



Cabinet Legislation Committee

Minute of Decision

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Government Response to the Māori Affairs Committee report on Te Mātāwai

Portfolio **Māori Development**

On 31 August 2023, the Cabinet Legislation Committee:

- 1 **noted** that on 30 June 2023, the Māori Affairs Committee presented its report on Te Mātāwai to the House of Representatives;
- 2 **noted** that the Māori Affairs Committee recommended that the government:
 - 2.1 increase funding for Te Mātāwai and investigate ways to better support an equitable partnership between the Maihi Karauna and the Maihi Māori in te reo Māori revitalisation; and
 - 2.2 consider how it can best track and report on overall public sector expenditure for initiatives that support te reo Māori revitalisation;
- 3 **noted** the proposed response, that the government:
 - 3.1 agrees in principle to investigate ways to better support an equitable partnership between Maihi Karauna and the Maihi Māori in te reo Māori revitalisation, notes that ongoing work across Government is already aligned with this recommendation and recent increases to funding for Te Mātāwai were announced in Budget 2023;
 - 3.2 notes that further increases to funding will need to be considered through future Budget processes and decisions;
 - 3.3 agrees in principle to investigate and consider how the Government can best track and report consistently and transparently on te reo Māori revitalisation expenditure across the public sector through the refresh of the Maihi Karauna;
 - 3.4 notes there have been recent efforts, notably by Te Taura Whiri i te Reo Māori, to track and report on expenditure for initiatives to support and strengthen te reo Māori revitalisation efforts across the public sector;
- 4 **approved** the government response, attached to the paper under LEG-23-SUB-0175, to the report of the Māori Affairs Committee's briefing on Te Mātāwai;
- 5 **noted** that the government response must be presented to the House of Representatives no later than 8 September 2023;

- 6 **invited** the Minister for Māori Development to present the government response to the House of Representatives in accordance with Standing Order 256.

Rebecca Davies
Committee Secretary

Present:

Hon Grant Robertson (Chair)
Hon Dr Ayesha Verrall
Hon Willie Jackson
Hon Andrew Little
Hon David Parker
Hon Peeni Henare
Hon Kieran McAnulty
Hon Barbara Edmonds
Hon Dr Duncan Webb
Hon Willow-Jean Prime
Hon Rachel Brooking
Tangi Utikere, MP (Chief Government Whip)

Officials present from:

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Officials Committee for LEG