



Cabinet

Minute of Decision

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Additional Item: Youth and Retail Crime: Update

Portfolios **Children / Police / Justice**

On 28 November 2022, Cabinet:

- 1 **noted** the briefing by the Minister of Police on youth and retail crime;
- 2 **noted** Cabinet's decision in May 2022 to establish a programme for funding small retailer crime prevention solutions [CAB-22-MIN-0182];
- 3 **agreed** to extend the eligibility criteria for access to the Small Retailer Crime Prevention Programme to include retail owners that have been the victim of an aggravated robbery in the last 12 months to access a Police security assessment, and further access to the Small Retailer Crime Prevention Programme;
- 4 **noted** Cabinet's earlier decision to allocate funding from the Proceeds of Crime to Councils to foster local crime prevention in high-risk areas in the upper North Island, including Auckland, Hamilton and the Bay of Plenty, with the funding maximum for each Council capped at \$1 million [CAB-22-MIN-0528];
- 5 **agreed** to increase the funding in paragraph 4 for Auckland Council by \$1 million, bringing its total to \$2 million, with the additional funding to come from the Proceeds of Crime Fund;
- 6 **agreed** to subsidise up to \$4,000 for the purchase and installation of fog cannons for any small retail business that requests it and that meets criteria to be determined by Joint Ministers referenced in paragraph 8, with no requirement to have been the victim of a ram raid or aggravated burglary to access the subsidy, and for this to be administered by the Ministry for Business, Innovation and Employment;
- 7 **agreed** that further work was to be carried out on the details of paragraph 6 above and that the level of funding and funding source to implement the actions in paragraph 6 would be determined by Joint Ministers in paragraph 8 below;
- 8 **authorised** the Minister of Finance, Minister of Corrections, Minister of Police, Minister of Small Business, and Minister of Justice to make changes to support the implementation of the decisions above and to agree final funding source, phasing, and appropriation changes.

Rachel Hayward
Secretary of the Cabinet