



Proactive Release

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

Quarterly Plan Updates

The following documents have been included in this release:

Title of paper: Government's Action Plan for Quarter 2 for the Cabinet Meeting of 8 April (CAB-24-SUB-0115 refers)

Title of minute: Quarterly Plan Update as at 8 April 2024 (CAB-24-MIN-0115 refers)

Title of paper: Government's Action Plan for Quarter 2 for the Cabinet Strategy Committee (STR) Meeting of 30 April (STR-24-SUB-0001 refers)

Title of minute: Report of the Cabinet Strategy Committee: Period Ended 3 May 2024 (CAB-24-MIN-0153 refers)

Title of minute: Quarterly Plan: Update as at 30 April 2024 (STR-24-MIN-0001 refers)

Title of paper: Government's Action Plan for Quarter 2 for the Cabinet Strategy Committee (STR) Meeting of 21 May (STR-24-SUB-0004 refers)

Title of minute: Report of the Cabinet Strategy Committee: Period Ended 24 May 2024 (CAB-24-MIN-0189 refers)

Title of minute: Quarterly Plan Update as at 21 May 2024 (STR-24-MIN-0004 refers)

Title of paper: Government's Action Plan for Quarter 2 for the Cabinet Meeting of 10 June (CAB-24-SUB-0206 refers)

Title of minute: Quarterly Plan Update as at 10 June 2024 (CAB-24-MIN-0206 refers)

Title of paper: Government's Action Plan for Quarter 2 for the STR Meeting of 25 June (STR-24-MIN-0007 refers)

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

Title of minute: Quarterly Plan Update as at 25 June 2024 (STR-24-MIN-0007 refers)

Title of paper: Government's Action Plan for Quarter 2 for the Cabinet Meeting of 8 July (CAB-24-SUB-0251 refers)

Title of minute: Quarterly Plan Update as at 8 July 2024 (CAB-24-MIN-0251 refers)

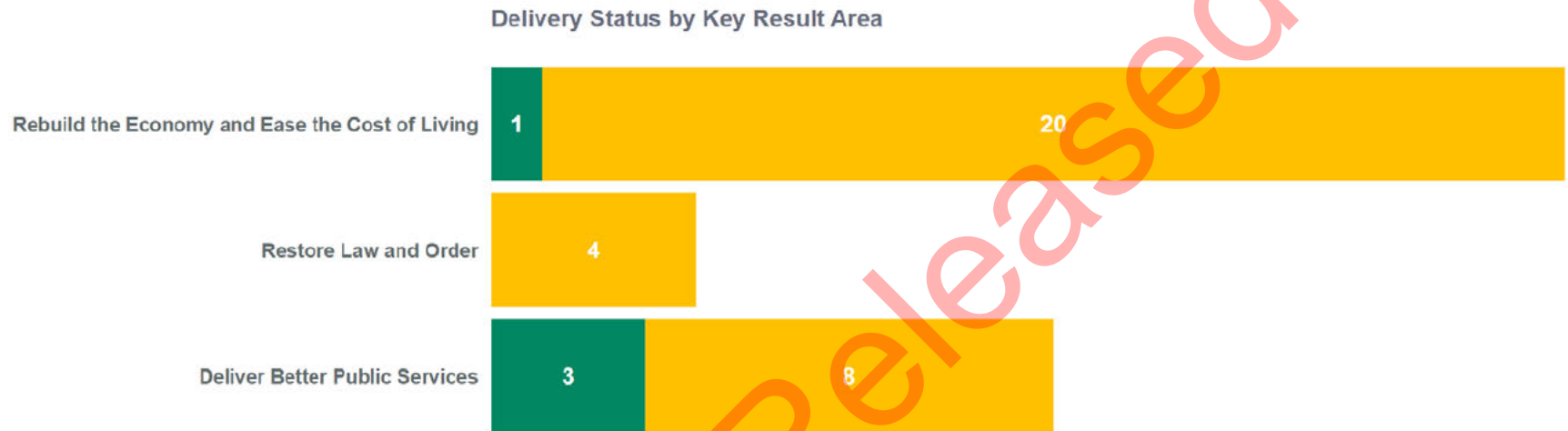
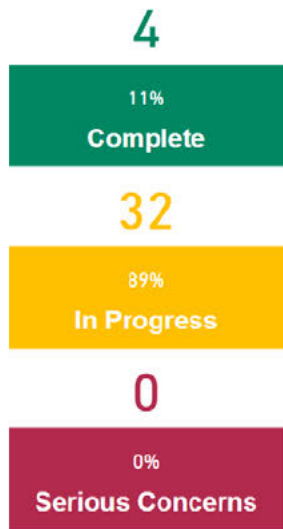


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Government's Action Plan for Quarter 2 for the Cabinet Meeting of 8 April



Future Papers – April

Papers for April	Lead Portfolio	Meeting Dates
Establishing the Regional Infrastructure Fund	Regional Development	ECO 10 April
Resource Management Act Amendment Bill #1 to address a small number of time critical changes	RMA Reform	ECO 10 April
Reinstating three strikes sentencing law	Associate Justice	SOU 10 April
A Literacy Guarantee for children learning to read in state schools or kura	Education	SOU 10 April
Budget 2024 Package	Finance	Cabinet 29 April
Electrify NZ work programme	Energy	ECO (date TBC)

Rebuild the Economy and Ease the Cost of Living

#	Commitment	Lead Portfolio	Lead Minister	Action	Due Month	Delivery Update	Delivery Status
1	Pass a Budget that reduces wasteful spending and takes pressure off inflation.	Finance	Hon Nicola Willis	Finalise public sector savings through Budget 2024.	May	It is expected that decisions to meet this commitment will be confirmed at Cabinet on 29 April.	
2	Legislate for personal income tax relief.	Finance	Hon Nicola Willis	Pass Budget legislation.	May	Design parameters are being discussed by Budget Ministers. The package is unlikely to be finalised by Budget Ministers until mid-April at the earliest and Cabinet decisions are likely to be taken as part of the Budget Cabinet paper to go to Cabinet on 29 April. The commitment will be legislated on Budget day.	
3	Legislate to introduce the FamilyBoost childcare tax credit.	Finance	Hon Nicola Willis	Pass Budget legislation.	May	FamilyBoost was announced by the Prime Minister and the Minister of Finance on 25 March. Officials will now start engaging with the Early Childhood Education (ECE) sector (including their software providers). Following the outcome of consultation, officials will work towards finalising legislation. A Cabinet paper to approve introduction of legislation will be prepared, aiming for consideration at LEG on 23 May. The commitment will be legislated on Budget day.	
4	Finalise the Government Policy Statement on Land Transport, freezing fuel tax until the end of 2026 and delivering significant investment for transport.	Transport	Hon Simeon Brown	Finalise GPS.	Jun	Consultation on the draft Government Policy Statement on Land Transport 2024 (GPS 2024) ended on 2 April. Officials are now analysing submissions to inform updates to the GPS 2024. Approval for the final document will be sought at Cabinet Committee by 19 June and Cabinet by 24 June. The Minister of Transport is aiming to release the GPS 2024 publicly no later than 30 June.	
5	Take decisions to implement the Going for Housing Growth plan while making the MDRS optional for councils.	Housing	Hon Chris Bishop	Take Cabinet decisions.	Jun	Initial advice was provided to the Minister on Housing Growth Targets and infrastructure funding settings in a series of papers. Aiming to input policy content on Medium Density Residential Standards (MDRS) optionality and Housing Growth Targets into the Cabinet Paper for Resource Management Act (RMA) Amendment Bill #2 (subject to Ministerial decisions and engagement with the Expert Advisory Group).	

