



Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee

Minute of Decision

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Continuation of Prohibition on Imports of High-power Laser Pointers

Portfolio Associate Health (Hon Julie Anne Genter)

On 25 September 2019, the Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee:

- 1 **noted** that the Customs Import Prohibition (High-power Laser Pointers) Order 2017 (the Order) currently prohibits the import of high-power laser pointers, unless consent to do so has been granted by the Director-General of Health;
- 2 **noted** that the Order will expire on 29 February 2020;
- 3 **noted** that the Order is part of an existing package of regulatory controls on such devices that also includes controls on the domestic supply, acquisition, and possession of high-power laser pointers;
- 4 **agreed** that continuing the import prohibition is in the public interest as it prohibits the unauthorised importation of high-power laser pointers and supports other domestic supply chain regulatory controls;
- 5 **agreed** to continue with the import prohibition of high-power laser pointers, currently provided by the Order, by making a new Customs Import Prohibition (High-power Laser Pointers) Order under the Customs and Excise Act 2018;
- 6 **invited** the Minister of Customs to issue drafting instructions to the Parliamentary Counsel Office to draft an Order in Council to give effect to the continued prohibition on importation of high-power laser pointers.

Jenny Vickers
Committee Secretary

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Hon Grant Robertson
Hon Carmel Sepuloni (Chair)
Hon Dr David Clark
Hon Nanaia Mahuta
Hon Stuart Nash
Hon Jenny Salesa
Hon Kris Faafoi
Hon Tracey Martin
Hon Willie Jackson
Hon Julie Anne Genter

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