



Cabinet Legislation Committee

Minute of Decision

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Arms (Licence Holders' Application for New Licences) Amendment Bill: Approval for Introduction

Portfolio Police

On 27 October 2022, the Cabinet Legislation Committee:

- 1 **noted** that the Arms (Licence Holders' Applications for New Licences) Amendment Bill is consistent with the policy decisions agreed by Cabinet in September 2022 to:
 - 1.1 treat a previous firearms licence as current where an application for a new licence is made but cannot be processed by Police before expiry of the previous licence;
 - 1.2 treat the commencement date of applications for subsequent dealer licences and firearms in the same way;
 - 1.3 enable the Police to issue notices under the Arms Act through electronic means;
- 2 **agreed** that the commencement date of the subsequent firearms or dealers licence is set from the date of issue or expiry date of the previous licence, whichever is later;
- 3 **approved** the Arms (Licence Holders' Applications for New Licences) Amendment Bill [PCO 24982/7.0] for introduction, subject to the final approval of the government caucus and sufficient support in the House of Representatives;
- 4 **noted** that the Minister of Police is seeking approval from the Business Committee for a two week select committee consideration period;
- 5 **agreed** that the Bill be introduced on 8 November 2022;
- 6 **agreed** that the government propose that the Bill be:
 - 6.1 referred to the Justice Committee for consideration;
 - 6.2 enacted by early December under urgency.

Rebecca Davies
Committee Secretary

Attendance: see over

Present:

Hon Andrew Little
Hon David Parker
Hon Poto Williams
Hon Michael Wood (Chair)
Hon Kiri Allan
Hon Meka Whaitiri
Dr Duncan Webb, MP

Officials present from:

Office of the Prime Minister
Officials Committee for LEG

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