



Aide-memoire

INITIAL STEPS TO END THE LARGE-SCALE USE OF EMERGENCY HOUSING – CABINET PAPER FOR CONSULTATION

Date	19 February 2024	Priority	Medium
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INFORMATION FOR MINISTER(S)

Hon Chris Bishop Minister of Housing	Consult with your Ministerial colleagues on the attached draft Cabinet paper.
Hon Louise Upston Minister for Social Development and Employment	Consult with your Ministerial colleagues on the attached draft Cabinet paper.
Hon Tama Potaka Associate Minister of Housing (Social Housing)	For information

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OTHER AGENCIES CONSULTED

Treasury, Te Puni Kōkiri – the Ministry for Māori Development, Ministry for Pacific Peoples, Te Whatu Ora, Whaikaha, the Ministry for Primary Industries, the Ministry of Health, the Office for Seniors, Ministry of Justice,

MINISTER'S OFFICE TO COMPLETE

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Purpose

- The purpose of this aide-memoire is to provide you with a revised draft of the Cabinet paper on reducing emergency housing motel use, following your feedback. With the broader focus on steps to reduce large-scale use of emergency housing, the draft Cabinet paper has been re-titled *Initial steps to end the large-scale use of Emergency Housing*.

Background

- The Ministry of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and Ministry of Social Development (MSD) provided you with a draft version of the Cabinet paper and a cover briefing on 24 January 2024 (HUD2023-003430 – REP/24/1/046 refers) and a further draft version of the Cabinet paper on 30 January 2024 (HUD2024-003807 refers).

Updates to the draft Cabinet paper

- The attached revised draft Cabinet paper differs from the previous drafts provided in order to incorporate your feedback and it now has a broader focus on reducing and ultimately eliminating the large-scale use of motels as emergency housing.
- Specific changes have been made to:
 - Adjust the narrative to reflect the government's wider objective of ensuring that we significantly reduce the use of emergency housing;
 - Discuss the additional measures that can be taken to ensure that this wider objective is met;
 - Seek Cabinet agreement to delegate decisions to the Minister of Housing and Minister for Social Development and Employment on possible changes to policy and secondary legislation for tightening the emergency housing gateway and reducing the risk of perverse incentive associated with Priority One;



- s 9(2)(f)(iv)

5. Once Ministerial delegations have been finalised, the paper will be updated as required to reflect these. It will also be updated to reflect decisions around targets.
6. Officials are working to understand if a Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) is required for the changes relating to tightening the gateway for emergency housing. This will be clarified ahead of the paper being submitted to Cabinet Office but may require changes to recommendation 8 to reflect appropriate next steps. If a RIS is required, then officials will need to report back to Cabinet for its approval.

Consultation

7. Consultation has been undertaken with Treasury, Te Puni Kōkiri – the Ministry for Māori Development, Ministry for Pacific Peoples, Te Whatu Ora, Whaikaha, the Ministry for Primary Industries, the Ministry of Health, the Office for Seniors and Ministry of Justice was undertaken between 30 January and 5 February 2024. The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet has been informed.

Next Steps

8. The following table sets out the key next steps for this paper, as follows:

NEXT STEP	DATE
Lodge Cabinet paper	22 February 2024
Considered by Social Outcomes Committee	28 February 2024
Considered by Cabinet	4 March 2024

9. Communications around initial steps is proposed to follow the Cabinet decision, and be within the 100 days period.

Annexes

Annex A: Draft Cabinet paper – Initial Steps to end the large-scale use of Emergency Housing.

Withheld in full under s(9)(2)(g)(i) to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to Ministers of the Crown or members of an organisation or officers and employees of any public service agency or organisation in the course of their duty.