



Cabinet Legislation Committee

Minute of Decision

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Legislation Act 2012: Revision Programme for 53rd Parliament

Portfolio **Attorney-General**

On 3 June 2021, the Cabinet Legislation Committee (LEG):

- 1 **noted** that the Legislation Act 2012 requires the government to systematically revise New Zealand's Acts to make legislation more accessible, readable, and easier to understand without changing the substantive effect of the law;
- 2 **noted** that the Attorney-General is required by section 30 of the Legislation Act to prepare a three-yearly programme of statute revision for each new Parliament that must be presented to the House of Representatives after the government has approved it;
- 3 **noted** that the Attorney-General has prepared, and consulted publicly on the revision programme for the 53rd Parliament, attached to the submission under LEG-21-SUB-0081;
- 4 **noted** that, as a result of the consultation, the Attorney-General recommends that the Maori Purposes Bill and Maori Trust Boards Bill are not included in the programme;
- 5 **approved** the revision programme for the 53rd Parliament for presentation to the House of Representatives;
- 6 **noted** the proposal to prepare and introduce a revision Bill in English and te reo Māori as a dual language revision drafting pilot to both learn from and to begin to develop the necessary capability, capacity, and processes for greater use of dual language drafting in the future;
- 7 **noted** that the Attorney-General will recommend to Cabinet that a suitable dual language revision Bill be added to the programme, after Te Puni Kōkiri has consulted stakeholders, and the Parliamentary Counsel Office has undertaken the public consultation that is required before a revision programme is amended;
- 8 **invited** the Attorney-General to report back to LEG on the results of the pilot, options for expanding the practice of dual language drafting, and the resource implications of doing so.

Gerrard Carter
Committee Secretary

Present: (see over)

Present:

Hon Andrew Little (Chair)
Hon David Parker
Hon Nanaia Mahuta
Hon Kris Faafoi

Officials present from:

Office of the Prime Minister
Officials Committee for LEG