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Additional Item: Queen Elizabeth II Memorial Day

Portfolio Workplace Relations and Safety

On 12 September 2022, Cabinet:

- 1 **noted** that Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II passed away on 8 September 2022, in the 71st year of her reign as Queen of New Zealand;
- 2 **noted** that New Zealand will mark the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II with a State Memorial Service on Monday 26 September 2022;
- 3 **noted** that the State Memorial Service will be held in the Wellington Cathedral of St Paul on Monday 26 September 2022, and will be televised;
- 4 **noted** that, as our longest serving and much loved Sovereign, it is fitting to mark her death with a State Memorial Service, a one-off public holiday and school closures on the same day;
- 5 **noted** Crown Law and Ministry for Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) advice that legislation is required to implement a one-off public holiday;
- 6 **agreed** to introduce legislation to implement a one-off public holiday, to take place on Monday 26 September 2022;
- 7 **noted** that the form of the legislation will be a standalone bill, entitled the Queen Elizabeth II Memorial Day Bill. It will be similar in form to the Canterbury Earthquake Commemoration Day Act 2011;
- 8 **agreed** that the Queen Elizabeth II Memorial Day is to be treated as:
 - 8.1 a public holiday for the purpose of the Holidays Act 2003, and that Act will apply, with any necessary modifications, to the observance of the day;
 - 8.2 a day on which schools are closed;
- 9 **noted** that no shop trading restrictions or restrictions on the sale of liquor will apply to this public holiday;
- 10 **noted** that, based on costings it prepared for the Matariki public holiday, the Ministry for Business, Innovation and Employment has estimated the total net impact to the economy of a one-off public holiday is likely to fall between \$27.7 million (net benefit) and -\$136.5 million (net cost);

- 11 **invited** the Minister for Workplace Relations and Safety to issue drafting instructions to the Parliamentary Counsel Office to give effect to the decisions in this oral item;
- 12 **authorised** the Minister for Workplace Relations and Safety to take further policy decisions consistent with the policy decisions agreed by Cabinet above;
- 13 **agreed** that the Bill be introduced as soon as practicable;
- 14 **agreed** that the government propose that the Bill be passed under urgency by 23 September 2022;
- 15 **noted** that communications relating to the proposed public holiday will be jointly managed by the Prime Minister's Office and the Office of the Minister for Workplace Relations.

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