



Cabinet Government Administration and Expenditure Review Committee

Minute of Decision

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Investing in Christchurch Men's Prison for Network Resilience

Portfolio **Corrections**

On 27 July 2023, the Cabinet Government Administration and Expenditure Review Committee:

- 1 **noted** that Christchurch Men's Prison (CMP) performs a critical role in the prison network and wider justice sector due to its size and location in the South Island's major population centre;
- 2 **noted** that there are critical issues with end of life infrastructure at CMP which present unacceptable risks to the safety and wellbeing of staff and prisoners and challenges to Corrections' delivering on its legislative duties and strategic aspirations;
- 3 **noted** that an indicative business case outlining an investment response to address the end of life issues has been developed and is attached to the paper under GOV-23-MIN-0027;
- 4 **noted** that:
 - 4.1 the recommended option is to replace the high security, health and remand facilities, 9(2)(f)(iv), 9(2)(b)(ii) [REDACTED]
 - 4.2 9(2)(f)(iv), 9(2)(b)(ii) [REDACTED] which will be re-examined through a detailed business case;
- 5 **noted** that as the whole of life cost of this investment exceeds the threshold for Ministerial approval, Cabinet approval is required for Corrections to progress to the next phase and invest existing baseline funding for the next two fiscal years;
- 6 **noted** this proposal covers concept design to inform the development of a detailed business case, and preliminary design to stay on the critical path for delivery 9(2)(f)(iv) [REDACTED]
- 7 **noted** that the ability to progress design and deliver a detailed business case is required now to enable delivery against the critical path for bringing the replacement facilities into service and reducing network risk;
- 8 9(2)(f)(iv) [REDACTED]

- 9 **agreed** that Corrections develop a detailed business case which will reassess the shortlisted options identified in the indicative business case and include consideration of construction sequencing, sustainability, and costing;
- 10 **agreed** that Corrections procure design services and progress concept design for the replacement facilities;
- 11 **directed** Corrections to report back to Cabinet following the development of the detailed business case ^{9(2)(f)(iv)} [REDACTED]
- 12 **approved** Corrections self-funding \$32.61 million for the next phase of the redevelopment programme through to June 2025.

Vivien Meek
Committee Secretary

Present:

Hon Kelvin Davis
Hon Grant Robertson (Chair)
Hon Jan Tinetti
Hon Andrew Little
Hon Dr Deborah Russell

Officials present from:

Office of the Prime Minister
Officials Committee for GOV