



# Briefing

## STATUS UPDATE ON THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM REFORMS PROGRAMME

To: Hon Kris Faafoi, Minister of Civil Defence

<b>Date</b>	16/11/2018	<b>Priority</b>	
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### Purpose

This paper provides an update on the work underway to implement the Government's decisions in response to the Technical Advisory Group's (TAG) report *Better Responses to Natural Disasters and Other Emergencies*.

### Recommendations

It is recommended that you:

- Note** contents of the attached report.

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Hon Kris Faafoi <b>Minister of Civil Defence</b>
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**Minister's office comments:**

- Noted
- Seen
- Approved
- Needs change
- Withdrawn
- Not seen by Minister
- Overtaken by events
- Referred to

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## Background

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2. In August 2018, the Government responded to the recommendations set out in the TAG's report. The Government's decisions set out a significant programme of work and change for the emergency management sector. Much of this work is being led by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC), involving stakeholders from across the system.
3. DPMC has established the Emergency Management System Reforms (EMSR) Programme to oversee the work to implement the Government's recent decisions. This will allow DPMC to keep oversight of the programme as a whole and to focus on the outcomes and change sought by this programme of work as well as the delivery of individual outputs.
4. You have asked for a regular meeting and report about the programme to ensure that you have visibility of the various strands of work. The first report was provided to you on 15 October 2018. This is the second regular report.

## Overview of programme timelines

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5. Out of scope  

6. The attached EMSR Portfolio Timeline differentiates between activity which has already been agreed and funded, and activity which is proposed, pending agreement and funding decisions. Much of the future direction of this programme is dependent on three critical decision points:
  - A Cabinet decision (anticipated for 10 December 2018) on the form and function of a potential National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA).
  - Out of scope  

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## Update on EMSR programme progress

- The table below summarises progress in each of the EMSR Programme's work streams.

Workstream	Due	Status	Progress in the past month
<b>Policy work</b>			
National structures	Cabinet in Nov 2018		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We are making progress on the NEMA Cabinet paper, however timelines are very tight to resolve remaining issues (e.g. advice around location; implications for lead agencies) in time for robust ministerial consultation. We have met with the Treasury about the interaction between the Cabinet paper and any budget bid. We will develop the full NEMA budget option as well as some alternatives for the Government to consider.</li> </ul>
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**Appendix 1: EMSR Programme Timelines A3**

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