



Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee

Minute of Decision

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Proposals to Amend the Radiation Safety Regulations 2016: Release of Consultation Document

Portfolio Health

On 9 February 2022, the Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee:

- 1 **noted** that the fees set out in the Radiation Safety Regulations 2016 (the Regulations) require amending to achieve full cost recovery in administering the Radiation Safety Act 2016 (the Act);
- 2 **noted** that the current fees level is creating an increasing negative memorandum account balance (shortfall in fees taken against costs) in administering the Act;
- 3 **noted** that the draft consultation document attached under SWC-22-SUB-0001 (the consultation document) has been prepared for public consultation on proposed new fees to achieve full cost recovery and to decrease the negative memorandum account balance to zero over eight years;
- 4 **noted** that the consultation document also contains proposals to amend the Regulations to:
 - 4.1 align the existing refund provisions with the new fees and the principles of cost recovery;
 - 4.2 as far as possible, set out the existing provisions on determining the source licence fees payable in table format to make the Regulations easier to use;
 - 4.3 partially remove an existing exemption for very low risk irradiating apparatuses;
 - 4.4 better align compliance monitoring categories and inspection periods with the radiation risks that need to be managed;
 - 4.5 adjust the scope of some existing activities that can be performed without the need to obtain a licence to use radiation sources;
- 5 **noted** that section 92(4) of the Act requires the Minister of Health to consult on changes to the fees and to give potential submitters sufficient time and information to make an informed contribution;
- 6 **noted** that the Ministry of Health (the Ministry) intends to publish the consultation document on its website for a six-week consultation period;

- 7 **noted** that the PricewaterhouseCoopers New Zealand report on the method used to calculate the proposed fees, also attached under SWC-22-SUB-0001, will be available alongside the consultation document for the inspection of potential submitters;
- 8 **noted** that the Ministry will inform the people who pay fees under the Act, other users of radiation sources, professional registration bodies and occupational representative organisations when the consultation is open;
- 9 **approved** the release of the consultation document, titled *Review of Radiation Safety Regulations 2016*, subject to any minor or technical amendments required.

Rachel Clarke
Committee Secretary

Present:

Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern
Hon Grant Robertson
Hon Kelvin Davis
Hon Dr Megan Woods
Hon Carmel Sepuloni (Chair)
Hon Andrew Little
Hon Poto Williams
Hon Kris Faafoi
Hon Peeni Henare
Hon Willie Jackson
Hon Jan Tinetti
Hon Dr Ayesha Verrall
Hon Aupito William Sio
Hon Meka Whaitiri
Hon Priyanca Radhakrishnan

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Officials Committee for SWC

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