



Cabinet Legislation Committee

Minute of Decision

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Medicines Amendment Bill: Approval of Amendment Paper

Portfolio **Health**

On 23 October 2025, the Cabinet Legislation Committee:

- 1 **noted** that the Medicines Amendment Bill (the Bill) holds a category 3 priority on the 2025 Legislation Programme (a priority to be passed by the end of 2025);
- 2 **noted** that Cabinet has already agreed that the Medicines Act 1981 restrictions on the ownership of community pharmacies will not be continued in the Bill [SOU-25-MIN-0101];
- 3 **noted** that the Minister of Health has agreed to progress an amendment to remove the restriction prohibiting a prescriber from holding an interest in a pharmacy;
- 4 **noted** that the Amendment Paper attached under LEG-25-SUB-0212 gives effect to the decisions in paragraphs 2 and 3 above, and combines with the previously agreed Amendment Paper for removal of the prohibition of advertising unapproved medicines at medical conferences and trade shows [LEG-25-MIN-0154];
- 5 **approved** the Amendment Paper to the Medicines Amendment Bill [PCO 26866-1/1.5] for release prior to the Committee of the whole House stage.

Tom Kelly
Committee Secretary

Present:

Hon Paul Goldsmith
Hon Louise Upston (Chair)
Hon Tama Potaka
Hon Nicole McKee
Hon Casey Costello
Hon James Meager
Todd Stephenson, MP
Jamie Arbuckle, MP

Officials present from:

Officials Committee for LEG