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Minister	Hon Simon Watts	Portfolio	Building and Construction
Title of Cabinet paper	Building (Exempt Small Stand-alone Dwellings) Order 2026	Date to be published	12 October 2026

List of documents that have been proactively released

Date	Title	Author
September 2026	Building (Exempt Small Stand-alone Dwellings) Order 2026	Office of the Minister for Building and Construction
3 September 2026	Building (Exempt Small Stand-alone Dwellings) Order 2026 LEG-26-MIN-0183 Minute	Cabinet Office

Information redacted

YES / NO

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Cabinet Legislation Committee

Minute of Decision

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Building (Exempt Small Stand-alone Dwellings) Order 2026

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On 3 September 2026, the Cabinet Legislation Committee:

- 1 **noted** that in April 2026, the Cabinet Economic Policy Committee (ECO) agreed to amend Schedule 1A of the Building Act 2004 so that the use of structural insulated panel systems with a CodeMark certificate is permitted in non-consented small stand-alone dwellings [ECO-26-MIN-0041];
- 2 **noted** that ECO authorised the Minister for Building and Construction (the Minister) to make minor and technical changes to improve the clarity and workability of Schedule 1A;
- 3 **noted** that ECO authorised the Minister to make decisions consistent with the above decisions on any matters that arise during drafting;
- 4 **noted** that the Minister has made decisions to clarify and improve the workability of the exemption conditions as they relate to Network Utility Operatory systems and onsite systems so that existing connections can be modified without a building consent, and that existing onsite systems can be used or altered under the exemption;
- 5 **noted** that the Building (Exempt Small Stand-alone Dwellings) Order 2026 will give effect to the decisions above;
- 6 **authorised** the submission to the Executive Council of Building (Exempt Small Stand-alone Dwellings) Order 2026 [PCO 29200/7.0];
- 7 **noted** that the Building (Exempt Small Stand-alone Dwellings) Order 2026 will come into force on 8 October 2026.

Sam Moffett
Committee Secretary

Attendance (see over)

Present:

Hon David Seymour
Hon Louise Upston (Chair)
Hon Simon Watts
Hon Brooke van Velden
Hon Nicole McKee
Hon Scott Simpson
Hon James Meager
Hon Cameron Brewer
Hon Mike Butterick
Stuart Smith MP

Officials present from:

Officials Committee for LEG