



# Cabinet Business Committee

## Minute of Decision

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### Smokefree Environments and Regulated Products (Smoked Tobacco) Amendment Bill: Approval for Introduction

**Portfolio** Associate Health (Hon Dr Ayesha Verrall)

On 13 June 2022, the Cabinet Business Committee:

- 1 **noted** that in December 2021, the Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee agreed to amend the Smokefree Environments and Regulated Products Act 1990 and the Customs and Excise Act 2018 [SWC-21-MIN-0192];
- 2 **noted** that the Smokefree Environments and Regulated Products (Smoked Tobacco) Amendment Bill (the Bill) holds a category 3 priority on the 2022 Legislation Programme (to be passed if possible in the year);
- 3 **noted** that the Bill amends the Smokefree Environments and Regulated Products Act 1990 to further restrict access and availability of smoked tobacco products, and reduce their appeal and addictiveness;
- 4 **approved** the Bill for introduction [PCO 23444/3.13], subject to the final approval of the government caucus and sufficient support in the House of Representatives;
- 5 **agreed** that the Bill be introduced on 23 June 2022;
- 6 **agreed** that the government propose that the Bill be:
  - 6.1 referred to the Health Committee for consideration;
  - 6.2 enacted, if possible, in 2022.

Jenny Vickers  
Committee Secretary

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**Attendance:** (see over)

**Present:**

Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern (Chair)  
Hon Grant Robertson  
Hon Kelvin Davis  
Hon Chris Hipkins  
Hon Carmel Sepuloni  
Hon Andrew Little  
Hon David Parker  
Hon Nanaia Mahuta  
Hon Poto Williams  
Hon Stuart Nash  
Hon Dr Ayesha Verrall

**Officials present from:**

Office of the Prime Minister  
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

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