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Minister	Hon Nicola Willis	Portfolio	Economic Growth
	Hon Cameron Brewer		Commerce and Consumer Affairs
Title of proactive release	Cabinet papers for the Fair Trading Amendment Bill	Date to be published	11 June 2026

List of documents that have been proactively released

Date	Title	Author
October 2025	Cabinet paper: Amendments to the Fair Trading Act 1986	Office of the Minister of Commerce and Consumer Affairs
13 October 2025	Amendments to the Fair Trading Act 1986 CAB-25-MIN-0353 Minute (revised)	Cabinet Office
April 2026	Cabinet paper: Fair Trading Amendment Bill – Approval for Introduction	Office of the Minister of Commerce and Consumer Affairs
30 April 2026	Fair Trading Amendment Bill: Approval for Introduction LEG-26-MIN-0077 Minute	Cabinet Office

Information redacted

YES

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Some information has been withheld for the reasons of Constitutional conventions.



Cabinet Legislation Committee

Minute of Decision

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Fair Trading Amendment Bill: Approval for Introduction

Portfolio Commerce and Consumer Affairs

On 30 April 2026, the Cabinet Legislation Committee:

- 1 **Constitutional Conventions**
- 2 **noted** that the Bill implements policy decisions to strengthen penalties, introduce a civil liability regime, introduce a safe harbour to support scam disruption, and update the product safety framework;
- 3 **noted** that, during drafting, the Minister of Commerce and Consumer Affairs made implementation and drafting decisions consistent with Cabinet's agreed policy intent, including replacing infringement offences with standard criminal or civil liability provisions, setting commencement and transitional arrangements, and making consequential amendments, and that those decisions are reflected in the Bill;
- 4 **noted** that October 2025, Cabinet agreed to amend the Fair Trading Act 1986, through the Regulatory Systems (Commercial Matters) Amendment Bill, to allow product safety regulations to reference any future version of the same standard subject to departmental approval [CAB-25-MIN-0353];
- 5 **rescinded** the decision referred to in paragraph 4 above; and instead
- 6 **agreed** that:
 - 6.1 the product safety streamlining changes be progressed through the Bill;
 - 6.2 the Bill include a regulation-making power allowing regulations to authorise the Chief Executive of the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment to specify one or more applicable product safety standards by disallowable product safety notice, for goods defined in the regulations;
- 7 **approved** the Fair Trading Amendment Bill [PCO 26154/2.0] for introduction;
- 8 **agreed** that the Bill be introduced by 5 May 2026;

9 **agreed** that the Government propose that the Bill be referred to the Finance and Expenditure Committee for consideration.

Sam Moffett
Committee Secretary

Present:

Rt Hon Winston Peters
Hon Chris Bishop
Hon Erica Stanford
Hon Paul Goldsmith
Hon Louise Upston (Chair)
Hon Simon Watts
Hon Chris Penk
Hon Brooke van Velden
Hon Nicole McKee
Hon Shane Jones
Hon Casey Costello
Hon Scott Simpson
Hon James Meager
Hon Cameron Brewer
Hon Mike Butterick
Hon Andrew Hoggard
Stuart Smith MP
Todd Stephenson MP
Jamie Arbuckle MP

Officials present from:

Officials Committee for LEG



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Report of the Cabinet Legislation Committee: Period Ended 1 May 2026

On 4 May 2026, Cabinet made the following decisions on the work of the Cabinet Legislation

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Rachel Hayward
Secretary of the Cabinet