National Bowel Screening Programme: Progress to Date and Extension of Capital Contingency

Portfolio Health

On 20 December 2017, the Cabinet Business Committee, having been authorised by Cabinet to have Power to Act [CAB-17-MIN-0565]:

1 noted the progress to date on the implementation of the National Bowel Screening Programme, as detailed in the paper under CBC-17-SUB-0081;

2 noted the revised approach and extended timeframe for roll-out of the National Bowel Screening Programme planned for 2020/21, included as Appendix One to the submission under CBC-17-SUB-0081, and that:
   2.1 the timeframe shows a delay of at least a year from the previously envisaged timeframes due to the failure of the previous government to plan adequately for the complexity of implementation with its inter-related components;
   2.2 the phased roll-out enables careful management to deliver a clinically safe, equitable, effective and high quality screening programme;

3 noted the timetable for the implementation of the National Screening IT solution will be provided in the technology Business Case in June 2018 along with any contingent changes to the operational delivery;

4 directed officials to provide a progress update report on the National Bowel Screening Programme in June 2018, including restated programme timeframes and cost and benefit profiles, to align with the submission of the National Screening IT solution Business Case;

5 noted that capital funding for the development of a National Bowel Screening Programme IT solution was placed in contingency in Budget 2016, subject to Cabinet approval of the Business Case for the National Screening IT solution;

6 noted the contingency expires on 1 February 2018;

7 agreed to extend the expiry date of the National Bowel Screening Programme contingency to 31 December 2018;
noted that the phasing of the funding for the project is expected to be as follows:

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noted that a drawdown of $2 million is sought to meet the anticipated costs for the discovery and solution design phase of the project, prior to submission of the National Screening IT solution business case, in order to complete the discovery and solution design phase;

agreed to the drawdown of $2 million in the 2017/18 financial year as a charge against the National Bowel Screening capital contingency;

approved the following capital injection to the Ministry of Health to give effect to the decision in recommendation 10 above, with a corresponding impact on debt:

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agreed that the capital injection for 2017/18 above be included in the 2017/18 Supplementary Estimates and that, in the interim, the capital injection be met from Imprest Supply;

noted that the nature of the anticipated costs for the discovery and solution design phase of the project agreed to in paragraph 11 above may result in some costs being treated as operating expense in accordance with generally accepted accounting practice and may require a funding swap from capital to operating expense funding.

Jenny Vickers
Committee Secretary

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Rt Hon Winston Peters
Hon Kelvin Davis
Hon Grant Robertson
Hon Phil Twyford
Hon Dr Megan Woods
Hon Chris Hipkins
Hon Carmel Sepuloni
Hon David Parker
Hon Iain Lees-Galloway
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