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Minister	Hon Erica Stanford	Portfolio	Immigration
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List of documents that have been proactively released

Date	Title	Author
8 May 2026	Changes to Active Investor Plus Settings to Support New Zealand's Prosperity	Office of the Minister of Immigration
13 May 2026	Changes to Active Investor Plus Settings to Support New Zealand's Prosperity ECO-26-MIN-0077 Minute	Cabinet Office
1 September 2025	Briefing: Active Investor Plus visa – Changes to the philanthropic investment class	MBIE
10 December 2025	Briefing: Active Investor Plus visa – Report back on options to incentivise philanthropy	MBIE

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Cabinet Economic Policy Committee

Minute of Decision

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Changes to Active Investor Plus Settings to Support New Zealand's Prosperity

Portfolio Immigration

On 13 May 2026, the Cabinet Economic Policy Committee:

- 1 **noted** that in the first year since the refresh of the Active Investor Plus (AIP) visa settings (1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026), the AIP visa has received 637 applications, representing more than \$1.49 billion invested in the economy, with a further \$2.41 billion in the pipeline;
- 2 **noted** that targeted changes to AIP visa settings will support the Government's Going for Growth strategy by providing more investment options for AIP Growth category investor migrants;
- 3 **agreed** to enable AIP Growth category applicants to make philanthropic gifts as part of their acceptable investment in New Zealand, capped at 20 percent of the total sum invested, to encourage donations and deliver a new potential pipeline of funding for eligible New Zealand charities (as set out in Appendix One under ECO-26-SUB-0077) and specified Department of Conservation initiatives;
- 4 **agreed** that Immigration New Zealand will determine what constitutes an acceptable charitable gift (consistent with the Balanced category);
- 5 **authorised** the Minister of Immigration to make:
 - 5.1 changes to immigration instructions to give effect to paragraphs 3 and 4 above;
 - 5.2 other decisions, consistent with the above decisions, that may be necessary as part of the drafting and consultation process.

Rachel Clarke
Committee Secretary

Present: (see over)

Present:

Hon David Seymour
Rt Hon Winston Peters
Hon Nicola Willis (Chair)
Hon Chris Bishop
Hon Brooke van Velden
Hon Shane Jones
Hon Erica Stanford
Hon Louise Upston
Hon Tama Potaka
Hon Chris Penk
Hon Penny Simmonds
Hon Nicola Grigg
Hon Mark Patterson
Hon James Meager
Hon Scott Simpson
Hon Cameron Brewer
Simon Court MP

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