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6	Respond to the independent review of Kāinga Ora's financial situation, procurement, and asset management.	Housing	Hon Chris Bishop	Take Cabinet decisions in response to review.	May	A Cabinet paper is expected to be considered by SOU on 1 May, with Cabinet on 6 May. An announcement and public release will follow.	
7	Introduce legislation to improve the rental market.	Housing	Hon Chris Bishop	Introduce legislation.	Jun	Policy decisions were made on 11 March. PCO is currently drafting legislation and HUD is targeting LEG Committee on 9 May, ahead of introduction in the week of 13 May.	
8	Release draft plan to ease restrictions on building materials from overseas for public consultation.	Building and Construction	Hon Chris Penk	Begin public consultation.	May	Cabinet agreed to a plan for easing restrictions on building materials from overseas on 25 March, including final policy decisions on changes to the Building Act required to implement changes. The Prime Minister intends to announce these policy decisions on 4 April. MBIE is currently preparing drafting instructions for PCO for a Bill to give effect to the Cabinet decisions. s9(2)(f)(iv) [REDACTED] MBIE has also started policy development to inform a public discussion document on the regulations needed to support the amendments to the Building Act, which is expected to be released after introduction of the Bill. Cabinet agreed that the public consultation should occur on draft regulations, after introduction of legislation.	
9	Take decisions on measures to increase investment in renewable electricity generation.	Energy	Hon Simeon Brown	Take Cabinet decisions.	Jun	The Minister for Energy will take a paper to Cabinet in April to confirm next steps for the Electrify NZ programme. Key measures for implementation of the Electrify NZ programme are being included in the RMA Amendment Bill #2. This includes updates to the national direction for renewable electricity and transmission, and amendments to primary legislation on resource consent issues.	

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10	Introduce legislation to amend the RMA to clarify application of National Policy Statement on Freshwater Management in relation to individual consent for freshwater and to extend marine farm consent.	RMA Reform	Hon Chris Bishop	Introduce legislation.	May	A Cabinet paper is expected to be lodged for consideration at ECO on 10 April which will seek confirmation of content for RMA Amendment Bill #1 (Te Mana o te Wai, National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity (NPSIB), Ports, Sloped land). This Bill is on track for introduction in late May, though any delay in Cabinet consideration would delay the date of introduction. Note that marine farm consents are being delivered via a different Cabinet Paper to be lodged also for consideration at ECO on 10 April.	
11	Introduce legislation to suspend the requirement on councils to identify and adopt new Significant Natural Areas.	Associate Environment	Hon Andrew Hoggard	Introduce legislation.	May	The changes to the NPSIB will be delivered via RMA Amendment Bill #1.	
12	Finalise policy to keep agriculture out of the ETS.	Agriculture	Hon Todd McClay	Take Cabinet decisions.	Apr	The action is complete. The Cabinet paper: Final Policy Decisions to Repeal Agricultural Obligations in the New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme was considered by Cabinet on 2 April.	
13	Commence an independent review of the methane science and targets for consistency with no additional warming from agricultural methane emissions.	Climate Change	Hon Simon Watts	Commence review.	Jun	Approval to announce the Methane Review was considered by ECO on 27 March. Formal approvals to convene a group will occur in May.	
14	Reform the CCCFA regime to improve access to credit for home buyers.	Commerce	Hon Andrew Bayly	Make regulatory changes to the CCCFA.	Mar	Cabinet agreed to progress a package of financial services reforms on 25 March, including agreeing to revoke the affordability regulations under the Credit Contracts and Consumer Finance Act (CCCFA). The Minister of Commerce and Consumer Affairs intends to carry out targeted consultation on draft amendment regulations in April before taking the final regulations to LEG in May for approval.	
15	Initiate the first regulatory sector review.	Regulation	Hon David Seymour	Identify sector and initiate review.	May	The first regulatory sector review will look at the ECE sector. A Cabinet paper seeking approval to initiate the first review will go to EXP for consideration in May.	

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16	Take decisions on the scope of the extension to the Covid-19 inquiry.	DIA	Hon Brooke van Velden	Take Cabinet decisions.	May	<p>Public consultation on proposed expanded Terms of Reference (TOR) closed on 24 March. Over 11,000 submissions were received. An initial report on public submissions will be finalised on 12 April and provided to the Minister on 18 April alongside advice on scope changes. A final report on public submissions will be available on 26 April.</p> <p>The Minister is convening a group of Ministers to consider the detailed proposals which will inform the first Cabinet paper which will seek CBC decisions on 13 May. The second Cabinet paper, attaching an amended TOR, will seek Cabinet decisions on 24 June.</p>	
17	Take decisions on reform of the Holidays Act.	Workplace Relations & Safety	Hon Brooke van Velden	Take Cabinet decisions.	Jun	<p>The Minister held a policy session with officials on 28 February on the background to and status of this work. Officials provided briefings on outstanding policy decisions to the Minister on 28 March for decisions by 10 April.</p> <p>A draft Cabinet paper will be provided to the Minister in the week of 15 April.</p> <p>Engagement with Social Partners (Business NZ and the CTU) continues.</p>	

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18	Raise the energy New Zealand brings to key relationships through international engagements, focussing on our traditional partners, the Pacific, and South East and South Asia.	Foreign Affairs	Rt Hon Winston Peters	Conduct engagements with foreign counterparts to promote New Zealand's interests.	Jun	<p>In recent weeks ministers have undertaken:</p> <p>Overseas visits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minister of Foreign Affairs: India; Indonesia; Singapore. <p>Engagements in New Zealand:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minister of Foreign Affairs: Viet Nam Prime Minister; China and the Cook Islands Foreign Affairs Ministers; Israeli, UAE, Turkish, Egyptian and Romanian Ambassadors. Prime Minister: Viet Nam and China (as above). Minister for Trade: Viet Nam and China (as above); Saudi and EU Ambassadors. Minister for Climate Change: Irish Transport Minister. (The PM, Minister of Foreign Affairs and other ministers also met the Ulu o Tokelau). <p>Phone calls with counterparts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minister of Foreign Affairs: Marshall Islands; Malaysia; Peru; Cook Islands, Norway; Spain. Prime Minister: Netherlands. 	
19	Take decisions on the removal of the ban on offshore oil and gas exploration.	Resources	Hon Shane Jones	Take Cabinet decisions.	Jun	Policy decisions will be taken by Cabinet on 13 May. The Crown Minerals Act Amendment Bill is scheduled for introduction in October.	
20	Commission a study into New Zealand's fuel security, including investigating the feasibility of reopening the Marsden Point Oil Refinery.	Associate Energy	Hon Shane Jones	Release request for proposal (RFP) for study.	Jun	MBIE officials are developing an RFP to undertake a fuel security study which includes investigating the strategic importance of the Marsden Point Oil Refinery. The RFP will go to market in June.	
21	Establish a Regional Infrastructure Fund.	Regional Development	Hon Shane Jones	Take Cabinet decisions.	Apr	A Cabinet paper seeking agreement to the fund has been out for Ministerial consultation. The paper is expected to go to ECO on 10 April, with final Cabinet agreement on 15 April. The final establishment decision will be progressed in the Budget.	

