

Briefing

Government Policy Statement on Health 2024–2027 and Cabinet paper for Cabinet consideration

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Minister's office to complete:

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To: Hon Dr Shane Reti

Purpose of report

1. This briefing provides you with:
 - i. A final Cabinet paper seeking approval of the Government Policy Statement on Health 2024–2027 (attached as **Appendix 1**), and
 - ii. A final content version of the Government Policy Statement on Health 2024–2027 (attached as **Appendix 2**).
2. These can be lodged with Cabinet Office by 10am on 16 May for consideration at Cabinet Social Outcomes Committee (SOU) on 27 May.

We have completed agency consultation on the draft Cabinet paper

3. On 2 May 2024, we provided your office with a near-final version of the Government Policy Statement on Health 2024–2027 (GPS) and a draft Cabinet paper for Ministerial and coalition consultation.
4. The wider agency consultation on the draft Cabinet paper concluded on 10 May 2024. The agencies we sought feedback from are listed at **Appendix 3**.
5. We received feedback from the Accident Compensation Corporation (ACC), Ministry for Pacific Peoples, Ministry for Ethnic Communities, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Social Development, Ministry of Disabled People, Oranga Tamariki, the Treasury, Ministry of Housing and Urban Development and Ministry for Primary Industries.
6. We have made some minor changes to the Cabinet paper and the GPS in response to feedback from these agencies.
7. Overall, the feedback received from agencies can be summarised as:
 - i. Strong support for references to cross-government collaboration, with a number of agencies wanting to see the Cabinet paper directly reference particular population groups or specific areas of work more prominently.
 - ii. A desire to see more discussion on addressing the wider determinants of health and prevention in the Cabinet paper.

- iii. A desire to see strengthened references to equity, Te Tiriti and priorities for Māori in the Cabinet paper.
8. We have responded to the feedback by making a small number of minor wording changes to the Cabinet paper where we think they align with its purpose and messaging. We consider that the Cabinet paper is set at the appropriate level and have opted to not add some specific details sought by other agencies.
9. We have also removed some content from the Cabinet paper that sought Cabinet agreement to milestones for the health and mental health targets as these have not been confirmed yet. The paper now notes that these will be added at a later date when you and the Minister for Mental Health confirm them with officials.
10. We have included the five mental health and addiction targets in the Cabinet paper and in the GPS. The Minister for Mental Health will socialise with Cabinet that he will be setting clear performance expectations for the health system through the inclusion of these targets as key measures within the GPS [H2024041343 refers].
11. We generally have not made changes in response to further feedback on the GPS, noting that a number of the points were raised by agencies when they reviewed the GPS previously and were considered then. Some amendments have been made to ensure that population groups are referenced in the relevant parts of the document along with some other corrections.
12. However, in response to further feedback from Ministry for Ethnic Communities, we have made additional references to meeting the health needs of diverse ethnic communities within the GPS.
13. We received feedback from the Treasury that the measures for the Health System Monitoring Framework could be improved by better structuring what is an indicator, a measure, and a performance expectation. We have made improvements in Technical Appendix 1 of the GPS. We have also changed the structure of the document so that all measures are listed in Technical Appendix 1 and not throughout the GPS itself. We are conducting some targeted engagement with the Treasury and Health New Zealand on these refinements. We consider any change will be minor and have therefore added a recommendation to the Cabinet paper which would give you authority to make these minor changes alongside others to the GPS prior to publication.
14. No feedback was received on the Cabinet paper for GPS as a result of ministerial consultation.

Next steps

15. If you agree, we will work with your office to arrange to lodge the Cabinet paper by 10am on 16 May, for consideration at Cabinet Social Outcomes Committee on 27 May.
16. We will provide you with material including talking points to support your discussion at Cabinet.

Recommendations

We recommend you:

- a) **Note** that we have incorporated feedback from the agency consultation into the Cabinet paper and the Government Policy Statement on Health 2024–2027
- b) **Agree** that your Office will lodge the Cabinet paper on 16 May 2024 to be considered by the Social Outcomes Committee on 22 May 2024 and Cabinet on 27 May 2024. **Yes/No**



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Date: 15 May 2024

Hon Dr Shane Reti
Minister of Health
Date:

Appendix 1: Draft Cabinet paper on the draft Government Policy Statement on Health 2024–2027

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Appendix 2: Draft Government Policy Statement on Health 2024-2027

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Appendix 3: Agencies consulted on the draft Cabinet paper

1. Accident Compensation Corporation (ACC)
2. Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment
3. Ministry for Ethnic Communities
4. Ministry for Pacific Peoples
5. Te Puni Kōkiri
6. Ministry of Education
7. Tertiary Education Commission
8. Ministry of Social Development
9. Ministry of Disabled People
10. Oranga Tamariki
11. The New Zealand Police
12. Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet
13. The Treasury
14. Ministry of Justice
15. Ministry of Housing and Urban Development
16. Ministry for Women
17. Department of Corrections
18. Ministry for Primary Industries

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Minister's Notes

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