

Cabinet Legislation Committee

Minute of Decision

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Corrections Amendment Bill: Approval to Release Amendment Paper

Portfolio

Corrections

On 15 February 2024, the Cabinet Legislation Committee:

- noted that in December 2023, the Cabinet 100-Day Plan Committee agreed to amend the Corrections Act 2004 to enable the Department of Corrections to deliver programmes to all prisoners, which will include enabling remand convicted prisoners to be provided with access to rehabilitation and reintegration support that is offence-based, and remand accused prisoners to be provided with reintegration and other non-offence based support [100-23-MIN-0009];
- approved the Amendment Paper to the Corrections Amendment Bill [PCO 24524-1/2.0], for release, subject to the final approval of the government caucus and sufficient support in the House of Representatives;
- noted that the Minister of Corrections intends to issue a media release stating the Government's progress in achieving its 100-day Plan commitment to extend eligibility for remand prisoners to access offence-based rehabilitation programmes.

Rebecca Davies Committee Secretary

Present:

Rt Hon Winston Peters
Hon Simeon Brown (Chair)
Hon Tama Potaka
Hon Nicole McKee
Hon Casey Costello
Hon Simon Watts
Hon Andrew Bayly
Scott Simpson, MP (Senior National Whip)
Todd Stephenson, MP (ACT Whip)
Jamie Arbuckle, MP (New Zealand First Whip)

Officials present from:

Officials Committee for LEG
Office of the Leader of the House
Office of the Minister of Climate Change
Department of Corrections