Restore Law and Order

#	Commitment	Lead Portfolio	Lead Minister	Action	Due Date	Delivery Update	Delivery Status
22	Progress legislation to improve rehabilitation, reintegration and safety outcomes in the corrections system, including by extending eligibility to offence-based rehabilitation programmes to remand prisoners.	Corrections	Hon Mark Mitchell	Hold second reading of the Corrections Amendment Bill.	Jun	The Corrections Amendment Bill is currently before select committee. Officials are presenting the Departmental Report in mid-April. The Bill is on track to meet its report back date of 31 May and a second reading by the end of June.	
23	Take decisions to restore Three Strikes.	Associate Justice	Hon Nicole McKee	Take Cabinet decisions.	Apr	The Associate Minister received an initial briefing on reinstating the three strikes sentencing regime in February. Ministerial consultation was completed on a draft Cabinet paper seeking policy decisions in March-April. The Associate Minister will submit a paper for consideration at SOU on 10 April and Cabinet on 15 April.	
24	Launch a review of the firearms registry.	Associate Justice	Hon Nicole McKee	Launch review of the firearms registry.	Jun	The Associate Minister has agreed to an overarching approach to achieving the Government's firearms reform over the course of the Parliamentary term, including undertaking a review of the Firearms Registry. The Associate Minister will take a paper setting out her proposed approach to the firearms reform to SOU for endorsement on 8 May. Based on the agreed work programme, Ministry of Justice officials will advise the Associate Minister on the design of the Registry review, including terms of reference and resources required in June.	
25	Take decisions on establishing a Youth Serious Offender Category and making Youth Military Academies a standalone sentencing option for the Youth Court.	Children	Hon Karen Chhour	Take Cabinet decisions.	May	The Minister for Children met with the Ministers of Police and Justice regarding the details of this commitment on 20 March and agreements were made based on further advice. Oranga Tamariki is preparing a Cabinet paper for consideration at SOU on 8 May.	

Deliver Better Public Services

#	Commitment	Lead Portfolio	Lead Minister	Action	Due Date	Delivery Update	Delivery Status
26	Set targets for improving public service outcomes.	Prime Minister	Rt Hon Christopher Luxon	Set targets.	Mar	The action is complete. The Cabinet paper: Setting Targets to Deliver for New Zealanders was considered by Cabinet on 25 March.	
27	Take decisions on the rollout of structured literacy for year 1-3 students, including a phonics check.	Education	Hon Erica Stanford	Take Cabinet decisions.	Apr	A draft Cabinet paper was provided to the Minister on 20 March. Ministerial consultation finishes on 2 April. The Cabinet paper will be considered by SOU on 10 April.	
28	Take action to strengthen teacher training, including refocusing Professional Learning and Development for teachers on numeracy, literacy and assessment.	Education	Hon Erica Stanford	Take Cabinet decisions.	Jun	The Minister is meeting with the Ministry of Education and the Teaching Council to discuss approaches to strengthen teacher training and Professional Learning and Development (PLD), including sequencing and priorities. Regionally allocated PLD has been refocused onto structured literacy for the current allocation round, and further advice is being provided on reprioritising other PLD.	
29	Take action to develop standardised assessment and regular reporting to parents.	Education	Hon Erica Stanford	Present options paper to Cabinet.	Jun	A Cabinet paper: Requirements for a Standardised Approach to Reporting – approach and timelines is currently being drafted for consideration in May. The paper proposes a further Cabinet paper on standardising assessment and reporting this year.	
30	Introduce legislation to reintroduce charter schools.	Associate Education	Hon David Seymour	Introduce legislation.	Apr	A Cabinet paper seeking agreement to establish the legislative framework for charter schools was considered by SOU on 27 March and by Cabinet on 2 April. Following Cabinet's agreement, PCO will be issued instructions to draft a Bill planned to be introduced in late June. Other work needed to introduce the charter schools model is underway, including the appointment of a Charter Schools Kura Hourua Establishment Board, development of a funding model, and development of the performance management framework.	
31	Launch an Attendance Action Plan and introduce the first phase of initiatives to lift school attendance.	Associate Education	Hon David Seymour	Launch Attendance Action Plan and introduce phase one of initiatives.	Mar	On 20 March, SOU noted that the Associate Minister of Education plans to take a multi-faceted approach through an Attendance Action Plan. The Associate Minister is scheduled to announce the Plan on 9 April.	

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32	Take decisions to disestablish Te Pūkenga and consult on a proposed replacement model.	Tertiary Education	Hon Penny Simmonds	Take Cabinet decisions and initiate consultation.	Mar	Officials are preparing consultation materials and detailed costings of possible models for the future of the vocational education training system.	
33	Issue a new Government Policy Statement on Health, setting the government's priorities for the health system for the next three years.	Health	Hon Dr Shane Reti	Issue GPS.	May	The draft Government Policy Statement on Health 2024-2027 is currently out for consultation with Health Agencies. The Cabinet paper with the final Government Policy Statement on Health 2024-2027 is due to be considered by SOU on 29 May and confirmed by Cabinet on 4 June.	
34	Take decisions to streamline the Medsafe approval process.	Associate Health	Hon David Seymour	Take Cabinet decisions.	Jun	The Minister and their office discussed scoping of initiatives with Medsafe in March. Medsafe is preparing an initial briefing outlining short, medium, and longer term initiatives to streamline approval processes. The initial briefing will include a proposed timeline for further briefings and a Cabinet paper. It is expected to be provided to the Minister in the week beginning 8 April. Medsafe has had initial discussions with the pharmaceutical industry on options for new and amended approval pathways. Further discussions will be held during April.	
35	Take decisions to tighten controls on youth vaping.	Associate Health	Hon Casey Costello	Take Cabinet decisions.	Apr	The action is complete. The Cabinet paper: Smokefree 2025: Cracking Down On Youth Vaping was considered by Cabinet on 18 March.	
36	Take decisions on the repeal of Section 7AA of the Oranga Tamariki Act	Children	Hon Karen Chhour	Take Cabinet decisions.	Apr	The action is complete. The Cabinet Paper: Oranga Tamariki Act 1989: Repeal of Section 7AA was considered by Cabinet on 2 April. Oranga Tamariki will progress with issuing drafting instructions to PCO for the Bill to be drafted. Oranga Tamariki is also working through initial planning on how the repeal can be operationalised.	



Cabinet

Minute of Decision

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Quarterly Plan Update as at 8 April 2024

Portfolio **Prime Minister**

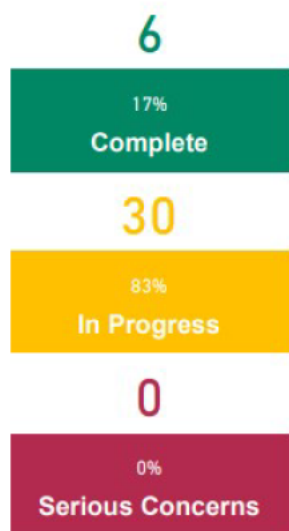
On 8 April 2024, Cabinet:

- 1 **noted** the Quarterly Plan Update, attached to the submission under CAB-24-MIN-0115, and the next steps in a number of key work programmes.

