



# Cabinet Legislation Committee

## Minute of Decision

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### Human Assisted Reproductive Technology Amendment Order 2021

**Portfolio**                      **Health**

On 8 April 2021, the Cabinet Legislation Committee:

- 1            **noted** that in June 2017, the previous government:
  - 1.1        noted that at present, women who have had ovarian tissue removed are not lawfully able to have it re-implanted in New Zealand;
  - 1.2        noted that the benefits of re-implantation include restoring fertility, disease prevention, and avoiding other complications later in life for women;
  - 1.3        noted the Advisory Committee on Assisted Reproductive Technology has advised that women should routinely be able to have ovarian tissue that has been removed from them re-implanted;
  - 1.4        agreed that the re-implantation of cryopreserved ovarian tissue into the woman from whom it was removed should be declared an established procedure under section 6 of the Human Assisted Reproductive Technology Act 2004;
- [SOC-17-MIN-0072]
- 2            **noted** that the Human Assisted Reproductive Technology Order 2021 gives effect to the decision referred to above;
- 3            **noted** that Section 6 of the Human Assisted Reproductive Technology Act requires that established procedures are made on the recommendation of the Minister given after advice tendered by the Advisory Committee on Assisted Reproductive Technology;
- 4            **noted** the advice of the Minister of Health that this requirement has been met;
- 5            **authorised** the submission to the Executive Council of the Human Assisted Reproductive Technology Amendment Order 2021[PCO 20755/14.0];
- 6            **noted** that the Order will come into force on 17 May 2021.

Gerrard Carter  
Committee Secretary

**Present: (see over)**

**Present:**

Hon Grant Robertson (Chair)  
Hon Andrew Little  
Hon David Parker  
Hon Poto Williams

**Officials present from:**

Office of the Prime Minister  
Officials Committee for LEG

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