



Cabinet Economic Development Committee

Minute of Decision

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Investing in Border Biosecurity and Improving Animal Products and Wine Cost Recovery: Release of Consultation Documents

Portfolios **Biosecurity / Food Safety**

On 23 October 2019, the Cabinet Economic Development Committee (DEV):

- 1 **noted** that in recent years, investment in maintaining and future-proofing the biosecurity system has increased;
- 2 **noted** that ongoing investment in the biosecurity system is required to ensure that it remains fit for purpose and minimises incursions;
- 3 **noted** that proposed changes to the Ministry for Primary Industries' (MPI) cost recovery arrangements in the biosecurity system are needed to fully recover (but not over-recover) the costs of providing services and to give flexibility to recover future costs in an appropriate way;
- 4 **noted** that proposed changes to cost recovery settings in the food system are required to fully recover the costs of providing services and ensure that fees are recovered in an appropriate way;
- 5 **approved** the release of the following discussion documents, attached to the paper under DEV-19-SUB-0280, for public consultation:
 - 5.1 *Investing in Protecting the Border: Proposals to Update Cost Recovery for New Zealand's Biosecurity System;*
 - 5.2 *Recognising Variability in Charging for Animal Products and Wine Approvals;*
 - 5.3 *Proposed Unit Charge Rates for Livestock Germplasm Exports;*
- 6 **authorised** the Minister for Biosecurity and Minister for Food Safety to make any minor or technical changes to the consultation documents necessary prior to their release;
- 7 **invited** the Minister for Biosecurity and Minister for Food Safety to report back to DEV by 31 March 2020 with the outcomes of consultation and proposed changes to cost recovery arrangements.

Janine Harvey
Committee Secretary

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Present:

Hon Kelvin Davis
Hon Grant Robertson (Chair)
Hon Phil Twyford
Hon Dr Megan Woods
Hon David Parker
Hon Nanaia Mahuta
Hon Stuart Nash
Hon Jenny Salesa
Hon Damien O'Connor
Hon Kris Faafoi
Hon James Shaw
Hon Julie Anne Genter
Hon Eugenie Sage

Officials present from:

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Minister for Biosecurity
Minister for Food Safety

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