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# Cabinet Economic Policy Committee

## Minute of Decision

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### Fulfilling the Coalition Commitment on the Use of Woollen Fibres in Government Buildings

**Portfolio**                      **Economic Growth**

On 19 February 2025, the Cabinet Economic Policy Committee:

- 1        **noted** that the National Party – New Zealand First coalition agreement commits to direct government agencies where practical and appropriate to preference the use of woollen fibres rather than artificial fibres in government buildings;
- 2        **agreed** that from 1 July 2025, agencies that are required to follow the Government Procurement Rules are expected to use woollen fibres where practical and appropriate in government buildings, and that the requirement will apply to:
  - 2.1      new construction works, when the maximum total estimated value of the procurement meets or exceeds the value of \$9 million (excluding GST);
  - 2.2      refurbishments, when the maximum total estimated value of the procurement meets or exceeds the value of \$100,000 (excluding GST);
- 3        **agreed** that, to avoid potential delays and cost impacts on projects, the requirement will not apply if the business case for a new construction or a refurbishment project has been approved before the requirement to use woollen fibres comes into effect;
- 4        **agreed** that the new woollen fibres requirement be implemented as a Construction Procurement Guide, under Rule 69 of the Government Procurement Rules;
- 5        **agreed** that agencies will not be required to use woollen fibres in government buildings, as set out in the new Construction Procurement Guide, if it is not practical or appropriate for the agency to do so;
- 6        **agreed** that if an agency does not choose a woollen fibre option in its construction procurement, it must document the rationale as to why it was not practical or appropriate to do so;
- 7        **agreed** that agencies will be required to report to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment on an annual basis if they have chosen not to use woollen fibres and advise the reasons why woollen fibres were not practical or appropriate.

Rachel Clarke  
Committee Secretary  
**Present (see over)**

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**Present:**

Hon David Seymour  
Hon Nicola Willis (Chair)  
Hon Chris Bishop  
Hon Simeon Brown  
Hon Brooke van Velden  
Hon Shane Jones  
Hon Erica Stanford  
Hon Paul Goldsmith  
Hon Louise Upston  
Hon Dr Shane Reti  
Hon Todd McClay  
Hon Tama Potaka  
Hon Simon Watts  
Hon Chris Penk  
Hon Andrew Bayly  
Hon Andrew Hoggard  
Hon Nicola Grigg  
Hon Mark Patterson  
Hon James Meager  
Simon Court MP

**Officials present from:**

Office of the Prime Minister  
Office of Hon David Seymour  
Officials Committee for ECO