



Cabinet Legislation Committee

Minute of Decision

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COVID-19 Response Legislation Bill - Policy Approvals

Portfolio **Leader of the House**

On 23 September 2021, the Cabinet Legislation Committee:

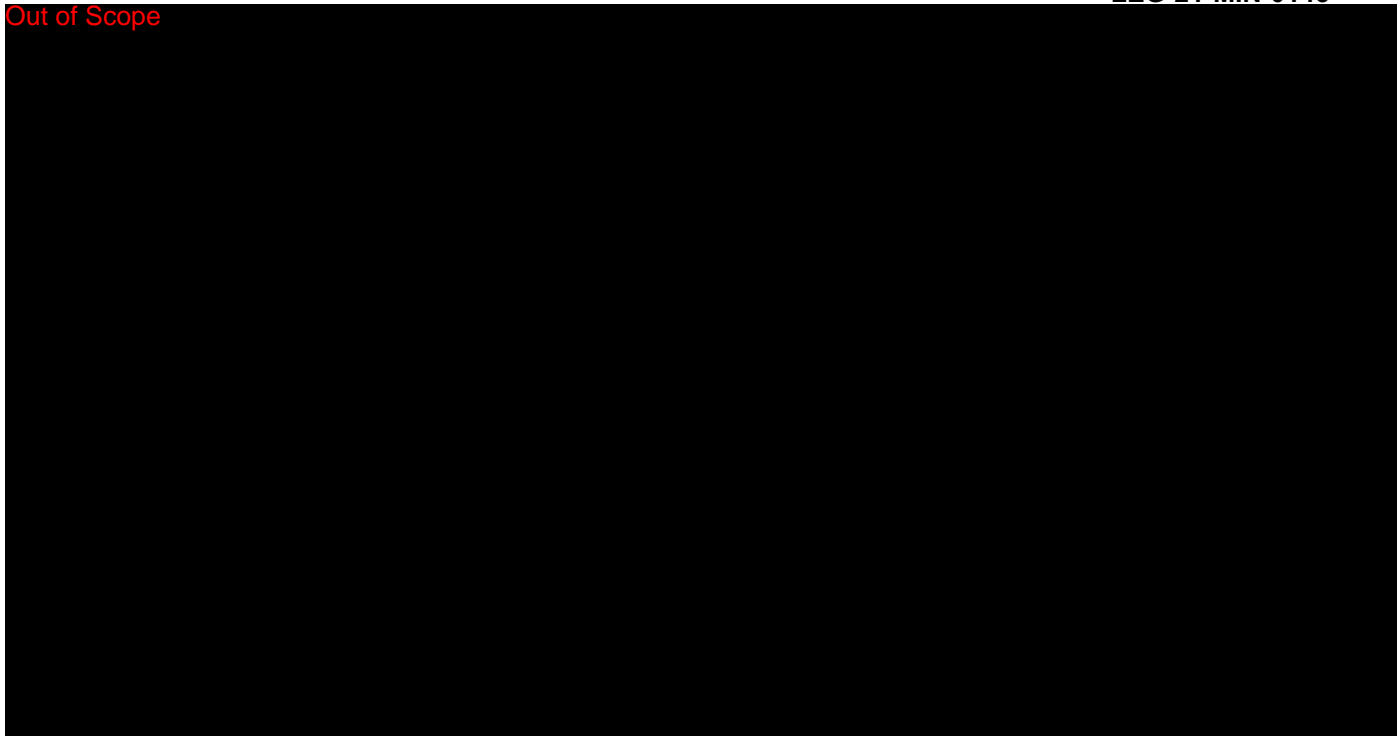
- 1 **noted** that the COVID-19 Response Legislation Bill (the Bill) is not part of the 2021 Legislation Programme [CAB-MIN-21-0144];

Amendments to principal Acts

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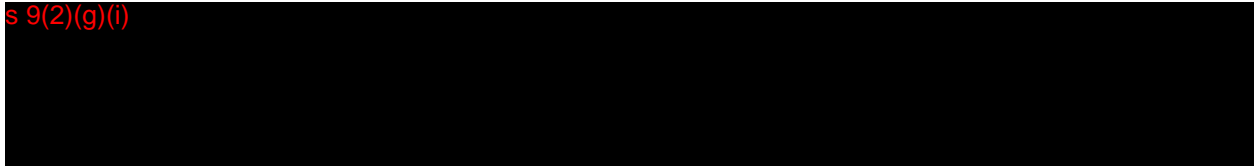
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16 **noted** that the COVID-19 Ministerial Group agreed to amend the Residential Tenancies Act 1986 (RTA) to enable the Minister to make COVID-19 tenancies orders restricting terminations during any current or future outbreak of COVID-19, and to allow the Tenancy Tribunal to conduct its proceedings on the papers for a 12-month period [CMG-21-MIN-0017];

