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Minister	Hon Simon Watts	Portfolio	Energy
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NO

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Cabinet Economic Policy Committee

Minute of Decision

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Updating Energy Safety Standards Citations in Regulations

Portfolio **Energy**

On 23 October 2024, the Cabinet Economic Policy Committee (ECO):

- 1 **noted** that there are over 600 citations of energy safety standards in the Electricity (Safety) Regulations 2010 and the Gas (Safety and Measurement) Regulations 2010 (the Regulations) which set expectations for the safe installation and usage of electrical and gas products respectively;
- 2 **noted** that the above citations have not been updated since 2014, and most now refer to outdated versions of the standards in question;
- 3 **noted** that some emerging technologies, such as those associated with solar panels and electric vehicle charging, are not well covered by the Electricity (Safety) Regulations 2010;
- 4 **noted** that the Minister for Energy (the Minister) is proposing a substantial update and/or introduction of approximately 440 citations across the Regulations, along with changes to recognise new gas certification bodies in the Gas (Safety and Measurement) Regulations 2010 and make layout changes to the Electricity (Safety) Regulations 2010;
- 5 **agreed** to the proposed changes to the Regulations detailed in Appendix One to the paper under ECO-24-SUB-0240;
- 6 **noted** that, given the scale of proposed changes, it may be necessary to work with the Parliamentary Counsel Office to undertake the proposed updates in tranches, to ensure the most important changes can be made as swiftly as possible;
- 7 **authorised** the Minister to make any final refinements to the changes proposed in the paper under ECO-24-SUB-0240 without reporting back to ECO, should these be required following stakeholder or officials' feedback;
- 8 **authorised** the Minister for Energy to make decisions on whether to progress all changes at once, or in tranches, without reporting back to ECO.

Rachel Clarke
Committee Secretary

Present: (see over)

Present:

Hon David Seymour
Hon Nicola Willis (Chair)
Hon Chris Bishop
Hon Brooke van Velden
Hon Simeon Brown
Hon Erica Stanford
Hon Paul Goldsmith
Hon Louise Upston
Hon Judith Collins KC
Hon Mark Mitchell
Hon Tama Potaka
Hon Matt Doocey
Hon Simon Watts
Hon Melissa Lee
Hon Penny Simmonds
Hon Chris Penk
Hon Nicola Grigg
Hon Andrew Bayly
Hon Andrew Hoggard
Hon Mark Patterson
Simon Court MP

Officials present from:

Office of the Prime Minister
Office of Hon Chris Bishop
Officials Committee for ECO