Progressing Our Government's Priorities

On 26 March 2018, following reference from the Cabinet Priorities Committee (CPC), Cabinet:

1. agreed to establish 12 priority outcomes under three key themes to help coordinate a cohesive government work programme, as follows:

   Building a productive, sustainable and inclusive economy
   1.1 grow and share New Zealand’s prosperity (DEV);
   1.2 deliver responsible governance with a broader measure of success (GOV);
   1.3 support thriving and sustainable regions (DEV);
   1.4 transition to a clean, green and carbon neutral New Zealand (ENV);

   Improving the wellbeing of New Zealanders and their families
   1.5 ensure everyone is earning, learning, caring or volunteering (SWC);
   1.6 support healthier, safer, and more connected communities (SWC);
   1.7 ensure everyone has a warm, dry home (SWC);
   1.8 make New Zealand the best place in the world for children (SWC);

   Providing new leadership by government
   1.9 deliver transparent, transformative and compassionate government (CPC);
   1.10 build closer partnerships with Māori (CMR);
   1.11 value who we are as a country (SWC);
   1.12 create an international reputation we can be proud of (ERS);
noted that the outcomes outlined in paragraph 1 above have been informed by the coalition and confidence and supply agreements, the Speech from the Throne, the Address in Reply, the Budget Policy Statement, and by portfolio-specific priorities identified by Ministers;

noted that initial oversight for all of the programmes and key initiatives and projects within a priority outcome will be assigned to individual Cabinet committees, as referred to in paragraph 1 above, subject to development of initiatives and indicators;

agreed that each Cabinet committee report to the CPC on the key initiatives in the forward work programme and a set of overall indicators, relevant to the work and scope of the committee;

noted that Statistics New Zealand and the Treasury are jointly developing a framework for measuring New Zealand’s progress through a set of wellbeing and sustainability indicators;

directed the officials committees who support Cabinet committees to work with Statistics New Zealand and the Treasury to consider the application of the indicators referred to in paragraph 5 above to individual Cabinet committees;

agreed to review the outcome framework and contributing key initiatives and projects twice a year to ensure that it remains relevant and responsive to the issues challenges facing New Zealand;

agreed to establish regular public reporting against agreed specific measurements and indicators for each priority outcome.

Michael Webster
Secretary of the Cabinet

Secretary’s note: This minute supersedes CPC-18-MIN-0001.