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Adopting the Pae Ora (Healthy Futures) (3 Day Postnatal Stay) Amendment Bill as a Government Bill

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To: Hon Simeon Brown, Minister of Health
Hon Casey Costello, Associate Minister of Health

Consulted: Health New Zealand:

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Purpose of Meeting Seeking approval to adopt the Pae Ora (Healthy Futures) (3 Day Postnatal Stay) Amendment Bill as a Government Bill.

Details of Meeting **Date:** Wednesday 17 September 2025
Time: 10.30am
Venue: Cabinet Committee Room

Ministry representatives Ruth Isaac, Deputy Director-General Strategy and Policy
Caleb Johnstone, Group Manager Strategy

Cabinet Committee: Cabinet Social Outcomes Committee (SOU)

Comment/ Summary:

- You are jointly taking a Cabinet paper to SOU seeking approval to adopt the 3 Day Postnatal Stay Amendment Bill as a Government Bill.
- The Bill is currently a Member's Bill standing in the name of Catherine Wedd, Member for Tukituki, National Party.
- The Bill proposes to establish a statutory entitlement allowing women who have given birth to elect to receive inpatient postnatal care for up to 72 hours, if desired.
- The Health Select Committee has reviewed submissions on the Bill with general support for the Bill's intent. They recommended that the Bill be progressed without amendment.

Talking points for Cabinet Social Outcomes Committee

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