Rachel Hayward
Secretary of the Cabinet

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Government's Action Plan for Quarter 2 for the Cabinet Strategy Committee (STR) Meeting of 30 April



Delivery Status by Key Result Area



Future Papers

Papers for April / May	Action	Lead Portfolio	Meeting Dates
Budget 2024 Package	1	Finance	Cabinet 29 April
The Government's education targets	27-31	Education	STR 30 April
Electrify NZ work programme	9	Energy	ECO 1 May
Attendance: Mandatory Reporting of Daily Attendance Data	31	Associate Education	SOU 1 May
A strategy for lifting New Zealand's engagement with India	18	Foreign Affairs	FSP 7 May
Establishing the Regional Infrastructure Fund	21	Regional Development	ECO 8 May
Releasing discussion documents on financial services reform (relate to the wider financial services reforms)	14	Commerce	ECO 8 May
Requirements for a Standardised Approach to Reporting – approach and timelines	29	Education	SOU 8 May
Initial Response to the Independent Review of Kāinga Ora	6	Housing	SOU 8 May
COVID Royal Commission – Amendments to Terms of Reference	16	DIA	CBC 13 May

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Terms of Reference for the early childhood education regulatory sector review	15	Regulation	SOU 22 May
Holidays Act reforms: Further policy decisions	17	Workplace Relations & Safety	ECO 22 May
Crown Minerals Act 1991: Ensuring security of gas supply and regulatory efficiency	19	Resources	ECO 22 May
Approval to introduce the Taxation (Budget Measures) Bill	3	Finance	LEG 23 May
Financial services reforms: revoking consumer credit regulations	14	Commerce	LEG 23 May
First RM Amendment Bill – approval for introduction	10	RMA Reform	LEG 23 May (or Cabinet 20 May tbc)
Update on fuel security work	20	Associate Energy	ECO 29 May
Setting priorities and expectations for the health system	33	Health	SOU 29 May
Commencing the Methane Science and Targets Review	13	Climate Change	ECO 29 May

Rebuild the Economy and Ease the Cost of Living

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1	Pass a Budget that reduces wasteful spending and takes pressure off inflation.	Finance	Hon Nicola Willis	Finalise public sector savings through Budget 2024.	May	Ahead of the Budget Cabinet paper, the Minister of Finance is writing to portfolio ministers advising them of the savings in each of their portfolios. The Minister will submit a paper to Cabinet to confirm the Budget package at the 29 April Cabinet meeting.	
2	Legislate for personal income tax relief.	Finance	Hon Nicola Willis	Pass Budget legislation.	May	The Minister will seek Cabinet agreement to design parameters through the Budget Cabinet paper scheduled for consideration on 29 April. The commitment will be legislated on Budget day.	
3	Legislate to introduce the FamilyBoost childcare tax credit.	Finance	Hon Nicola Willis	Pass Budget legislation.	May	Officials have met with various early childhood education (ECE) sector representatives, providers and software firms and will report a summary of discussions to ministers at the end of April. The commitment will be legislated on Budget day. Drafting of legislation is underway. Officials are preparing a Cabinet paper to approve introduction of legislation for consideration at LEG on 23 May.	
4	Finalise the Government Policy Statement on Land Transport, freezing fuel tax until the end of 2026 and delivering significant investment for transport.	Transport	Hon Simeon Brown	Finalise GPS.	Jun	Consultation on the draft Government Policy Statement on Land Transport 2024 (GPS 2024) ended on 2 April. 662 submissions and 1,377 survey responses were received from a wide range of stakeholders. The Minister and officials are now working through changes to the GPS 2024 following consultation. Approval for the final document will be sought at Cabinet Committee by 19 June and Cabinet by 24 June. The Minister of Transport is aiming to release the GPS 2024 publicly no later than 30 June.	

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5	Take decisions to implement the Going for Housing Growth plan while making the MDRS optional for councils.	Housing	Hon Chris Bishop	Take Cabinet decisions.	Jun	<p>The Minister has agreed to the objectives and scope of work on infrastructure funding settings.</p> <p>At the request of the Minister, officials are establishing a Housing Expert Advisory Group, which will feed into the policy advice provided to the Minister on Going for Housing Growth. The initial focus is on housing growth targets and Medium Density Residential Standards, and housing intensification, with four workshops held over April/May.</p> <p>This advice will inform a 24 June Cabinet paper seeking decisions on a package that will free up land for development and outline the work programme to improve infrastructure funding and financing.</p> <p>No decisions have been made on the legislative vehicle for the policy changes. The Minister is considering whether to include the policy changes in Resource Management Act (RMA) Amendment Bill #2 and updated National Direction along with amendments to other Acts, or a Housing Omnibus Bill.</p>	
6	Respond to the independent review of Kāinga Ora's financial situation, procurement, and asset management.	Housing	Hon Chris Bishop	Take Cabinet decisions in response to review.	May	<p>The panel delivered its interim report to responsible Ministers on 2 April, and its final report on 19 April.</p> <p>Ministers are now considering the report and will seek Cabinet's agreement to the proposed next steps for implementation of the recommendations at SOU on 8 May.</p>	
7	Introduce legislation to improve the rental market.	Housing	Hon Chris Bishop	Introduce legislation.	Jun	<p>Policy decisions were announced on 11 and 15 April.</p> <p>Officials provided a draft LEG paper and Bill for ministerial consultation on 17 April. The Minister is targeting LEG on 9 May and introduction in the week of 13 May.</p> <p>A further announcement is likely at the time the Bill is introduced.</p>	

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8	Release draft plan to ease restrictions on building materials from overseas for public consultation.	Building and Construction	Hon Chris Penk	Begin public consultation.	May	<p>On 4 April, the Prime Minister and the Minister for Building and Construction released a draft plan to ease restrictions on building materials from overseas.</p> <p>s9(2)(f)(ii)</p> <p>Officials have nearly finalised drafting instructions for PCO and expect to have completed these by 23 April.</p> <p>On 31 May, officials expect to publish a document that provides more information on the proposed changes and seeks high level feedback from stakeholders to inform next steps, specifically around regulation development. Officials are progressing policy work to inform the development of regulations, and implementation design.</p>	
9	Take decisions on measures to increase investment in renewable electricity generation.	Energy	Hon Simeon Brown	Take Cabinet decisions.	Jun	The Electrify NZ Cabinet paper is scheduled for discussion at ECO on 1 May (it may be slightly later depending on developments).	
10	Introduce legislation to amend the RMA to clarify application of National Policy Statement on Freshwater Management in relation to individual consent for freshwater and to extend marine farm consent.	RMA Reform	Hon Chris Bishop	Introduce legislation.	May	<p>Cabinet agreed to the content of the RM Amendment Bill #1 on 15 April. The Bill is on track for introduction in late May. A Cabinet paper is expected to be considered by LEG on 23 May or will proceed direct to Cabinet on 20 May.</p> <p>Extension of ports permits is now to be delivered through RM Bill #2.</p>	
11	Introduce legislation to suspend the requirement on councils to identify and adopt new Significant Natural Areas.	Associate Environment	Hon Andrew Hoggard	Introduce legislation.	May	<p>The changes to the National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity (NPSIB) will be delivered via RMA Amendment Bill #1.</p> <p>The Bill is on track for introduction in late May. A Cabinet paper is expected to be considered by LEG on 23 May or will proceed direct to Cabinet on 20 May.</p>	
12	Finalise policy to keep agriculture out of the ETS.	Agriculture	Hon Todd McClay	Take Cabinet decisions.	Apr	The action is complete. The Cabinet paper: Final Policy Decisions to Repeal Agricultural Obligations in the New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme was considered by Cabinet on 2 April.	

