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Proactive Release

The following documents have been proactively released by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC), on behalf of the Deputy Prime Minister, Hon Grant Robertson:

Progress report on Implementation Unit Assignments

The following documents have been included in this release:

Title of paper: Progress report on Implementation Unit Assignments
(CAB-21-SUB-0519 refers)

- Implementation Unit Work programme update
- Progress Update on Actions from the Mid-Term Review of the Budget 2019 Mental Health and Addiction Package
- New Zealand Upgrade Programme Transport Assessment
- Report: Emergency and Transitional Housing
- Jobs for Nature Stocktake of Progress
- Infrastructure Reference Group Programme Status Update

Title of minute: Progress report on Implementation Unit Assignments (CPC-21-MIN-0034 refers)

Title of minute: Report of the Cabinet Priorities Committee: Period Ended 10 December 2021
(CAB-21-MIN-0519 refers)

Title of paper: Stocktake of Progress Report – Carbon Neutral Government Programme
(CAB-22-SUB-0006 refers)

- Carbon Neutral Government Programme Stocktake of Progress

Title of minute: Stocktake of Progress Report – Carbon Neutral Government Programme
(CBC-22-MIN-0006 refers)

Title of minute: Report of the Cabinet Business Committee: Period Ended 25 February 2022
(CAB-22-MIN-0045 refers)

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FAQs to Support the Release of the Progress Update on Actions from the Mid-Term Review of the 2019 Mental Health and Addiction Package

What is the Budget 2019 Mental Health and Addictions Package?

As part of Budget 2019 the Government allocated \$1.9bn to a package of mental health and addiction initiatives in response to *He Ara Oranga: Report of the Government Inquiry into Mental Health and Addiction*. This funding aimed to significantly enhance support available to people with mental health and addiction issues in the community. Of the \$1.9bn allocated: 57% of the funding was allocated to Vote Health; 24% to Vote Housing and Urban Development; 9% to the Royal Commission into Historical Abuse, agencies response and the settlement of historical claims; and 7% to Vote Corrections. The remaining 3% was allocated across five Government agencies for various initiatives.

What was the Implementation Unit asked to do?

The Implementation Unit was asked to provide an update on agencies' progress towards implementing the recommendations of the Mid-Term Review of the Budget 2019 Mental Health Package.

The Implementation Unit conducted the Mid-Term Review of the Budget 2019 Mental Health and Addiction Package in July 2021. The Mid-Term Review assessed initiatives attributed to Vote Health, Vote Housing and Development, and Vote Corrections. It made a range of recommendations to: support implementation of the Mental Health Infrastructure Programme; strengthen cross-agency programme management and governance mechanisms; and strengthen targeted workforce planning. The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Health accepted all recommendations.

The full Mid-Term Review is available at: <https://dpmc.govt.nz/publications/implementation-unit-mid-term-review-2019-mental-health-package>

What were the Implementation Unit's findings?

In the three months since the Mid-Term Review was completed, agencies had made good progress to strengthen delivery and had completed or were on track to implement the Mid-Term Review's recommendations.

The Ministry of Health's Health Infrastructure Unit had actioned all recommendations. The Department of Corrections confirmed that its current goals for increases to services exceeded those announced at the time of Budget 2019. The Mental Health and Addiction Directorate is also working on a range of actions to strengthen the Ministry of Health's broader mental health and addiction work outside the Budget 2019 package, and in light of the health and disability system reforms.

What, if any, follow up work will the Implementation Unit do?

The Implementation Unit will continue to provide support to agencies as they implement recommendations from the Mid-Term Review and continue work to deliver the Budget 2019 Mental Health and Addictions package.

The Unit will provide a further assessment of the delivery status of the package to determine whether the interventions put in place as a result of the Mid-Term Review are achieving or have achieved their intended effect. This assessment will be completed in June 2022.