



Proactive Release

The following document has been proactively released by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC), on behalf of Rt Hon Christopher Luxon, Prime Minister:

Quarter Three Plan

The following documents have been included in this release:

Title of paper: Quarter Three Plan (CAB-24-SUB-0241 refers)

Title of minute: Report of the Cabinet Strategy Committee: Period Ended 28 June 2024
(CAB-24-MIN-0241 refers)

Title of minute: Quarter Three Plan (STR-24-MIN-0009 refers)

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Office of the Prime Minister

Chair, Cabinet

QUARTER THREE PLAN

Proposal

1. This paper agrees the Coalition Government's plan for Quarter Three of 2024 to continue to focus our efforts and signal the improvements we intend to deliver for New Zealanders.

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2. To advance our shared work programme, we have agreed to identify a set of actions that will be delivered in each quarter (CAB-24-MIN-0079). Outlining a plan with specific actions, proposed dates, and regular reporting has contributed to the early momentum our government has achieved.
3. To maintain this momentum, particularly in our first year of government, I am asking Cabinet to agree to a proposed Quarter Three Plan (Q3 Plan) set out in the Appendix. It will run from 1 July to 30 September 2024. As with our Quarter Two Plan it includes the key next steps and lead portfolio for 40 commitments in three broad areas: rebuilding the economy and easing the cost of living, restoring law and order, and delivering better public services.

Implementation

4. As with the Quarter Two Plan, the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC), in consultation with ministers and agencies, will report regularly to Cabinet Strategy Committee (STR) on progress against the actions in the quarterly plans. There will be more frequent reporting to me on an exception basis where there are concerns about delivery. DPMC will continue to convene the agencies responsible for delivering the quarterly plans to ensure traction and alignment between ministers and the public service. Our experience to date is that there has been a fair proportion of actions completed in the last couple of weeks of the quarter. I expect a more even spread of delivery this quarter and will be keeping an eye on this.

Financial implications

5. This paper has no direct financial implications. However, any financial implications associated with delivering these commitments will need to be managed through our usual fiscal sustainability and Budget processes, to avoid further pressure on our constrained fiscal position. Agencies responsible for the delivery of the commitments will need to provide reprioritisation, delivery and phasing options.

Legislative implications

6. This paper has no direct legislative implications. The legislative implications of the commitments will be considered as part of the policy development process.

Impact analysis

7. Regulatory impact analysis is not required as there are no policy proposals for decision in this paper.

Use of External Resources

8. No external resources were used in producing this paper.

Consultation

9. DPMC drafted this paper. Departments were consulted on the matters relevant to them. I consulted with ministers responsible for commitments in the Q3 Plan and with coalition partners.

Communications and proactive release

10. I plan to announce the commitments in the Q3 Plan in the coming days. I intend to proactively release this paper and the Cabinet minute, subject to any necessary redactions, within 30 business days of Cabinet's decisions.

Recommendations

11. The Prime Minister recommends that Cabinet:
 1. Agree to the Coalition Government's Quarter Three Plan to deliver better outcomes for New Zealanders, as set out in the Appendix;
 2. Agree to the lead portfolios and actions for each commitment, as set out in Appendix One;
 3. Note that the Prime Minister intends to announce the decisions in this paper in the coming days.

Authorised for lodgement

Rt Hon Christopher Luxon
Prime Minister

APPENDIX ONE

Rebuilding the economy and easing the cost of living	Portfolio
1. Pass the second Local Water Done Well Bill requiring councils to deliver plans for financially sustainable water services, replacing the previous Government's Three Waters regime.	Local Government
2. Take Cabinet decisions on a framework for city and regional deals.	Local Government
3. Sign the new speed limit rule to reverse the previous Government's blanket speed limit reductions.	Transport
4. Take Cabinet decisions on legislation to support time-of-use charging to reduce congestion.	Transport
5. Introduce legislation to eliminate barriers to overseas building products being used in New Zealand.	Building & Construction
6. Release the draft of the second Emissions Reduction Plan.	Climate Change
7. Take Cabinet decisions to establish a new National Infrastructure Agency.	Infrastructure
8. Take Cabinet decisions on the scope of RMA and National Direction amendments to unlock development in infrastructure, housing, and primary industries, and drive a more efficient and effective resource management system.	RMA Reform
9. Take Cabinet decisions on work programme to replace the RMA with a system premised on the enjoyment of property rights.	RMA Reform
10. Take Cabinet decisions on the final design of the Government's one-stop shop consenting and permitting scheme, incorporating sensible changes suggested through the select committee process.	RMA Reform

