



Cabinet Social Outcomes Committee

Minute of Decision

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Extending the Current Regulation of Xenotransplantation Procedures

Portfolio **Health**

On 14 May 2025, the Cabinet Social Outcomes Committee:

- 1 **noted** that Part 7A of the Medicines Act 1981 (the Act) prohibits medical procedures that involve the insertion or injection of ‘living biological material’ derived from an animal, known as xenotransplantation, without the authorisation of the Minister of Health;
- 2 **noted** that Part 7A will expire on 30 September 2025 unless extended;
- 3 **noted** that if Part 7A expires, there will be no monitoring or regulatory oversight to protect patients from experimental medical procedures using living biological material;
- 4 **agreed** to extend the expiry date of Part 7A of the Act, until 30 September 2030;
- 5 **authorised** the Minister of Health to issue drafting instructions to the Parliamentary Counsel Office to give effect to the decisions under SOU-25-MIN-0055 via Order in Council;
- 6 **noted** that the Medical Products Bill is the Government’s long-term solution to adopt more appropriate regulations for xenotransplantation.

Jenny Vickers
Committee Secretary

Present:

Rt Hon Winston Peters
Hon David Seymour
Hon Nicola Willis
Hon Chris Bishop
Hon Simeon Brown
Hon Erica Stanford
Hon Paul Goldsmith
Hon Louise Upston (Chair)
Hon Judith Collins
Hon Dr Shane Ret
Hon Mark Mitchell
Hon Nicole McKee
Hon Casey Costello
Hon Simon Watts
Hon Penny Simmonds
Hon Nicola Grigg
Hon Scott Simpson

Officials present from:

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Office of the Attorney-General