



Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee

Minute of Decision

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Delivering the Emergency Housing Reset and Redesign: Place-based Plans for Wellington and Hamilton and Programme Update

Portfolio **Housing / Associate Social Development and Employment**

On 2 August 2023, the Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee:

Background

- 1 **noted** that in December 2022, Cabinet agreed to ten actions to reset and redesign the emergency housing system and invited the Minister of Housing and Minister for Social Development and Employment to report back by 31 July 2023 on progress implementing the agreed actions [SWC-22-MIN-0581.01];

Action 6: Regional Delivery Plans in Wellington Metropolitan Areas and Hamilton City

- 2 **noted** that the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has partnered with mana whenua and local stakeholders, including city councils, service providers, and other agencies, to develop regional delivery plans in Wellington Metropolitan Areas and Hamilton City, and will continue to work alongside partners in place as the plans progress to implementation;
- 3 **agreed** to the proposed approach to regional delivery plans in Wellington Metropolitan Areas, comprising the portfolio of initiatives set out in Appendix 1 of the paper under SWC-23-SUB-0103;
- 4 **agreed** to the proposed approach to regional delivery plans in Hamilton City, comprising the portfolio of initiatives set out in Appendix 1;
- 5 **noted** that progress is being made with initiatives to be supported through the earlier drawdown of \$15 million for immediate opportunities with contract negotiations underway;
- 6 **noted** that a phased approach will be taken to implementation in both Hamilton and Wellington with initiatives starting to be implemented from August 2023;
- 7 **noted** that transitional housing opportunities will be progressed first, on a rolling basis, while HUD works with partners to develop and design support-related initiatives;
- 8 **noted** that while partnering with iwi and stakeholders takes time, collaboration at the local level will ensure initiatives implemented respond to the needs of communities;

9 **noted** that HUD will report back to joint Ministers on progress on Action 6 in December 2023;

Programme update

10 **noted** that the Ministry of Social Development (MSD) has prioritised the delivery of setting supplier standards for accommodation funded by an Emergency Housing Special Needs Grant (EH SNG) and is on track to meet the timeframes for the actions it is leading;

11 **noted** the progress being made across the Emergency Housing Reset and Redesign Programme, as outlined in Appendix 3 of the paper under SWC-23-SUB-0103;

Action 7 – Māori led solutions

12 **noted** that HUD continues to move at pace to support iwi and Māori housing providers to respond to immediate housing needs and reduce the over-representation of Māori amongst EH SNG recipients;

Action 10 – Cross-government prevention and support actions

13 **noted** the progress being made by the Emergency Housing Interagency Advisory Group to identify and assess proposed initiatives under Action 10, as outlined in the paper under SWC-23-SUB-0103;

14 **noted** that in September 2023, HUD and MSD will seek joint Ministers’ approval to a short list of initiatives recommended by the Advisory Group and endorsed by HUD and MSD;

Financial implications: use of Budget 2022 funding

15 **noted** that:

15.1 in Budget 2022, Cabinet approved the establishment of the *Emergency Housing – progressing work on system changes Tagged Operating Contingency* for up to the following amounts:

	\$m – increase/(decrease)				
	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
Emergency Housing – progressing work on system changes – Tagged Operating Contingency	155.000	200.000	-	-	-

[CAB-22-MIN- 0129];

15.2 in December 2022, Cabinet noted that \$0.500 million of the above tagged contingency had been approved for drawdown by joint Ministers, and agreed to a drawdown of \$107.176 million to begin implementing agreed actions [CAB-22-MIN-0581.01];

15.3 in April 2023, SWC agreed to a drawdown of \$77.324 million of the above tagged contingency and noted that a final drawdown would be sought to implement place-based approaches in Hamilton City and Wellington metropolitan areas [SWC-23-MIN-0028];

- 16 **agreed** to a drawdown of \$155.0 million of the above remaining contingency for place-based plans in Wellington Metropolitan Areas and Hamilton City under Action 6, allocated as follows:
- 16.1 \$52.483 million to implement the Wellington Metropolitan Areas regional delivery plan;
 - 16.2 \$102.017 million to implement the Hamilton City regional delivery plan;
 - 16.3 \$0.500 million for evaluation;
- 17 **approved** the following changes to appropriations to give effect to the above decision, with a corresponding impact on the operating balance and net debt:

Vote Housing and Urban Development Minister of Housing	\$m – increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Managing the Housing and Urban Development Portfolio MCA Departmental Output Expense: Policy Advice and Ministerial Servicing	-	0.050	0.075	0.100	0.275
Public Housing MCA Non-departmental Output Expense: Purchase of Public Housing Provision Services for People in Need of or at risk of Needing Public Housing	0.344 1.021	0.351 1.063	0.358 1.107	0.365 1.154	- -
Transitional Housing MCA Non-departmental Output Expense: Provision of Transitional Housing Places Transitional Housing Services	1.261 19.764	9.537 25.261	11.077 26.543	17.704 28.956	4.001 4.643
Total Operating	22.390	36.252	39.160	48.279	8.919

- 18 **agreed** that the expenses incurred under paragraph 16 above be charged against the *Emergency Housing – progressing work on system changes Tagged Operating Contingency* established in Budget 2022;
- 19 **agreed** that the change to appropriations for 2023/24 in paragraph 17 above be included in the 2023/24 Supplementary Estimates and that, in the interim, the increase be met from Imprest Supply;
- 20 **noted** that following the adjustments in paragraph 17 above, as well as previous adjustments noted in paragraph 15, the remaining balances and indicative phasing of the *Emergency Housing – progressing work on system changes Tagged Operating Contingency* will be:

	\$m – increase/(decrease)				
	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
Emergency Housing – progressing work on system changes – Tagged Operating Contingency	-	2.250	4.250	4.250	4.250

- 21 **authorised** the Minister of Finance, Minister of Housing, and Associate Minister for Social Development and Employment to approve the drawdown of the remaining \$15.0 million in the above tagged contingency to progress initiatives under Action 10;

- 22 **noted** that the *Emergency Housing – progressing work on system changes Tagged Operating Contingency* will expire on 30 June 2024.

Rachel Clarke
Committee Secretary

Present:

Rt Hon Chris Hipkins
Hon Carmel Sepuloni (Chair)
Hon Kelvin Davis
Hon Dr Megan Woods
Hon Jan Tinetti
Hon Willie Jackson
Hon Peeni Henare
Hon Ginny Andersen
Hon Barbara Edmonds
Hon Willow-Jean Prime
Hon Rino Tirikatene

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Office of the Chair
Officials Committee for SWC