



## COVERSHEET

<b>Minister</b>	Hon Chris Penk	<b>Portfolio</b>	Building and Construction
<b>Title of Cabinet paper</b>	Incentivising residential solar generation	<b>Date to be published</b>	September 2025

### List of documents that have been proactively released

<b>Date</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Author</b>
April 2025	Incentivising residential solar generation	Office of the Minister for Building and Construction
9 April 2025	Incentivising residential solar generation ECO-25-MIN-0054 Minute	Cabinet Office
April 2025	Regulatory Impact Statement: Incentivising residential solar generation	MBIE
August 2024	Energy Efficiency Requirements for Homes	Office of the Minister for Building and Construction
6 August 2024	Energy Efficiency Requirements for Homes EXP-24-MIN-0039 Minute	Cabinet Office
April 2025	Refocused climate work programme for building and construction	Office of the Minister for Building and Construction
9 April 2025	Refocused climate work programme for building and construction ECO-24-MIN-0312 Minute	Cabinet Office
14 August 2024	Briefing 2425-0569: Updating the building chapter of the First Emissions Reduction Plan to reflect your portfolio priorities	MBIE
18 September 2024	Briefing 2425-0886: Opportunities to include buildings in the Second Emissions Reduction Plan	MBIE

### Information redacted

**Yes**

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# Cabinet Expenditure and Regulatory Review Committee

## Minute of Decision

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### Energy Efficiency Requirements for Homes

**Portfolio**                      **Building and Construction**

On 6 August 2024, the Cabinet Expenditure and Regulatory Review Committee:

- 1        **noted** that on 6 March 2024, the Cabinet Economic Policy Committee agreed that the priority of the Minister for Building and Construction (the Minister) is to create an efficient, competitive building regulatory system and reduce overall building costs [ECO-24-MIN-0019];
- 2        **noted** that:
  - 2.1      changes were made in 2021 to clause H1 Energy Efficiency (H1) of the Building Code to help create healthier homes and reduce power bills;
  - 2.2      since the implementation of these changes, there has been a range of views expressed about how they have actually affected the upfront cost of building;
- 3        **noted** that the Minister has asked the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) to engage with key building and construction sector stakeholders to understand their experience of implementing the changes;
- 4        **noted** that depending on the nature of the issues raised, the Chief Executive of MBIE may decide to make changes to the current H1 settings, following the process required by section 29 of the Building Act 2004;
- 5        **agreed** that the Minister progress work to make it easier to retrofit existing homes.

Sam Moffett  
Committee Secretary

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**Present: (see over)**

**Present:**

Hon David Seymour (Chair)  
Hon Nicola Willis  
Hon Brooke van Velden  
Hon Erica Stanford  
Hon Paul Goldsmith  
Hon Louise Upston  
Hon Mark Mitchell  
Hon Andrew Hoggard  
Hon Simon Watts  
Hon Mark Patterson  
Hon Andrew Bayly  
Hon Chris Penk

**Officials present from:**

Officials Committee for EXP  
Ministry of Business, Science, and Innovation