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Minister	Hon Scott Simpson	Portfolio	Commerce and Consumer Affairs
Title of Cabinet paper	Commerce (Commerce Commission Reform) Amendment Bill: Approval for Introduction	Date to be published	30 March 2026

List of documents that have been proactively released		
Date	Title	Author
February 2026	Commerce (Commerce Commission Reform) Amendment Bill: Approval for Introduction	Office of Commerce and Consumer Affairs Minister
19 February 2026	Commerce (Commerce Commission Reform) Amendment Bill: Approval for Introduction LEG-26-MIN-0017 Minute	Cabinet Office

Information redacted

YES

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Cabinet Legislation Committee

Minute of Decision

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On 19 February 2026, the Cabinet Legislation Committee:

- 1 **noted** that the Commerce (Commerce Commission Reform) Amendment Bill (the Bill) is proposed **Confidential advice to Government**;
- 2 **noted** that the Bill gives effect to the Government's response to the independent review of the Commerce Commission's governance and effectiveness, led by Dame Paula Rebstock [ECO-25-MIN-0133, ECO-25-MIN-0158];
- 3 **noted** that the Cabinet Economic Policy Committee (ECO) authorised the Minister of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (the Minister) to make additional policy decisions and minor or technical changes to those agreed by Cabinet, consistent with the general policy intent [ECO-25-MIN-0158];
- 4 **noted** that ECO authorised the Acting Minister of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Minister for Media and Communications, and the Minister to make policy decisions regarding the timing of the removal of the named commissioner mechanism from the sector-specific Acts [ECO-25-MIN-0158];
- 5 **noted** that additional policy decisions made under delegated authority are outlined in Annex 1 under LEG-26-SUB-0017;
- 6 **approved** the Commerce (Commerce Commission Reform) Amendment Bill [PCO 28415/6.0] for introduction;
- 7 **agreed** that the Bill be introduced by 24 February 2026;
- 8 **agreed** that the Government propose that the Bill be:
 - 8.1 referred **Confidential advice to Government** for consideration, for a period of four months and one day;
 - 8.2 **Confidential advice to Government**.

Sam Moffett
Committee Secretary

Attendance (see over)

Present:

Hon David Seymour (Chair)
Rt Hon Winston Peters
Hon Paul Goldsmith
Hon Judith Collins KC
Hon Tama Potaka
Hon Brooke van Velden
Hon Nicole McKee
Hon Casey Costello
Hon Scott Simpson
Hon Chris Penk
Stuart Smith MP
Jamie Arbuckle MP

Officials present from:

Officials Committee for LEG