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Hon Chris Hipkins
Minister of Police
Parliament Buildings
Wellington

Dear Minister

Next Generation Critical Communications programme

Congratulations on your appointment as Minister of Police. In the recent Briefing to the Incoming Minister of Police, you were provided with a brief overview of the Next Generation Critical Communications (NGCC) programme.

In 2016 the NGCC Programme was established by emergency sector agencies, including New Zealand Police, to address common challenges to their existing communications capability. NGCC is currently a branded business unit hosted by New Zealand Police.

I am pleased to attach for your consideration a more detailed briefing on the NGCC Programme that covers:

- Programme overview and current state
- Some immediate matters for your consideration, including the upcoming Cabinet consideration of the NGCC Implementation Business Case at the Government Administration and Expenditure Committee (GOV) on 30 June 2022
- Programme governance, risks and issues
- Management and operations
- Estimated Programme timelines and milestones

Once you have had an opportunity to consider the briefing, I will seek to meet with you as early as diaries permit, prior to GOV on 30 June 2022. I am able to make myself available at your convenience.

I look forward to meeting with you and establishing our ongoing engagement for this programme which is of critical importance to the Emergency Services of New Zealand.

With warm regards



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Chair, NGCC Executive Governance Board