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Minister	Hon Dr Megan Woods	Portfolio	Energy and Resources
Title of Cabinet paper	Investigation into Electricity Supply Interruptions of 9 August 2021: Final Report and Next Steps	Date to be published	28 January 2022

List of documents that have been proactively released

Date	Title	Author
November 2021	Investigation into Electricity Supply Interruptions of 9 August 2021: Final Report and Next Steps	Office of the Minister of Energy and Resources
17 November 2021	Minute of Decision, Investigation into Electricity Supply Interruptions of 9 August 2021: Final Report and Next Steps DEV-21-MIN-0234	Cabinet Office

Information redacted

NO

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Cabinet Economic Development Committee

Minute of Decision

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Investigation into Electricity Supply Interruptions of 9 August 2021: Final Report and Next Steps

Portfolio **Energy and Resources**

On 17 November 2021, the Cabinet Economic Development Committee:

- 1 **noted** that the Minister of Energy and Resources commissioned an investigation into the electricity supply interruptions of 9 August 2021;
- 2 **noted** that Hon Pete Hodgson was appointed lead investigator, and Erik Westergaard specialist technical advisor, and that the investigation commenced on 19 August 2021;
- 3 **noted** that the purpose of the investigation was to:
 - 3.1 understand the causes of power supply interruptions on the evening of 9 August 2021, when more than 34,000 consumers lost power in the evening following a direction from the system operator to curtail national demand;
 - 3.2 learn lessons from the event to identify and recommend improvements to ensure similar circumstances are better managed in future;
- 4 **noted** that the final report *Investigation into Electricity Supply Interruptions of 9 August 2021* (the final report), attached to the paper under DEV-21-SUB-0234, has been delivered and satisfies the terms of reference for the investigation;
- 5 **noted** that the final report will be publicly released as soon as practicable;
- 6 **noted** that the Minister of Energy and Resources intends to write to both the Electricity Authority and Transpower requesting that they consider the recommendations in the final report directed at them, and to set out the Minister's expectations regarding progress reporting.

Janine Harvey
Committee Secretary

Present: (see over)

Present:

Hon Grant Robertson (Chair)
Hon Dr Megan Woods
Hon David Parker
Hon Poto Williams
Hon Stuart Nash
Hon Kris Faafoi
Hon Willie Jackson
Hon Michael Wood
Hon Kiri Allan
Hon Dr David Clark
Hon Phil Twyford
Rino Tirikatene MP
Dr Deborah Russell MP

Officials present from:

Office of the Prime Minister
Officials Committee for DEV