



Cabinet Appointments and Honours Committee

Minute of Decision

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Health New Zealand: Priority Governance Appointments

Portfolio Health

On 24 June 2025, the Cabinet Appointments and Honours Committee (APH):

1 **noted** that the Minister of Health (the Minister) intends to reestablish the Board of Health New Zealand (the Board) from 24 July 2025 and appoint the following:

- 1.1 Lester LEVY as Chair, for a 12-month term;
- 1.2 Dr Andrew CONNOLLY as Deputy Chair, for a three-year term;
- 1.3 Roger JARROLD as a member, for a 12-month term;
- 1.4 Dr Frances HUGHES as a member, for a three-year term;
- 1.5 Joanne (Parekawhia) McLEAN as a member, for a three-year term;
- 1.6 Peter McCARDLE as a member, for a two-year term;
- 1.7 Terry MOORE as a member, for a two-year term;

2 s 9(2)(f)(iv)

3 **noted** that the Minister intends to appoint Hamiora BOWKETT as a Crown observer to the Board, for a three-year term commencing on 24 July 2025;

4 **noted** that the Minister intends to establish the Ministerial Committee for Health Infrastructure and appoint the following:

- 4.1 Dr Margaret WILSHER as Chair, for a term commencing on 1 July 2025 and expiring on 30 March 2026;
- 4.2 Mark BINNS as a member, for a term commencing on 1 July 2025 and expiring on 30 March 2026;
- 4.3 James CHRISTMAS as a member, for a term commencing on 1 July 2025 and expiring on 30 March 2026;

- 4.4 Sarah SINCLAIR as a member, for a term commencing on 1 July 2025 and expiring on 30 March 2026;
- 4.5 Evan DAVIES as a member, for a term commencing on 1 July 2025 and expiring on 30 March 2026;
- 4.6 Roger JARROLD as a member, for a term commencing on 24 July 2025 and expiring on 30 March 2026;
- 5 **noted** that the Minister has consulted the Minister for the Public Service and her feedback has informed the proposals outlined in the paper under APH-25-SUB-0110 regarding fees for the Board;
- 6 **agreed** that the fees for the Board are as follows for 1 July 2025 to 31 December 2026:
- 6.1 Chair: \$2,500 per day for a maximum of 130 days per annum, with a further 50 days held in contingency;
- 6.2 Deputy Chair: \$2,000 per day for a maximum of 100 days per annum, with a further 50 days held in contingency;
- 6.3 members: \$1,750 per day for a maximum of 80 days per annum, with a further 30 days held in contingency;
- 7 **agreed** that the fees for the Crown observer of the Board (Crown observer) be \$1,750 per day for a maximum of 80 days per annum, with a further 30 days held in contingency;
- 8 **noted** that fees for the Ministerial Committee for Health Infrastructure will be set at \$1,265 per day for the Chair, and \$952 per day for members, in accordance with the Cabinet Fees Framework;
- 9 **noted** that, subject to legislative amendments to the Pae Ora (Healthy Futures Act) 2022, s 9(2)(f)(iv)
- 10 **noted** that the Crown observer will support monitoring of Health New Zealand to ensure key Government health priorities are met;
- 11 **noted** that, subject to legislative amendments to the Pae Ora (Healthy Futures Act) 2022, the Director-General of Health, or their nominee, will attend Board meetings, s 9(2)(f)(iv)
- 12 **noted** that Health New Zealand will report quarterly to the Ministry of Health on days claimed by each member of the Board;
- 13 **noted** that a review of the necessary time requirements and fees for the Board will be undertaken in late 2026 to inform the fees for 2027 and out years;
- 14 **noted** that the Minister intends to establish a Primary Care Advisory Group to provide him with specialist primary care advice as the Government progresses a primary care work programme, as outlined in the Health Delivery Plan;

15 **noted** that the Minister intends to report back to APH in due course with proposed appointments to the Primary Care Advisory Group.

Rachel Clarke
Committee Secretary

Present:

Hon David Seymour (Chair)
Rt Hon Winston Peters
Hon Simeon Brown
Hon Shane Jones
Hon Erica Stanford
Hon Judith Collins KC
Hon Tama Potaka
Hon Nicole McKee
Hon Karen Chhour

Officials present from:

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