National Bowel Screening Programme Progress

On 22 March 2017, the Cabinet Committee on State Sector Reform and Expenditure Control:

1 noted that in August 2016, the Cabinet Social Policy Committee (SOC) approved the National Bowel Screening Programme (the Programme) Business Case [SOC-16-MIN-0108];

2 noted that in February 2017, SOC agreed to extend until 1 February 2018 the contingency established in Budget 2016 for the capital component of the Programme [SOC-17-MIN-0003];

3 noted the Programme progress to date:
   3.1 Hutt Valley and Wairarapa District Health Boards (DHB) will commence bowel screening in July 2017;
   3.2 Waitemata DHB will transition from pilot to national programme by end December 2017;
   3.3 establishment of a National Coordination Centre is progressing;
   3.4 four regional centres, Counties Manukau DHB and Southern DHB to be operational in second half of the 2017/18 financial year;

4 noted the complexity of the Programme implementation due to the number of inter-related components which is being managed through the phased roll-out to deliver a clinically safe, equitable, effective and high quality screening programme;

5 noted the revised roll-out approach and timing of the Programme as outlined in the paper attached to SEC-17-SUB-0016, with completion still planned for the 2019/20 financial year;

6 noted the timetable for the implementation of the national IT solution will be provided in the technology business case in November 2017 along with any contingent changes to the operational delivery;

7 noted that a progress update report on the National Bowel Screening Programme will be provided in November 2017 to align with the submission of the National IT business case;
8 noted the support the Ministry of Health has received from The Treasury, the Government Chief Information Office and the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment;

9 noted that the submission under SEC-17-SUB-0016 will be proactively released in due course, subject to any material being withheld as necessary as if a request for release had been made under the Official Information Act 1982.

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Present:
Hon Paula Bennett
Hon Steven Joyce (Chair)
Hon Amy Adams
Hon Dr Jonathan Coleman
Hon Michael Woodhouse
Hon Anne Tolley
Hon David Bennett
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