11. Pass the Resource Management (Extended Duration of Coastal Permits for Marine Farms) Amendment Bill into law to provide certainty to New Zealand's aquaculture industry.	Oceans & Fisheries
12. Open the \$1.2 billion Regional Infrastructure Fund for applications to help reduce New Zealand's long-standing infrastructure deficit.	Regional Development
13. Begin public consultation on reform of the Holidays Act.	Workplace Relations & Safety
14. Take Cabinet decisions on legislative amendments to clarify the employment status of contractors.	Workplace Relations & Safety
15. Initiate the second regulatory sector review to identify and remove unnecessary red tape.	Regulation
16. Take Cabinet decisions on new regulations to remove the GE ban and enable the safe use of gene technology in agriculture, health science and other sectors.	Science, Innovation & Technology
17. Gazette amendments to the National Policy Statement for Highly Productive Land to specified infrastructure and farming activities on highly productive land.	Agriculture
18. Introduce legislative change to amend requirements for farmers in certain areas to have certified Freshwater Farm Plans.	Agriculture
19. Begin consultation on changes to improve the efficiency and fairness of goods fees and border processing levies.	Customs
Restoring law and order	Portfolio
20. Launch a military-style academy pilot for serious and persistent young offenders.	Children
21. Introduce legislation to toughen sentencing rules to ensure real consequences for crime.	Justice

22. Pass the Gangs Legislation Amendment Bill to give Police more tools to crack down on gangs.	Justice
23. Pass the Firearms Prohibition Orders Legislation Amendment Bill to provide Police with stronger powers to get guns out of the hands of criminals.	Justice
24. Pass the Corrections Amendment Bill to increase access to effective rehabilitation for prisoners on remand.	Corrections
25. Introduce legislation to enable roadside testing for drug driving.	Transport
26. Pass the Courts (Remote Participation) Amendment Bill to improve efficiency in the courts and increase access to justice.	Justice
27. Take Cabinet decisions on proposed improvements to the Anti-Money Laundering and Countering Financing of Terrorism regime to ensure it is both workable and effective.	Justice
Delivering better public services	Portfolio
28. Publish reporting on the Government's nine priority targets for the public service.	Prime Minister
29. Publish an updated health workforce plan to address staffing needs across the health system.	Health
30. Take Cabinet decisions on the programme business case, including cost-benefit analysis, for a proposed third medical school at Waikato University.	Health
31. Release initial plan for progressing health targets, including faster cancer treatment, shorter wait times, and improved immunisation for children.	Health
32. Open applications for new and converting charter schools.	Education

33. Introduce second phase of initiatives to lift school attendance.	Education
34. Release draft of the new Year 0-13 English and Maths curriculum learning areas and begin targeted testing with teachers.	Education
35. Finalise the model for new Structured Literacy interventions for struggling readers (to replace Reading Recovery from Term 1 2025).	Education
36. Take Cabinet decisions in response to the findings of the Ministerial Inquiry into School Property.	Education
37. Introduce legislation to tighten controls on youth vaping.	Health
38. Begin rollout of community Job Coaches to support 18-24-year-old Jobseekers to get off welfare and into work.	Social Development
39. Finalise design of a Jobseeker Benefit Traffic Light System to strengthen jobseeker obligations and consequences for non-compliance.	Social Development
40. Finalise the framework to ensure the independence of a standalone Children's Commissioner and strengthen the oversight of Oranga Tamariki.	Social Development

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Minute of Decision

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Report of the Cabinet Strategy Committee: Period Ended 28 June 2024

On 1 July 2024, Cabinet made the following decisions on the work of the Cabinet Strategy Committee for the period ended 28 June 2024:

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STR-24-MIN-0009 **Quarter Three Plan** CONFIRMED
Portfolio: Prime Minister

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Rachel Hayward
Secretary of the Cabinet

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Cabinet Strategy Committee

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Portfolio **Prime Minister**

On 25 June 2024, the Cabinet Strategy Committee:

- 1 **agreed** to the Coalition Government’s Quarter Three Plan (Q3 Plan) to deliver better outcomes for New Zealanders, as set out in Appendix One under STR-24-SUB-0009;
- 2 **agreed** to the lead portfolios and actions for each commitment, as set out in Appendix One;
- 3 **noted** the expectation that actions be delivered evenly across the quarter;
- 4 **noted** that the Prime Minister intends to announce the commitments agreed to in the Q3 Plan.

Rachel Clarke
Committee Secretary

Present:

Rt Hon Christopher Luxon (Chair)
Rt Hon Winston Peters
Hon David Seymour
Hon Nicola Willis
Hon Brooke van Velden
Hon Shane Jones
Hon Chris Bishop
Hon Dr Shane Reti
Hon Simeon Brown
Hon Erica Stanford
Hon Paul Goldsmith
Hon Louise Upston
Hon Judith Collins KC
Hon Mark Mitchell
Hon Tama Potaka

Officials present from:

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Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet
Officials Committee for STR