

Briefing

Draft LEG paper: Misuse of Drugs (Pseudoephedrine) Amendment Bill 2024

Date due to MO: 8 February 2024 **Action required by:** 8 February 2024

Security level: IN CONFIDENCE **Health Report number:** H2024035134

To: Hon David Seymour, Associate Minister of Health

Copy to: Hon Dr Shane Reti, Minister of Health

Consulted: Health New Zealand: Māori Health Authority:

Appendices:

1. Draft LEG paper
2. Misuse of Drugs (Pseudoephedrine) Amendment Bill 2024
3. Medicines (Pseudoephedrine) Amendment Regulations 2024

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Minister's office to complete:

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Purpose of report

1. This briefing provides you with a draft Cabinet Legislation Committee (LEG) paper seeking approval to introduce to Parliament the Misuse of Drugs (Pseudoephedrine) Amendment Bill 2024. It also recommends the Cabinet Legislation Committee authorise the submission to the Executive Council of the Medicines (Pseudoephedrine) Amendment Regulations 2024.

Background

2. The Government's 100-day plan includes a commitment to "allow the sale of cold medication containing pseudoephedrine" [CAB-23-MIN-0468 refers]. In January 2024, Cabinet agreed to proposed legislative changes needed to fulfil the commitment [CAB-24-MIN-0002 refers].

Next steps

3. The final version of the attached Cabinet paper will need to be lodged by **10am on 8 February 2024** to be considered by the Cabinet Legislation Committee on 15 February 2024.

Recommendations

We recommend you:

- a) **Agree** to lodge the LEG paper with the Cabinet Office by 10am, 8 February 2024 **Yes/No**



Maree Roberts

**Deputy Director-General
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Date: 7 February 2024

Hon David Seymour

Associate Minister of Health

Date:

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