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Minister	Hon Scott Simpson	Portfolio	Commerce and Consumer Affairs
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List of documents that have been proactively released			
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May 2025	Response to the Education and Workforce Committee's report on Fired Up Stilettos' petition Strippers' Rights and Workers' Rights	Office of the Minister of Commerce and Consumer Affairs	
8 May 2025	Government Response to the Education and Workforce Committee Report on the Petition of Fired Up Stilettos  LEG-25-MIN-0075 Minute	Cabinet Office	

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# **Cabinet Legislation Committee**

### Minute of Decision

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# Government Response to the Education and Workforce Committee Report on the Petition of Fired Up Stilettos

Portfolio Commerce and Consumer Affairs

On 8 May 2025, the Cabinet Legislation Committee:

- noted that on 18 February 2025, the Education and Workforce Committee considered a petition from Fired Up Stilettos on rights for adult entertainment workers and made a recommendation to the Government that it addresses the concerns raised by the petitioner and matters raised in the report, especially when it undertakes reviews of fair-trading legislation and the health and safety system;
- 2 **noted** that the Government response does not commit to any new policy decisions;
- noted that the issue of collective bargaining is being considered in the Government's current review of the Commerce Act 1986;
- 4 **noted** that the Minister of Commerce and Consumer Affairs may consider the recommendation of the Committee when determining the scope of a future review of the Fair Trading Act 1986;
- **noted** that decisions that affect health and safety are the responsibility of the Minister for Workplace Relations and Safety;
- **approved** the Government response, attached under LEG-25-SUB-0075, to the Report of the Education and Workforce Committee entitled "Petition of Fired Up Stilettos: Strippers' Rights are Workers' Rights";
- 7 **invited** the Minister of Commerce and Consumer Affairs to present the Government response to the House in accordance with Standing Order 252;
- 8 **invited** the Minister of Commerce and Consumer Affairs to write to the petitioner enclosing a copy of the Government response to the report of the Education and Workforce Committee on the petition, after the response has been presented to the House.

Tom Kelly Committee Secretary

Attendance: (See over)

#### IN CONFIDENCE

LEG-25-MIN-0075

Present:

Rt Hon Winston Peters

Hon Chris Bishop (Chair)

Hon Paul Goldsmith

Hon Louise Upston

Hon Judith Collins KC

Hon Shane Jones

Hon Brooke van Velden

Hon Chris Penk

Hon Penny Simmonds

Hon James Meager

Hon Scott Simpson

Jamie Arbuckle, MP

Todd Stephenson, MP

Officials present from:

Officials Committee for LEG Attorney-General's Office