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13	Commence an independent review of the methane science and targets for consistency with no additional warming from agricultural methane emissions.	Climate Change	Hon Simon Watts	Commence review.	Jun	<p>The intention to undertake the review was announced on 6 April by Ministers McClay, Watts, Hoggard, and Patterson.</p> <p>Ministers McClay and Watts have approved a draft terms of reference and long list of potential panel members. Officials plan to confirm members' availability and interest, ahead of ministers confirming 3-5 panellists to propose to APH.</p> <p>Officials have proposed to take a Cabinet paper to ECO on 29 May, followed by a Cabinet paper to APH on 18 June. These papers would finalise the terms of reference, process for the review and panel members.</p> <p>The Review will commence after approval.</p>	
14	Reform the CCCFA regime to improve access to credit for home buyers.	Commerce	Hon Andrew Bayly	Make regulatory changes to the CCCFA.	Mar	<p>Following public announcement on the detail of the reforms on 21 April, the Minister has initiated targeted consultation on draft amendment regulations revoking prescriptive affordability requirements. The Minister will take final regulations to LEG in May for approval.</p>	
15	Initiate the first regulatory sector review.	Regulation	Hon David Seymour	Identify sector and initiate review.	May	<p>Draft Terms of Reference for the review were provided to some ECE sector representatives on 18 April for feedback.</p> <p>A draft Cabinet paper seeking approval to initiate the first review was sent for agency consultation on 19 April. The Cabinet paper will be considered by SOU on 22 May.</p>	
16	Take decisions on the scope of the extension to the Covid-19 inquiry.	DIA	Hon Brooke van Velden	Take Cabinet decisions.	May	<p>The Minister met with a group of ministers to consider proposals on the extension to the Covid-19 inquiry on 11 April.</p> <p>Officials provided a summary report on public submissions to the Minister on 19 April and will provide the final report on 26 April.</p> <p>The Minister has sought further advice from Crown Law which will be finalised on 23 April.</p> <p>The Minister intends to seek agreement at CBC on 13 May.</p>	

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17	Take decisions on reform of the Holidays Act.	Workplace Relations & Safety	Hon Brooke van Velden	Take Cabinet decisions.	Jun	The Minister has made policy decisions to enable drafting of the exposure draft version of the Bill (subject to Cabinet approval). On 18 April the Minister received a draft Cabinet paper, Holidays Act Reform: Further Policy Decisions. Ministerial consultation is planned for 26 April – 9 May, with the paper planned to go to ECO on 22 May and Cabinet 27 May.	
18	Raise the energy New Zealand brings to key relationships through international engagements, focussing on our traditional partners, the Pacific, and South East and South Asia.	Foreign Affairs	Rt Hon Winston Peters	Conduct engagements with foreign counterparts to promote New Zealand's interests.	Jun	<p>Activities since the last reporting period:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overseas visits: Minister of Foreign Affairs: Egypt; Poland; Belgium (NATO Foreign Ministers' Meeting); Sweden; US (New York and Washington); Türkiye. Prime Minister and Minister for Climate Change: Singapore, Thailand, and Philippines. Minister for Trade: China. Phone calls with counterparts: Minister for Trade: Thai Commerce Minister. Engagements in New Zealand: Minister for Trade: Latin America Centre of Asia-Pacific Excellence event, Indian High Commissioner (Make in India event), Peruvian Ambassador, Chinese Ambassador, Egypt Ambassador, PNG Trade Minister, Indian Secretary of Commerce. <p>Upcoming activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overseas visits: Minister for Trade: UAE and France (OECD); Peru (APEC). Engagements in New Zealand: Minister of Foreign Affairs: Tuvalu High Commissioner, NZIIA Annual Lecture: New Zealand's Foreign Policy Reset, Ukrainian Parliamentary Delegation visit, German Foreign Minister visit. 	
19	Take decisions on the removal of the ban on offshore oil and gas exploration.	Resources	Hon Shane Jones	Take Cabinet decisions.	Jun	The Cabinet paper is currently being considered by the Minister. It is now proposed that ECO consider the paper on 22 May. The Cabinet paper has been delayed by two weeks in order to provide for ministerial and iwi consultation (as required under Treaty settlements). The delay is not anticipated to have any impact on introduction of the Crown Minerals Act Amendment Bill, which is scheduled for introduction in October.	

Rebuild the Economy and Ease the Cost of Living

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20	Commission a study into New Zealand's fuel security, including investigating the feasibility of reopening the Marsden Point Oil Refinery.	Associate Energy	Hon Shane Jones	Release request for proposal (RFP) for study.	Jun	Officials are developing a Request for Proposals (RFP) to undertake a fuel security study which includes investigating the strategic importance of Marsden Point Oil Refinery. A Future Procurement Opportunity (FPO) will be published on the Government Electronic Tender Service. The Minister will take a paper to ECO on 29 May. The RFP will go to market in June.	
21	Establish a Regional Infrastructure Fund.	Regional Development	Hon Shane Jones	Take Cabinet decisions.	Apr	A Cabinet paper seeking agreement to the fund is out for ministerial consultation. Ministerial consultation has taken longer than originally planned. The Cabinet Paper is now on track to be considered by ECO on 8 May.	

Restore Law and Order

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22	Progress legislation to improve rehabilitation, reintegration and safety outcomes in the corrections system, including by extending eligibility to offence-based rehabilitation programmes to remand prisoners.	Corrections	Hon Mark Mitchell	Hold second reading of the Corrections Amendment Bill.	Jun	The Corrections Amendment Bill is currently before Select Committee. Officials presented the Departmental Report on 11 April and the Committee will consider the revised tracked Bill on 2 May. The Bill is on track to meet its report back date of 31 May and a second reading by the end of June.	
23	Take decisions to restore Three Strikes.	Associate Justice	Hon Nicole McKee	Take Cabinet decisions.	Apr	The action is complete. The Cabinet paper Reinstating three strikes sentencing law was considered by Cabinet on 15 April.	

