



BRIEFING

Proactive release of Cabinet paper:

Date:	26 January 2022	Priority:	Low
Security classification:		Tracking number:	2122-2449

Action sought		
Minister	Action sought	Deadline
Hon Chris Hipkins Minister for COVID-19 Response	Agree to the release of the Cabinet paper Agree to the release of the supporting documents	1 February 2022

Contact for telephone discussion (if required)			
Name	Position	Telephone	1st contact
Privacy of natural persons	Acting General Manager, MIQ Policy	Privacy of natural persons	✓
	Policy Advisor		

The following departments/agencies have been consulted					
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<input type="checkbox"/> MFAT	<input type="checkbox"/> MPI	<input type="checkbox"/> MfE	<input type="checkbox"/> DIA	<input type="checkbox"/> TPK	<input type="checkbox"/> MoH
		<input type="checkbox"/> Other:			

Minister's office to complete:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Noted | <input type="checkbox"/> Needs change |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Seen | <input type="checkbox"/> Overtaken by Events |
| <input type="checkbox"/> See Minister's Notes | <input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn |

Comments:



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Purpose

The purpose of this briefing is to seek your agreement to proactively release the Cabinet paper *Amendments to the COVID-19 Public Health Response (Managed Isolation and Quarantine Charges) Regulations 2020* and supporting documents. MBIE proposes to release this information on 4 February 2022.

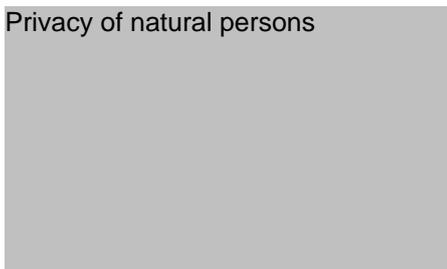
Recommended action

The Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) recommends that you:

- a **Agree** to the release of the Cabinet paper

Agree / Disagree

Privacy of natural persons



Acting General Manager, MIQ Policy
MIQ, MBIE
26 / 01 / 2022

Hon Chris Hipkins
Minister for Covid-19 Response

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Background

1. On 25 November 2021, you took the following paper and supporting documents to Cabinet Legislation Committee:
Amendments to the COVID-19 Public Health Response (Managed Isolation and Quarantine Charges) Regulations 2020.
2. The Committee agreed to introduce amendment regulations to make a number of minor and technical changes, including:
 - a) Allowing MBIE to issue invoices to returnees any time after they enter MIQ;
 - b) Charging families of up to 12 people based on their travel group as registered in the Managed Isolation Allocation System (MIAS);
 - c) Widening the definition of who is considered a 'family member';
 - d) Amending the list of groups exempted from MIQ charges;
 - e) Creating a new Ministerial power to exempt classes of people from MIQ charges where they enter New Zealand to assist with a national emergency or to respond to a nationally significant event;
 - f) Clarifying the definition of an 'other critical worker's' 'supporting agency to include a New Zealand-based industry body;
 - g) Allowing MBIE to issue invoices for groups of 'other critical workers' to an organisation who has agreed to pay on behalf.
3. The Amendment regulations came into force on 1 January 2022.
4. MBIE recommends the proactive release of the Cabinet paper and supporting documents without any redactions.
5. After completing a due diligence process and having obtained your approval for the release of material, MBIE requires at least 3-5 working days to publish Cabinet material to mbie.govt.nz. If you would like the material released on a specific date (for example, to coincide with an announcement) please let us know so we can work to meet your timeframes.

Consultation

6. MBIE Communications have been notified of the proposed release of information.

Annexes

Annex 1: Coversheet and documents for release

Documents are available at:

[Amendments to the COVID-19 Public Health Response \(Managed Isolation and Quarantine Charges\) Regulations 2020 \(PDF, 199KB\)](#)