



Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee

Minute of Decision

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Arms Act 1983: Release of Discussion Document on Regulations for a Firearms Registry

Portfolio **Police**

On 24 August 2022, the Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee:

- 1 **noted** that regulations relating to the establishment of a firearms registry are needed to implement amendments to the Arms Act 1983 that come into force on 24 June 2023;
- 2 **noted** that before recommending any regulations be made under the Arms Act 1983, the Minister of Police is required to be satisfied that the Commissioner of Police has done everything reasonable to consult with individuals and organisations (or representatives of those organisations) that appear to be affected or likely to be affected by such regulations;
- 3 **agreed** to the release of the discussion document *Proposals for New Regulations under the Arms Act 1983 – Phase Three: Consultation on the Firearms Registry*, attached under SWC-22-SUB-0155, which contains proposals on regulations for a firearms registry;
- 4 **noted** that consultation is proposed for six weeks, beginning as soon as possible following Cabinet approval;
- 5 **authorised** the Minister of Police to make any necessary minor technical or editorial changes to the public discussion document prior to its release;
- 6 **invited** the Minister of Police to report back to the appropriate Cabinet committee on the outcome of the consultation and to seek policy decisions for the drafting of new regulations.

Rachel Clarke
Committee Secretary

Present:

Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern
Hon Grant Robertson
Hon Kelvin Davis
Hon Dr Megan Woods
Hon Chris Hipkins (Chair)
Hon Andrew Little
Hon Damien O'Connor
Hon Jan Tinetti
Hon Dr Ayesha Verrall
Hon Priyanca Radhakrishnan
Hon Meka Whaitiri

Officials present from:

Office of the Prime Minister
Officials Committee for SWC