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24	Launch a review of the firearms registry.	Associate Justice	Hon Nicole McKee	Launch review of the firearms registry.	Jun	<p>The Associate Minister has agreed to an overarching approach to achieving the Government's firearms reform over the course of the Parliamentary term, including undertaking a review of the Firearms Registry. The Associate Minister will take a paper setting out her proposed approach to the firearms reform to SOU for endorsement on 8 May.</p> <p>Officials will advise the Associate Minister on the design of the Registry review, including terms of reference and resources required in May.</p>	
25	Take decisions on establishing a Youth Serious Offender Category and making Youth Military Academies a standalone sentencing option for the Youth Court.	Children	Hon Karen Chhour	Take Cabinet decisions.	May	<p>Officials are preparing a Cabinet paper for consideration at SOU in May. This contains the policy decisions for legislation to strengthen the government's responses to serious and persistent youth offending and includes proposals to establish a Young Serious Offender Category and Military Style Academies. Following decisions taken, drafting instructions will be issued to PCO to draft the Bill.</p>	

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26	Set targets for improving public service outcomes.	Prime Minister	Rt Hon Christopher Luxon	Set targets.	Mar	<p>The action is complete. The Cabinet paper: Setting Targets to Deliver for New Zealanders was considered by Cabinet on 25 March.</p>	
27	Take decisions on the rollout of structured literacy for year 1-3 students, including a phonics check.	Education	Hon Erica Stanford	Take Cabinet decisions.	Apr	<p>The Cabinet paper: A Literacy Guarantee for Children Learning to Read in State Schools or Kura was confirmed by SOU on 10 April. This paper outlined the plan for the rollout of structured literacy.</p> <p>Officials are providing an update on the selection and implementation planning for the phonics check to the Minister on 9 May.</p>	

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28	Take action to strengthen teacher training, including refocusing Professional Learning and Development for teachers on numeracy, literacy and assessment.	Education	Hon Erica Stanford	Take Cabinet decisions.	Jun	<p>A Cabinet paper: A Literacy Guarantee for Children Learning to Read in State Schools or Kura was confirmed by SOU on 10 April. This paper outlined the plan for the rollout of structured literacy, including Professional Learning and Development (PLD).</p> <p>Officials are meeting with the Teaching Council in April to walk through the impacts of the structured literacy approach on teacher training.</p> <p>Roll out of regionally allocated PLD for structured literacy is underway. Procurement planning is underway to quality assure existing providers and to engage additional PLD providers for increased structured literacy PLD capacity for both English medium and Māori medium settings.</p>	
29	Take action to develop standardised assessment and regular reporting to parents.	Education	Hon Erica Stanford	Present options paper to Cabinet.	Jun	<p>Officials are developing options for standardised testing and reporting to parents, as part of progressing actions in Teaching the Basics Brilliantly. Officials are providing the Minister with information and seeking agreement on approach by 8 May. Once decisions have been confirmed, a Cabinet paper will be prepared seeking endorsement of the approach proposed and outlining implementation timelines.</p>	
30	Introduce legislation to reintroduce charter schools.	Associate Education	Hon David Seymour	Introduce legislation.	Apr	<p>Officials have issued instructions to PCO to draft a Bill that will be introduced in late June.</p> <p>Work is progressing in other areas, including development of the performance management framework and charter school funding model. The Charter Schools Kura Hourua Establishment Board has now been established and is working alongside the Ministry to provide advice.</p>	
31	Launch an Attendance Action Plan and introduce the first phase of initiatives to lift school attendance.	Associate Education	Hon David Seymour	Launch Attendance Action Plan and introduce phase one of initiatives.	Mar	<p>The Action is complete. The Associate Minister launched the attendance action plan on 9 April.</p> <p>Following launch of the plan, work is underway to implement key elements of the attendance action plan, including the release of public health guidance and regulatory amendment to mandate the daily provision of attendance data.</p>	

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32	Take decisions to disestablish Te Pūkenga and consult on a proposed replacement model.	Tertiary Education	Hon Penny Simmonds	Take Cabinet decisions and initiate consultation.	Mar	The Minister is seeking to establish a Ministers' Group to discuss the key aspects of the reforms, including options for consultation. Financial forecasts for polytechnic reform are also being prepared and will be available in June. This will all inform a Cabinet paper seeking approval to consult, currently scheduled for July (i.e. immediately after the financial forecasts become available).	
33	Issue a new Government Policy Statement on Health, setting the government's priorities for the health system for the next three years.	Health	Hon Dr Shane Reti	Issue GPS.	May	Officials have provided the Minister an updated version of the Government Policy Statement on Health 2024-2027. This follows targeted engagement with health entities and government agencies and seeks decisions. The Minister will then consult colleagues from 6 May. The Cabinet paper with the final Government Policy Statement on Health 2024-2027 is due to be considered by SOU on 29 May.	
34	Take decisions to streamline the Medsafe approval process.	Associate Health	Hon David Seymour	Take Cabinet decisions.	Jun	On 23 April officials met the Minister to discuss the way forward on this action. Medsafe is currently drafting the Cabinet paper. It is anticipated that the paper will be considered by Cabinet in late June. Medsafe has had initial discussions with the pharmaceutical industry on options for new and amended approval pathways.	
35	Take decisions to tighten controls on youth vaping.	Associate Health	Hon Casey Costello	Take Cabinet decisions.	Apr	The action is complete. The Cabinet paper: Smokefree 2025: Cracking Down on Youth Vaping was considered by Cabinet on 18 March.	
36	Take decisions on the repeal of Section 7AA of the Oranga Tamariki Act	Children	Hon Karen Chhour	Take Cabinet decisions.	Apr	The action is complete. The Cabinet Paper: Oranga Tamariki Act 1989: Repeal of Section 7AA was considered by Cabinet on 2 April. Officials have prepared a Cabinet paper for consideration at LEG which contains the Bill for the repeal of section 7AA from the Oranga Tamariki Act 1989. Officials are working towards this being considered at LEG on 9 May and Cabinet on 13 May, with introduction to the House able to occur from 14 May pending decisions taken.	



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Report of the Cabinet Strategy Committee: Period Ended 3 May 2024

On 6 May 2024, Cabinet made the following decisions on the work of the Cabinet Strategy Committee for the period ended 3 May 2024:

STR-24-MIN-0001 **Quarterly Plan: Update as at 30 April 2024** CONFIRMED
Portfolio: Prime Minister



Rachel Hayward
Secretary of the Cabinet

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Cabinet Strategy Committee

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Quarterly Plan: Update as at 30 April 2024

Portfolio **Prime Minister**

On 30 April 2024, the Cabinet Strategy Committee:

- 1 **noted** the update on the Government’s action plan for quarter two, attached under STR-24-SUB-0001, including particular areas of focus, and that the actions are currently on track to be delivered within the quarter.

Jenny Vickers
Committee Secretary

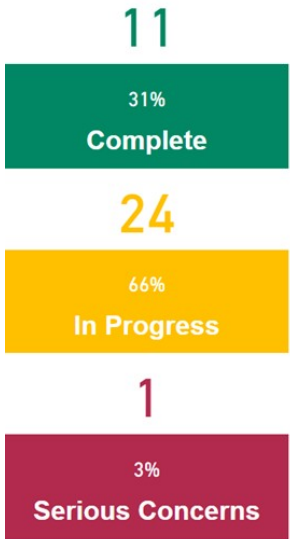
Present:

- 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 Louise Upston
- Hon Judith Collins
- Hon Mark Mitchell

Officials present from:

- Office of the Prime Minister
- Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet
- Officials Committee for STR

Government's Action Plan for Quarter 2 for the Cabinet Strategy Committee (STR) Meeting of 21 May



