



# Cabinet Māori Crown Relations - Te Arawhiti Committee

## Minute of Decision

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### Māori Pathways for Māori in the Corrections System and Their Whānau: Report-Back

**Portfolio**                      **Corrections**

On 14 December 2021, the Cabinet Māori Crown Relations - Te Arawhiti Committee:

- 1        **noted** that:
  - 1.1      in Budgets 2019 and 2021, the Māori Pathways pilots received funding of \$108.100 million to provide co-designed pathways for Māori in the corrections system [CAB-19-0174.08 and CAB-21-MIN-0116.06];
  - 1.2      these pilots have been co-designed with iwi, hapū, mana whenua, whānau, Māori providers and people with lived experience in Hawke's Bay, Tai Tokerau and Christchurch;
  
- 2        **noted** that in Budget 2019, Cabinet also invited the Minister of Corrections to report back in 2021 on:
  - 1.3      the implementation of Māori Pathways;
  - 1.4      early indications of the effectiveness of Māori Pathways;
  - 1.5      how lessons learned can be applied across the corrections system;
  - 1.6      the links between Māori Pathways and Paiheretia te Muka Tāngata;  
[CAB-19-MIN-0174.08]
  
- 3        **noted** that:
  - 1.7      in years one and two of Māori Pathways, Corrections and its Māori Pathways partners built strong relationships with iwi, hapū and whānau, co-designed the pilots and entered the early stages of implementation;
  - 1.8      there are key lessons about the importance of taking the time to do co-design well, supporting the cultural uplift of staff, and balancing government and te ao Māori approaches;

- 1.9 the impact of Māori Pathways on the outcomes of people in the corrections system, and their whanau, will be assessed over time.

Gerrard Carter  
Committee Secretary

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**Present:**

Hon Kelvin Davis (Chair)  
Hon Andrew Little  
Hon Stuart Nash (part of item)  
Hon Peeni Henare  
Hon Willie Jackson  
Hon Kiri Allan  
Hon Meka Whaitiri

**Officials present from:**

Office of the Prime Minister  
Officials Committee for CMR