

**Annex Two: Immigration (Fiscal Sustainability and Fiscal Integrity)
Amendment Bill**

Annex Three: Departmental Disclosure Statement

Annex Four: Tracked-changes version of the Cabinet paper

Annex Five: Talking points for Cabinet Legislation Committee

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