Delivery Status by Key Result Area



Summary

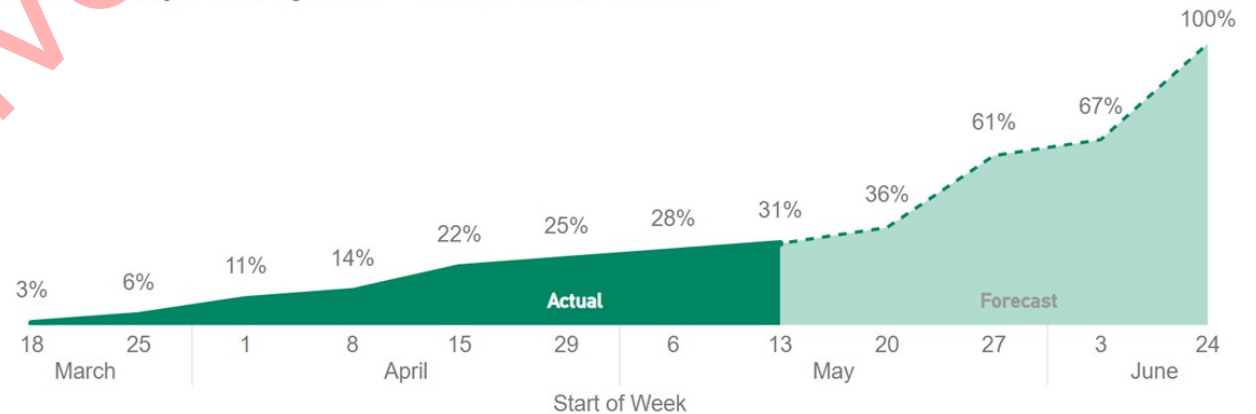
57% through the quarter (as at STR 21 May 2024).

31% complete (11 actions) - an increase of 5 actions since the previous report.

1 action will be closely monitored. Action 32 'Take decisions to disestablish Te Pūkenga and consult on a proposed replacement model' has an increased risk of not completing by the end of the quarter.

1 action has serious concerns. Action 16 'Take decisions on the scope of the extension of the Covid-19 inquiry' completion date is delayed by one month (from 20 May to the last week of the quarter, 24 June).

Action Completion by Date - Actual and Forecast



Future Papers				
Papers for May / June	Action	Lead Portfolio	Committee	Date
Young serious offender declaration and military-style academies	25	Children	SOU	22 May
Phase 3 of the firearms reform: Firearms Registry review terms of reference	24	Associate Justice	SOU	22 May
Holidays Act reforms: Further policy decisions	17	Workplace Relations & Safety	ECO	22 May
Crown Minerals Act 1991: Ensuring security of gas supply and regulatory efficiency	19	Resources	ECO	22 May
Taxation (Budget Measures) Bill: Approval for introduction	3	Finance	LEG	23 May
Resource Management (Freshwater and Other Matters) Amendment Bill: Approval for Introduction	10, 11	RMA Reform	LEG or direct to Cabinet	23 May or 20 May
Terms of Reference for the early childhood education regulatory sector review	15	Regulation	SOU	29 May
Confirming the Government Policy Statement on Health for 2024-27	33	Health	SOU	29 May
Initiating the Methane Science and Targets Review	13	Climate Change	ECO	29 May
Decisions on reserve diesel and wide fuel resilience work	20	Associate Energy	ECO	29 May
Financial services reforms: revoking consumer credit regulations	14	Commerce	LEG	30 May
The work programme to address the Government's commitment to streamline the Medsafe approval process	34	Associate Health	SOU	19 June
The Royal Commission of Inquiry into COVID-19 Lessons: Establishing a Second Phase of Inquiry	16	DIA	SOU	19 June
Decisions on the first phase of the Going for Housing Growth (GfHG) programme	5	Housing	ECO	19 June
Government Policy Statement on Land Transport	4	Transport	ECO	19 June
Bill to reintroduce charter schools	30	Associate Education	LEG	20 June
A strategy for lifting New Zealand's engagement with India	18	Foreign Affairs	FPS	25 June
Standardised testing and common reporting to parents	29	Education	SOU	26 June

Rebuild the Economy and Ease the Cost of Living							
#	Commitment	Lead Portfolio	Lead Minister	Action	Due Month	Delivery Update	Delivery Status
1	Pass a Budget that reduces wasteful spending and takes pressure off inflation.	Finance	Hon Nicola Willis	Finalise public sector savings through Budget 2024.	May	This action is complete. The Budget package including the public sector savings was approved at the 29 April Cabinet meeting.	
2	Legislate for personal income tax relief.	Finance	Hon Nicola Willis	Pass Budget legislation.	May	The parameters of the tax package were agreed by Cabinet on 29 April. The legislation as well as the commentary, the explanatory note and all other related documents (including comms) are being finalised to support the Minister on Budget Day. The Regulatory Impact Statement has been completed. The commitment will be legislated on Budget day.	
3	Legislate to introduce the FamilyBoost childcare tax credit.	Finance	Hon Nicola Willis	Pass Budget legislation.	May	Officials have met with various early childhood education (ECE) sector representatives, providers and software firms. A report on the summary of discussions will be provided in May to Ministers. The commitment will be legislated on Budget day. Drafting of legislation is underway. Officials are preparing a Cabinet paper to approve introduction of legislation for consideration at LEG on 23 May.	
4	Finalise the Government Policy Statement on Land Transport, freezing fuel tax until the end of 2026 and delivering significant investment for transport.	Transport	Hon Simeon Brown	Finalise GPS.	Jun	The Minister is currently working with the Ministry of Transport to update and finalise the wording and activity class funding ranges in the draft GPS 2024. Consultation on the draft GPS 2024 and Cabinet paper with departments, Ministers and coalition partners will run from 20 to 31 May 2024. Approval for the final document will be sought at ECO by 19 June and Cabinet by 24 June. The Minister of Transport is aiming to release the GPS 2024 publicly no later than 30 June.	

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5	Take decisions to implement the Going for Housing Growth plan while making the MDRS optional for councils.	Housing	Hon Chris Bishop	Take Cabinet decisions.	Jun	<p>The Minister will take a Cabinet paper to ECO on 19 June, and Cabinet on 24 June seeking decisions on the first phase of the GfHG programme, in particular Housing Growth Targets and changes to the National Policy Statement on Urban Development (NPS UD), and signalling direction on infrastructure funding and financing and incentives for growth.</p> <p>Officials have established a Housing Expert Advisory group, holding three workshops in April/May focusing on key decisions needed for the June Cabinet paper. Minister Bishop, Minister Penk (as Minister of Building and Construction) and officials met with a group of developers on 10 May to hear about barriers to housing growth. Those sessions are collectively feeding into advice informing the Cabinet paper.</p> <p>The Minister made a number of decisions in May on policy direction to inform the Cabinet paper. Decisions are still to be made on the legislative vehicle for the policy changes with the Minister considering whether to include them in Resource Management Act (RMA) Amendment Bill #2 and updated National Direction along with amendments to other Acts, or a Housing Bill.</p>	
6	Respond to the independent review of Kāinga Ora's financial situation, procurement, and asset management.	Housing	Hon Chris Bishop	Take Cabinet decisions in response to review.	May	<p>Cabinet paper: "Initial Response to the Independent Review of Kāinga Ora" will be considered at CBC on 13 May.</p> <p>Following Cabinet approval on 20 May, the Ministers of Finance and Housing will announce the release of the Independent Review of Kāinga Ora and the government's initial response.</p>	
7	Introduce legislation to improve the rental market.	Housing	Hon Chris Bishop	Introduce legislation.	Jun	<p>This action is complete. The RTA Bill was approved for introduction at LEG on 9 May and confirmed by Cabinet on 13 May. The Bill is planned for introduction on 16 May.</p> <p>An announcement is expected at the time of introduction or at First Reading which the Minister's Office is targeted for 21 May.</p>	

