



Cabinet Economic Development Committee

Minute of Decision

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***Mycoplasma Bovis* Programme: Update and Report Back**

Portfolio **Biosecurity**

On 9 February 2022, the Cabinet Economic Development Committee:

- 1 **noted** that the March 2021 report of the Technical Advisory Group on the *Mycoplasma bovis* eradication programme (the *M. bovis* Programme) recognises the progress made towards eradication, that infection of *M. bovis* is not widespread, and that the rate of infection in the national herd is declining;
- 2 **noted** that the report of the *M. bovis* Independent Review panel, which was publicly released on 3 November 2021, made recommendations to ensure critical core capabilities and relationships with stakeholders are maintained and developed to further strengthen New Zealand's biosecurity system;
- 3 **noted** that funding for the *M. bovis* Programme in 2022/23 will be sought through the Budget 2022 process;
- 4 **noted** that revised projected costs for the *M. bovis* Programme for 2023/24 onwards are expected to be provided to Cabinet for consideration by mid-2022;
- 5 **noted** that the *M. bovis* Programme is in a delimiting phase, and that clearance of current active confirmed properties is one criterion for the Programme transitioning to the proof of absence surveillance phases;
- 6 9(2)(g)(i) [Redacted]
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- 8 **noted** that the *M. bovis* Governance Group has agreed in principle that the most appropriate administrative model for the proof of absence surveillance phases is an industry-led National Pest Management Plan (NPMP) and has agreed to develop a proposal for a *M. bovis* NPMP.

Janine Harvey
Committee Secretary

Present: (see over)

Present:

Hon Grant Robertson (Chair)
Hon Dr Megan Woods
Hon David Parker
Hon Nanaia Mahuta
Hon Poto Williams
Hon Damien O'Connor
Hon Stuart Nash
Hon Kris Faafoi
Hon Willie Jackson
Hon Michael Wood
Hon Dr David Clark
Hon Dr Ayesha Verrall
Hon Meka Whatiri
Hon Phil Twyford
Rino Tirikatene MP
Dr Deborah Russell MP

Officials present from:

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Officials Committee for DEV

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