



# Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee

## Minute of Decision

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### Progress on Achieving Smokefree 2025 and the Government's Response to the Report of the Māori Affairs and Health Committees

**Portfolio** Associate Health (Hon Jenny Salesa)

On 20 March 2019, the Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee:

- 1 **noted** that on 11 December 2018, the Māori Affairs and Health Committees (the Select Committees) presented their report to the House entitled *Briefing on achieving the Smokefree 2025 goal for New Zealand*;
- 2 **noted** that the Select Committees recommended:
  - 2.1 that the Ministry of Health (the Ministry) collect data on smoking-related deaths by ethnicity;
  - 2.2 that legislation be enacted to recognise and regulate vaping and e-cigarettes as a pathway to help smokers to quit;
  - 2.3 that the Ministry explore the expansion of subsidised nicotine replacement therapy products, based on evidence;
  - 2.4 that the government review the effectiveness of the smoking cessation programmes that are provided in prisons;
  - 2.5 that the government explore the best ways to reduce smoking in cars carrying children;
  - 2.6 that, as part of its action plan to achieve the Smokefree 2025 target, the government re-examine and prioritise the uncompleted recommendations from the 2010 Māori Affairs Committee inquiry, giving the highest priority to implementing those recommendations that will most help to reduce smoking levels to less than 5 percent by 2025;
- 3 **noted** that the government response, attached to the submission under SWC-19-SUB-0022, is supportive of the Select Committees' recommendations;

- 4 **invited** the Associate Minister of Health (Hon Jenny Salesa) (the Associate Minister) to report back to the Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee in October 2019 with a draft action plan for Smokefree 2025, which will be informed by the review of the recommendations of the 2010 Māori Affairs Committee as well as further options towards Smokefree 2025, including:
- 4.1 regulating the supply of tobacco products;
- 4.2 regulating the cons of tobacco products;
- 5 **noted** that in October 2019, the Associate Minister will also seek Cabinet's agreement to public consultation on the draft action plan for Smokefree 2025;
- 6 **approved** the government response to the Report of the Māori Affairs and Health Committees titled *Briefing on achieving the Smokefree 2025 goal for New Zealand*, subject to any minor or editorial changes that the Associate Minister considers appropriate;
- 7 **noted** that the government response must be presented to the House by 29 March 2019;
- 8 **invited** the Associate Minister to present the government response to the House in accordance with Standing Order 252.

Jenny Vickers  
Committee Secretary

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**Present:**

Hon Kelvin Davis  
Hon Grant Robertson  
Hon Phil Twyford  
Hon Chris Hipkins  
Hon Andrew Little  
Hon Dr David Clark  
Hon Nanaia Mahuta  
Hon Stuart Nash  
Hon Jenny Salesa  
Hon Damien O'Connor  
Hon Tracey Martin (Chair)  
Hon Peeni Henare  
Hon Willie Jackson  
Hon Aupito William Sio  
Hon Julie Anne Genter

**Officials present from:**

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Office of the Chair of SWC  
Officials committee for SWC

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Associate Minister of Health (Hon Jenny Salesa)