



Cabinet

Minute of Decision

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Establishing a New Medical School: Work Programme

Portfolio **Health**

On 27 May 2024, Cabinet, following reference from the Cabinet Social Outcomes Committee:

- 1 **agreed** that the Ministry of Health will proceed with developing a Programme Business Case, which the Minister of Health will provide to the Cabinet Expenditure and Regulatory Review Committee (EXP) by Quarter 3 of 2024;
- 2 **agreed** to the following investment objectives:
 - 2.1 more doctors are trained in New Zealand;
 - 2.2 a high-quality medical graduate cohort that has the skills and experience to meet the needs of local communities;
 - 2.3 a medical curriculum that is aligned to health system needs, providing the skills and capabilities to:
 - 2.3.1 meet the needs of people in rural, provincial, and high-needs communities;
 - 2.3.2 work effectively within interdisciplinary teams;
 - 2.4 clinical placements that provide greater exposure to rural areas and in primary care settings;
 - 2.5 students' academic, cultural, and broader wellbeing needs are considered and managed;
 - 2.6 increased training and placement capacity and capability in health settings with:
 - 2.6.1 clear expectations, resources, infrastructure, training, and time for the health workforce to provide clinical supervision and mentorship; and
 - 2.6.2 more health providers across the full breadth of health settings providing clinical placements;

- 3 **noted** that the investment objectives will be used to assess:
 - 3.1 possible options through the programme business case, including the preferred option of a new medical school;
 - 3.2 the key parameters for the Cost Benefit Analysis;
- 4 **agreed** that, to support the delivery of the business case to EXP, the Minister of Finance, Minister of Health, and Minister for Tertiary Education and Skills will have joint oversight of the programme of work.

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for Secretary of the Cabinet

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