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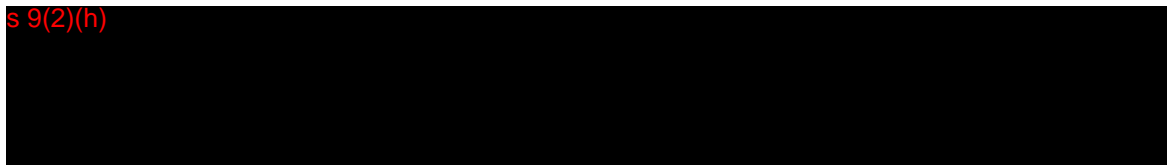
s 9(2)(g)(i)



18 **noted** that in relation to the decision referred to in paragraph 17 above, the advice of officials is that:

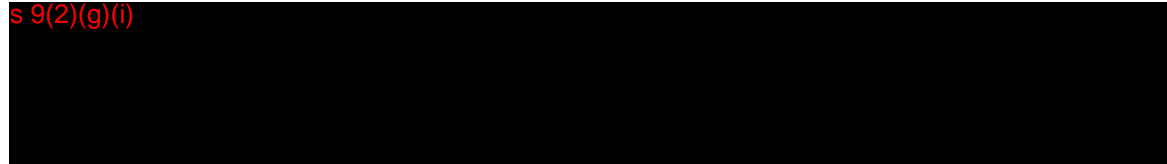
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s 9(2)(h)



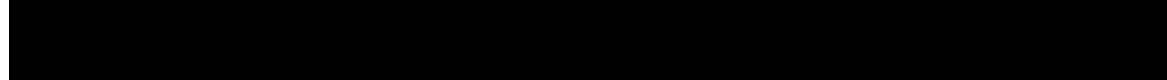
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s 9(2)(g)(i)



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19.2 **agreed** any COVID-19 tenancy termination restrictions, enabled through legislative amendments to the RTA, would preserve certain tenancies in place at the time a COVID-19 tenancies order commences (regardless of whether a termination notice had been served, or the Tenancy Tribunal had made an order for termination, or an agreement had been made to terminate, but the notice, order, or agreement had not taken effect, and the tenant was still residing in the premises);

20 **noted** that the RTA COVID-19 amendments as per paragraph 19.2 above will have a prospective (i.e. not retrospective) commencement date;

21 **agreed** the COVID-19 RTA amendments expire three years after commencement;

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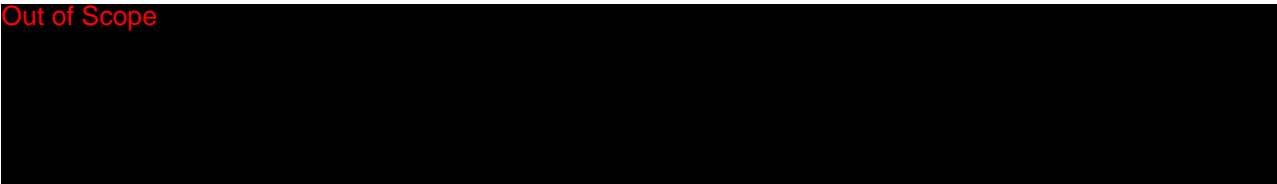


Further policy decisions

29 **authorised** the Minister for COVID-19 Response to make final decisions in relation to minor policy decisions arising during the development of the Bill;

30 **noted** that the Associate Minister of Housing (Public Housing) has delegated authority to make decisions, consistent with the proposals on any issues which arise during the drafting process without reference to Cabinet for RTA changes [CMG-21-MIN-0017];

31 **Out of Scope**



32 **invited** the Leader of the House to issue drafting instructions to the Parliamentary Counsel Office to draft a bill to give effect to the decisions in the recommendations above;

Out of Scope



Rebecca Davies
Committee Secretary

Present:

Hon Grant Robertson
Hon Chris Hipkins (Chair)
Hon David Parker
Hon Poto Williams
Hon Damien O'Connor
Hon Stuart Nash
Hon Kris Faafoi
Hon Willie Jackson
Hon Michael Wood
Hon Kiri Allan
Hon Dr David Clark
Hon Ayesha Verrall
Hon James Shaw
Keiran McAnulty, MP (Senior Government Whip)

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