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Cabinet Legislation Committee

Minute of Decision

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Government Response to the Petition of Raina Vermani

Portfolio **Immigration**

On 20 February 2025, the Cabinet Legislation Committee:

- 1 **noted** that on 15 November 2024, the Petitions Committee referred the Petition of Raina Vermani: *Prioritise applications for parent resident visas submitted in October 2022* to the Minister of Immigration for response;
- 2 **noted** that the petition asks “that the House of Representatives urge the Government to select applications from the expressions of interest for the parent resident visa ballot whose ballots are expiring in October 2024”;
- 3 **noted** that the petitioner’s request cannot be actioned, as Expressions of Interest (EOIs) in the ballot are randomly drawn and those EOIs submitted in October 2022 have now expired;
- 4 **noted** that the proposed Government Response acknowledges the concerns raised by the petitioner as they pertain to the Parent Category settings more generally and provides the rationale for the settings;
- 5 **approved** the Government Response to the Petition of Raina Vermani, attached at Annex One to the paper under LEG-25-SUB-0004;
- 6 **invited** the Minister of Immigration to present the Government Response to the House in accordance with Standing Order 380;
- 7 **invited** the Minister of Immigration to write to the petitioner enclosing a copy of the Government Response to the petition, after the Response has been presented to the House.

Tom Kelly
Committee Secretary

Attendance: (See over)

Present:

Rt Hon Winston Peters
Hon David Seymour
Hon Chris Bishop (Chair)
Hon Erica Stanford
Hon Louise Upston
Hon Shane Jones
Hon Brooke van Velden
Hon Judith Collins KC
Hon Tama Potaka
Hon Nicole McKee
Hon Casey Costello
Hon Chris Penk
Hon Andrew Bayly
Hon Scott Simpson, MP
Jamie Arbuckle, MP
Todd Stephenson, MP

Officials present from:

Officials Committee for LEG
Leader of the House's Office
Attorney-General's Office