

Hon Matt Doocey

Minister for ACC
Minister for Mental Health
Minister for Tourism and Hospitality
Minister for Youth
Associate Minister of Health
Associate Minister of Transport



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Hon Chris Bishop
Associate Minister of Finance
Parliament Buildings
Wellington

Dear Minister

Re: Levies for alcohol related purposes 2025/26

I write seeking your concurrence to the proposed aggregate expenditure for the alcohol levy for 2025/26 as required by Schedule 6 of the Pae Ora (Healthy Futures) Act 2022. Based on advice from the Ministry of Health and the assessment of 2024/25 alcohol levy spending that was provided to us in February 2025, I recommend an aggregate expenditure of \$16.62 million.

This figure is the same as in 2024/25. It will ensure continuity of existing service delivery and a continued focus on Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) and implementation of the FASD Strategic Action Plan, while also providing consolidation and more targeted focus within alcohol harm prevention efforts.

Following your agreement to the aggregate levy figure, the Ministry of Health will complete calculations with the Customs Service for each class of alcohol. I intend to seek agreement from the Cabinet Legislation Committee to the levy figures for 2025/26 on June 2025.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Matt Doocey'.

Hon Matt Doocey
Minister for Mental Health
Associate Minister of Health