

# Briefing

## Draft Cabinet paper seeking agreement to the Government Policy Statement on Health 2024-2027

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## Purpose of report

1. This briefing provides you with a near-final version of the Government Policy Statement 2024-2027 (GPS) that reflects your recent feedback, and a draft Cabinet paper that seeks agreement to the GPS to support Ministerial and coalition consultation.

## Key points

1. The Cabinet paper presents health system targets agreed to by Cabinet, and milestones to enable the delivery of effective and quality care for New Zealanders.
2. We have refined the GPS in response to your feedback. We have focused on your priority areas and content relating to the health system targets.
3. We previously recommended and sought your agreement to include the System Monitoring Framework (including health target milestones), for the health system in the GPS [H2024039100 refers]. The draft high-level content in Annex 3 will be included in the published GPS to provide this information. This provides an important definition of how the Government's priorities will be measured and tracked over time and indicates the basis of how success will be assessed.
4. Please note that the GPS annexed to this cover briefing will now be proof-read and initial layout and design work is underway. We will engage with your office around supplementary materials required for publication.

## Recommendations

We recommend you:

- a) **Note** that we have provided an updated version of the GPS and an accompanying Cabinet paper for Ministerial and coalition consultation, which we recommend takes place from 6 – 17 May 2024.
- b) **Note** that in addition to responding to your comments the updated version of the GPS includes the Strategic Monitoring Framework (Annex 3) in the GPS

- g) **Note** that following Ministerial and coalition consultation we will provide you with final copies of the GPS and Cabinet paper to be lodged for consideration by Cabinet Social Outcomes Committee on 26 May 2024.



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Date: 2 May 2024

Hon Dr Shane Reti  
**Minister of Health**  
Date:

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## Context

1. On 19 April 2024 we provided you with a revised version of the draft GPS responding to feedback from the targeted engagement process [H2024039100 refers]. Your office indicated that you were broadly comfortable with this draft and provided some specific feedback from you, including noting that revenue and expenditure will be expected to be maintained and monitored by HNZ within their respective budget appropriations.
2. We have provided an updated version of the GPS which addresses your comments, and also includes the Strategic Monitoring Framework, which ensures the GPS remains focused on the high-level priorities and expectations for the health system.
3. We have also developed a draft Cabinet paper that you can use to signal your priorities for the health system to your colleagues and seek Cabinet approval of the GPS. The paper also seeks Cabinet agreement to the milestones for the health and mental health targets over the three-year period of the GPS. As these milestones and mental health targets are still being confirmed with you and the Minister for Mental Health the paper currently includes placeholders for these to be added.

## Ministerial and coalition consultation

4. The next step is for your office to circulate the draft Cabinet paper and draft GPS for Ministerial and coalition consultation. We recommend that this consultation should include sharing these documents with the following Ministers:

Minister	Relevant portfolios
Hon Matt Doocey	Minister for Mental Health, Minister for ACC, Minister for Youth
Hon David Seymour	Associate Minister of Health
Hon Casey Costello	Associate Minister of Health
Hon Erica Stanford	Minister of Education
Hon Louise Upston	Minister for Social Development and Employment, Minister for Disability Issues
Hon Chris Bishop	Minister of Housing
Hon Nicola Willis	Minister of Finance
Hon Mark Patterson	Minister for Rural Communities

## Financial Implications

5. Our previous advice [H2024039100 refers] noted that HNZ had raised concerns about the affordability of the draft GPS. We have provided them with the updated GPS and asked them to provide us with details of any specific expectations where they continue to have concerns. If any concerns are raised, we will work with them to understand any reprioritisation decisions that they will need to make to give effect to the GPS through the NZHP.
6. For the draft Cabinet paper, we have included a financial implications section that sets out that the GPS will be given effect within agreed funding parameters, and notes the NZHP will provide a costed plan to achieve this. The section also signals that you may consider Budget 2025 and Budget 2026 initiatives to better support the scale or pace of change for some expectations, but that it is your expectation that out-of-cycle funding will not be sought.

## Next steps

7. Following feedback from Ministerial and coalition consultation we will provide you with a final version of the Cabinet paper and a 'final content' version of the GPS to be lodged on 23 May for consideration at Cabinet Social Outcomes Committee on 29 May.
8. Following approval by Cabinet we will work with your office to produce a publishable version of the GPS which can be released in June.
9. ENDS.

## Minister's Notes