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Minute of Decision

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Institutional Reform to Drive Business Growth Agenda

Portfolios: Economic Development / State Services

On 12 March 2012, Cabinet:

Background

- 1 noted that the proposal for a new Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment has expected gains in terms of a stronger focus on results, a consolidation of the government's microeconomic policy capabilities, an improved regulatory environment for business, bringing together service delivery, reduced fragmentation and churn, and providing significant efficiency gains;
- 2 noted that the proposal is consistent with the Better Public Services initiative and the Minister of State Services' machinery of government objectives [CAB (10) 118; CAB Min (10) 10/21];

New Ministry

- 3 agreed in principle, subject to due diligence, to the establishment of the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment and the integration of functions from the Ministry of Economic Development, the Ministry of Science and Innovation, and the Department of Labour into the new Ministry;
- 4 noted that the Minister for Economic Development will give further consideration to the name of the new Ministry;

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Transition Management Group

- 6 agreed that the State Services Commissioner establish a Transition Management Group to conduct due diligence on the proposal, including ensuring the necessary arrangements for implementation of the proposal are in place, such as Orders in Council, legislative changes and leadership arrangements for the change, consistent with the Terms of Reference attached to CAB (12) 81;
- 7 noted that the due diligence process will provide information on the optimal implementation approach, including the development of an organisational design, a transition path to be mapped from the current state to the new arrangements, and will identify the costs and benefits of making the transition, enabling Cabinet to make final decisions on whether to proceed with the proposal;

Ministerial Oversight Group

- 8 noted that a Ministerial Oversight Group comprising the Ministers of Finance, Economic Development, Science and Innovation, State Services, Labour, and Building and Construction will provide direction to the Transition Management Group;

Further report

- 9 invited the Minister for Economic Development and the Minister of State Services to provide further advice on the proposal to Cabinet by the end of April 2012, taking into account any matters raised by the due diligence process, to enable final decisions;

Announcement

- 10 noted that the Prime Minister will announce Cabinet's decisions on the proposal on 15 March 2012 as part of the Better Public Services announcement;
- 11 noted that the paper under CAB (12) 81 will be released on the State Services Commission's website;
- 12 invited the Minister for Economic Development and the Minister of State Services to prepare public communication of any Cabinet decisions taken on the proposal, in liaison with relevant Ministers.

Secretary of the Cabinet

Reference: CAB (12) 81

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