



Cabinet Committee on State Sector Reform and Expenditure Control



Minute of Decision

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Action Plan for the Open Government Partnership

Portfolio **State Services**

On 19 October 2016, the Cabinet Committee on State Sector Reform and Expenditure Control, having been authorised by Cabinet to have Power to Act [CAB-16-MIN-0543]:

- 1 **noted** that:
 - 1.1 the Open Government Partnership (OGP) is a multi-national initiative designed to make member governments more open, accountable and inclusive of citizens;
 - 1.2 New Zealand joined the OGP in September 2013;
- 2 **noted** that:
 - 2.1 OGP member countries have a range of obligations including the production and implementation of a National Action Plan every two years;
 - 2.2 failure to meet OGP commitments and obligations can lead to public criticism of New Zealand in areas where we are strong by international standards;
 - 2.3 drafting of New Zealand's National Action Plan involved public engagement, which generated a robust draft plan focused on seven commitments;
 - 2.4 New Zealand's National Action Plan is due to the OGP by the end of October 2016;
- 3 **noted** that the National Action Plan can be a useful supplement to New Zealand's ongoing efforts on transparency and integrity;
- 4 **approved** the draft National Action Plan attached to the submission under SEC-16-SUB-0037;
- 5 **noted** that:
 - 5.1 9(2)(f)(iv) confidentiality of advice 
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- 6 **noted** that work proposed in response to the former Chief Ombudsman's report on OIA practices is included within the National Action Plan;
- 7 **noted** that the National Action Plan will be reviewed by the OGP;
- 8 **authorised** the Minister of State Services to make minor amendments to the National Action Plan as appropriate in response to OGP feedback;
- 9 **noted** that the National Action Plan will be published by OGP once finalised;
- 10 **agreed** that the submission under SEC-16-SUB-0037 be proactively released once the National Action Plan is finalised;
- 11 **invited** the Minister of State Services to issue public statements in conjunction with the publication of the National Action Plan by the OGP.

Rachel Clarke
Committee Secretary

Present:

Hon Bill English (Chair)
Hon Steven Joyce
Hon Paula Bennett
Hon Dr Jonathan Coleman
Hon Amy Adams
Hon Anne Tolley
Hon Judith Collins
Hon Michael Woodhouse
Hon Peter Dunne

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