



Cabinet Legislation Committee

Minute of Decision

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Therapeutic Products Bill: Approval for Introduction

Portfolio Health

On 24 November 2022, the Cabinet Legislation Committee:

- 1 **noted** that the Therapeutic Products Bill (the Bill) holds a category 4 priority on the 2022 Legislation Programme (to be referred to a Select Committee in 2022);
- 2 **noted** that the purpose of the Bill is to protect, promote, and improve the health of all New Zealanders by providing for:
 - 2.1 acceptable safety, quality, and efficacy of medicines or performance of medical devices, and active pharmaceutical ingredients across their lifecycle;
 - 2.2 acceptable safety and quality of natural health products across their lifecycle;
- 3 **agreed** that the Act will bind the Crown;
- 4 s 9(2)(h) [REDACTED]
- 5 **agreed** to include in the Therapeutic Products Bill a prohibition on sponsors and suppliers from offering improper inducements to health practitioners to make favourable decisions in relation to a product;
- 6 **approved** the Therapeutic Products Bill [PCO 19563/45.2] for introduction, subject to the final approval of the government caucus and sufficient support in the House of Representatives;
- 7 **noted** that the rongoā workstream commissioned by the Minister of Health and Associate Minister of Health (Māori Health) will be announced when the Bill is introduced;
- 8 **authorised** the Minister of Health to make minor and technical amendments to the Bill prior to introduction;
- 9 **agreed** that the Therapeutic Products Bill be introduced by 30 November 2022;

10 **agreed** that the government propose that the Bill be:

10.1 referred to the Health Committee;

10.2 enacted by 31 August 2023.

Rebecca Davies
Committee Secretary

Present:

Hon Chris Hipkins (Chair)
Hon Poto Williams
Hon Jan Tinetti
Hon Dr David Clark
Hon Kieran McAnulty
Dr Duncan Webb, MP

Officials present from:

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Officials Committee for LEG

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