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Minister	Hon Kris Faafoi	Portfolio	Immigration
Title of Cabinet paper	Immigration (COVID-19 Response) Amendment Bill 2021	Date to be published	1 April 2021

List of documents that have been proactively released

Date	Title	Author
February 2021	Immigration (COVID-19 Response) Amendment Act 2020: proposed extension of powers	Office of the Minister of Immigration
24 February 2021	Immigration (COVID-19 Response) Amendment Act 2020: proposed extension of powers DEV-21-MIN-0016	Cabinet Office
March 2021	Immigration (COVID-19 Response) Amendment Bill 2021: Approval for Introduction	Office of the Minister of Immigration
25 March 2021	Immigration (COVID-19 Response) Amendment Bill 2021 LEG-21-MIN-0030	Cabinet Office

Information redacted

YES

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Cabinet Legislation Committee

Minute of Decision

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Immigration (COVID-19 Response) Amendment Bill

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On 25 March 2021, the Cabinet Legislation Committee:

- 1 **noted** that on 24 February 2021, the Cabinet Economic Development Committee agreed to amend the Immigration Act 2009 to extend by a further two years the date of repeal of the powers granted to the Minister of Immigration under the Immigration (COVID-19 Response) Amendment Act 2020 to respond to the COVID-19 situation [DEV-21-MIN-0016];
- 2 **noted** that the Immigration (COVID-19) Response Amendment Bill gives effect to the above decisions;
- 3 **noted** that the Minister of Immigration is seeking a category 2 priority on the 2021 Legislation Programme Immigration (COVID-19 Response) Amendment Bill holds and must be passed before 15 May 2021 or the relevant existing provisions will be repealed;
- 4 **approved** for introduction the Immigration (COVID-19) Response Amendment Bill [PCO 23562/4.0], subject to the final approval of the government caucus and sufficient support in the House of Representatives;
- 5 **authorised** the Minister of Immigration to approve further changes to the Bill consistent with the policy intent;
- 6 **agreed** that the Bill be introduced on 30 March 2021;

Confidential advice to Government

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Gerrard Carter
Committee Secretary

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Present:

Hon Chris Hipkins (Chair)
Hon David Parker
Hon Kris Faafoi
Hon Dr David Clark

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