



# Cabinet Māori Crown Relations - Te Arawhiti Committee

## Minute of Decision

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### Modernisation of Māori Wardens: Next Steps

Portfolio Māori Development

On 12 November 2019, the Cabinet Māori Crown Relations - Te Arawhiti Committee (MCR):

- 1 noted that at their National Conference on 18-19 July 2019, Māori Wardens Districts voted for a broad modernisation of their functions and increased operational autonomy (as a first step towards the realisation of full autonomy within 5-7 years);
- 2 noted that the Māori Wardens Modernisation Working Group will deliver its substantive advice to the Minister for Māori Development by 13 December 2019, detailing new arrangements, legislative amendments and/or requirements, and new relationships required to effect the modernisation choices made by Māori Wardens;
- 3 noted that in Budget 2019, Cabinet agreed:
  - 3.1 to establish a *Modernising Māori Wardens* tagged operating contingency of up to \$1.25 million per year over three years in Vote Māori Development;
  - 3.2 that Cabinet's agreement to an approach and process to modernising the Māori Wardens, including an implementation plan and associated costings was required before the contingency could be drawn down;

[CAB-19-MIN-0174.25]
- 4 agreed to the proposed implementation approach and associated costings detailed in Annex 1 of the paper under MCR-19-SUB-0044, to be finalised in consultation with the Māori Wardens Modernisation Working Group;
- 5 agreed that the *Modernising Māori Wardens* tagged operating contingency can be drawn down;
- 6 agreed to a change in phasing of the *Modernising Māori Wardens* operating contingency so that it better reflects anticipated start up and wind down phases, as follows:

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/2024 & Outyears
Modernising the Māori Wardens – Tagged Operating Contingency	0.950	1.650	1.150	-	-

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- 7 approved the following changes to appropriations to give effect to the decision in paragraphs 5 and 6 above:

Vote Māori Development Minister for Māori Development	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24 & Outyears
<b>Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:</b>					
Tohutohu Kaupapa Here me ngā Huanga Pātata (Policy Advice and Related Outputs) MCA	0.950	1.650	1.150	-	
<b>Departmental Output Expense:</b>					
Kaupapa Here – Whanaungatanga Karauna Māori (Policy – Crown Māori Relationships) (funded by revenue Crown)					

- 8 agreed that the changes to appropriations for 2019/20 in paragraph 7 above be included in the 2019/20 Supplementary Estimates, and that, in the interim, the increases be met from Imprest Supply;
- 9 agreed that the expenses incurred under paragraph 7 above be charged against the Modernising the Māori Wardens – Tagged Operating Contingency agreed in Budget 2019;
- 10 noted that a joint Māori Development and Police Budget 2020 Bid is being developed, to recognise and explicitly support the distinct contributions that Māori Wardens make in providing neutral and compassionate advice to rangatahi and whānau, and 'peacekeeping' support in communities throughout Aotearoa.

Rachel Clarke  
Committee Secretary

**Present:**

Rt Hon Winston Peters  
Hon Grant Robertson  
Hon Andrew Little  
Hon David Parker  
Hon Nanaia Mahuta (Chair)  
Hon Stuart Nash  
Hon Shane Jones  
Hon Peeni Henare  
Hon Eugenie Sage

**Officials present from:**

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Minister of Police