



# Cabinet Economic Policy Committee

## Minute of Decision

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### Health Digital Investment Plan to Put Patients First

**Portfolio**                      **Health**

On 22 October 2025, the Cabinet Economic Policy Committee:

- 1        **noted** that in March 2025, the Cabinet Expenditure and Regulatory Review Committee invited the Minister of Health to present the Health Digital Investment Plan to Cabinet by the end of 2025 [EXP-25-MIN-0008], as part of the Government's focus on putting patients first;
- 2        **noted** that the Health Digital Investment Plan is a key component of Health New Zealand's 10-year capital investment plan, which is currently under development and will cover built and digital infrastructure and health technologies;
- 3        **noted** that publication of the Health Digital Investment Plan is an action in the Government's Quarter 4 Action Plan [CAB-25-MIN-0339];
- 4        **noted** that the agreement in principle to the Health Digital Investment Plan in paragraph 5 below is not an agreement to fund the proposed investments, which will be subject to separate Cabinet approval of business cases and Budget processes;
- 5        **agreed** in principle to the Health Digital Investment Plan, attached as Appendix 1 under ECO-25-SUB-0175, with the commitment of all funds being subject to relevant business case approval and internal and external Budget decisions;
- 6        **approved** the publication of the Health Digital Investment Plan;
- 7        **authorised** the Minister of Health to make further editorial changes to the Health Digital Investment Plan as required prior to publishing;
- 8        **noted** that Health New Zealand will provide an implementation plan for approval to the Minister of Health in early 2026;
- 9        **noted** that Health New Zealand will establish a Centre for Digital Modernisation of Health to support the implementation of the Health Digital Investment Plan, including consideration of potential private funding approaches;
- 10       **noted** that appropriate assurance processes will be put in place to support the delivery of the Health Digital Investment Plan;

11 **noted** that it is Cabinet's expectation that an independent Chair be appointed to the Board of the Centre for Digital Modernisation of Health, to provide strong governance and oversight.

Rachel Clarke  
Committee Secretary

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**Present:**

Hon David Seymour  
Hon Chris Bishop (Chair)  
Hon Simeon Brown  
Hon Brooke van Velden  
Hon Paul Goldsmith  
Hon Louise Upston  
Hon Dr Shane Reti  
Hon Todd McClay  
Hon Tama Potaka  
Hon Penny Simmonds  
Hon Nicola Grigg  
Hon Mark Patterson  
Hon James Meager  
Hon Scott Simpson  
Simon Court MP

**Officials present from:**

Office of the Prime Minister  
Office of Hon Chris Bishop  
Officials Committee for ECO

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