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Details of meeting: 20 March 2024

Purpose of meeting/proposal: To discuss regulatory reform for medicines and other health products, in the context of repeal of the Therapeutic Products Act 2023 (the TPA), and Minister Seymour's medicines-related delegations, which include Medsafe, Pharmac and the Medicines Strategy.

- Comment:**
- On 4 March 2024, you took a paper to Cabinet on progressing work to repeal the TPA and modernising regulation of health products [CAB-24-SUB-0065].
 - Cabinet agreed that a revised paper would be submitted to the Social Outcomes Committee for consideration, [CAB-24-MIN-0065].
 - s 9(2)(f)(iv) [REDACTED]
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We have provided you with a revised Cabinet paper [H2024037132].
 - s 9(2)(f)(iv) [REDACTED]
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 - This meeting can inform the final content of the revised Cabinet paper and future papers. For example, you could explore the proposed November 2024 report-back on future health products policy being a joint paper with Minister Seymour.



Maree Roberts

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Strategy, Policy and Legislation

Talking points on the future of health products regulation

All government parties are committed to repealing the Therapeutic Products Act

- New Zealand First has been very clear that the Therapeutic Products Act (the TPA) will be repealed. Repealing the TPA is a commitment in both coalition agreements.
- I understand Cabinet's desire to introduce legislation to repeal the TPA as soon as possible.
- I will take a Cabinet paper to the Social Outcomes Committee on 10 April 2024 seeking authorisation to issue drafting instructions for a bill to repeal the TPA. If Cabinet agrees, this bill would be introduced to Parliament this year.

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