



Cabinet Legislation Committee

Minute of Decision

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Secondary Legislation Bill - two supplementary order papers: approval to release

Portfolio Attorney-General

On 18 February 2021, the Cabinet Legislation Committee:

- 1 **noted** that the Secondary Legislation Bill holds a category 3 priority on the 2020 Legislation Programme (to be passed if possible in the year);
- 2 **noted** the attached Supplementary Order Papers (SOPs), that have the following main effects:
 - 2.1 update the Bill by including amendments to Acts enacted in 2020;
 - 2.2 amend the commencement clauses of the Bill and the Legislation Act 2019 to align their back-stop commencement dates and ensure amendments that are not commenced by that back-stop date are repealed;
 - 2.3 amend the Legislation Act 2019 to clarify that various notes inserted in legislation by the PCO in exercise of its publication function are not part of the law; and
 - 2.4 amend the Legislation Act 2019 to enable an “opt in” to the future publication requirements for specified secondary legislation made under existing empowering provisions.
- 3 **approved** release of the attached SOPs [PCO 20527-1/5.0; PCO 20527-2/6.0], subject to any minor editorial changes;
- 4 **agreed** that the approval of the Business Committee be sought for the committee of the whole House to consider and adopt the SOP containing amendments regarding the status of publication notes and some other technical corrections to the Legislation Act 2019.

Charlotte Doyle
Committee Secretary

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Present:

Hon Chris Hipkins (Chair)
Hon Carmel Sepuloni
Hon David Parker
Hon Poto Williams
Hon Michael Wood (Deputy Chair)
Hon Kiri Allan
Hon Dr David Clark
Hon Meka Whaitiri
Kieran McAnulty, MP (Senior Government Whip)

Officials present from:

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