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8	Release draft plan to ease restrictions on building materials from overseas for public consultation.	Building and Construction	Hon Chris Penk	Begin public consultation.	May	<p>On 9 May 2024, The Cabinet paper “Removing Barriers to Overseas Products” was proactively released.</p> <p>MBIE has progressed development of consultation materials. By 23 May 2024 MBIE will provide consultation materials to Minister Penk.</p> <p>Consultation targeted to key stakeholders in the building and construction sector will commence by Friday 31 May 2024 for a 4-week period.</p>	
9	Take decisions on measures to increase investment in renewable electricity generation.	Energy	Hon Simeon Brown	Take Cabinet decisions.	Jun	The action is complete. Cabinet confirmed next steps for the Electrify NZ work programme on 6 May.	
10	Introduce legislation to amend the RMA to clarify application of National Policy Statement on Freshwater Management in relation to individual consent for freshwater and to extend marine farm consent.	RMA Reform	Hon Chris Bishop	Introduce legislation.	May	<p>The Bill is still on track for introduction in late May. The Minister responsible for RMA Reform and other responsible ministers announced its content on 23 April.</p> <p>A Cabinet paper seeking agreement to the draft bill is expected to be considered by LEG on 23 May or to proceed directly to Cabinet on 20 May. The draft Cabinet paper is currently undergoing Ministerial consultation (as at 10 May).</p>	
11	Introduce legislation to suspend the requirement on councils to identify and adopt new Significant Natural Areas.	Associate Environment	Hon Andrew Hoggard	Introduce legislation.	May	<p>This action is delivered by the RM Amendment Bill #1.</p> <p>The Bill is still on track for introduction in late May. The Minister Responsible for RMA Reform and other responsible Ministers announced its content on 23 April.</p> <p>A Cabinet paper seeking agreement to the draft bill is expected to be considered by LEG on 23 May or to proceed directly to Cabinet on 20 May. The draft Cabinet paper is currently undergoing Ministerial consultation (as at 10 May).</p>	
12	Finalise policy to keep agriculture out of the ETS.	Agriculture	Hon Todd McClay	Take Cabinet decisions.	Apr	The action is complete. The Cabinet paper: “Final Policy Decisions to Repeal Agricultural Obligations in the New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme” was considered by Cabinet on 2 April.	

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13	Commence an independent review of the methane science and targets for consistency with no additional warming from agricultural methane emissions.	Climate Change	Hon Simon Watts	Commence review.	Jun	<p>Officials have provided the Cabinet paper: "Initiating the Methane Science and Targets Review", to be considered at ECO 29 May, to Ministers McClay and Watts to approve for ministerial consultation during week of 13 May.</p> <p>Drafting of the Cabinet paper for APH (18 June) has commenced with potential panel member checks (per PSC requirements) occurring in parallel. A draft Terms of Reference have been provided to potential panel members under a confidentiality agreement. Advice to Ministers Watts and McClay on shortlisting panellists and baseline year to be used for the review to be provided to Ministers on 23 May.</p> <p>The greatest risk to the panel not commencing by June 30 relates to untimely return of information from potential panel members and completing required checks. This is being closely managed and is not currently being realised.</p>	
14	Reform the CCCFA regime to improve access to credit for home buyers.	Commerce	Hon Andrew Bayly	Make regulatory changes to the CCCFA.	Mar	MBIE completed targeted consultation on draft amendment regulations revoking the CCCFA's affordability requirements on 6 May 2024. The Minister intends to take final regulations to LEG on 30 May 2024 for approval.	
15	Initiate the first regulatory sector review.	Regulation	Hon David Seymour	Identify sector and initiate review.	May	<p>Agency consultation on the draft Cabinet paper for the review closed on 3 May, alongside feedback on the draft Terms of Reference from some early childhood education sector representatives.</p> <p>The Cabinet paper will be considered at SOU on 29 May.</p>	

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16	Take decisions on the scope of the extension to the Covid-19 inquiry.	DIA	Hon Brooke van Velden	Take Cabinet decisions.	May	<p>On 7 May, officials provided a full report of the analysis of public submissions on the terms of reference consultation process.</p> <p>The Minister had a third meeting with a group of ministers on 9 May 2024 to consider options for any new or expanded COVID-19 inquiry. Officials provided commissioned advice on 14 May 2024 to support the next meeting of the group of ministers, which will take place in May 2024.</p> <p>The Minister of Internal Affairs intends to seek decisions on the COVID-19 inquiry at SOU on 19 June 2024, and Cabinet on 24 June 2024.</p> <p>Since the last report, the completion date has been delayed by over a month (from 20 May to the last week of the quarter, 24 June). There are now serious concerns for the ability to complete this action before the end of the quarter.</p>	
17	Take decisions on reform of the Holidays Act.	Workplace Relations & Safety	Hon Brooke van Velden	Take Cabinet decisions.	Jun	<p>The Minister's office has completed Ministerial Consultation on the draft Cabinet paper: "Holidays Act Reform: Further Policy Decisions".</p> <p>Officials have completed an addendum Regulatory Impact Statement, which has been considered by an MBIE Regulatory Impact Analysis panel, which found that it met the criteria.</p> <p>We expect the paper to go to ECO on 22 May, and Cabinet on 27 May.</p>	

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23	Take decisions to restore Three Strikes.	Associate Justice	Hon Nicole McKee	Take Cabinet decisions.	Apr	The action is complete. The Cabinet paper: "Reinstating three strikes sentencing law" was considered by Cabinet on 15 April.	
24	Launch a review of the firearms registry.	Associate Justice	Hon Nicole McKee	Launch review of the firearms registry.	Jun	On 13 May, Cabinet endorsed the Associate Minister of Justices' approach to the firearms reform programme across the parliamentary term. The Associate Minister will be seeking Cabinet agreement to the approach of the review of the Firearms Registry in late May. The Cabinet paper seeking agreement to the approach including a terms of reference is currently out for Ministerial and agency consultation and will go to SOU on 22 May. The Associate Minister is considering options for an announcement.	
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33	Issue a new Government Policy Statement on Health, setting the government's priorities for the health system for the next three years.	Health	Hon Dr Shane Reti	Issue GPS.	May	<p>The Minister is currently consulting Ministerial colleagues on the draft GPS on Health alongside a supporting Cabinet paper: "Confirming the Government Policy Statement on Health for 2024-27".</p> <p>The Cabinet paper with the final Government Policy Statement on Health 2024-2027 is due to be considered by SOU on 29 May and Cabinet on 3 June.</p>	
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Report of the Cabinet Strategy Committee: Period Ended 24 May 2024

On 27 May 2024, Cabinet made the following decisions on the work of the Cabinet Strategy Committee for the period ended 24 May 2024:

STR-24-MIN-0004 **Quarterly Plan Update as at 21 May 2024** CONFIRMED
Portfolio: Prime Minister

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Diana Hawker
for Secretary of the Cabinet

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Quarterly Plan Update as at 21 May 2024

Portfolio **Prime Minister**

On 21 May 2024, the Cabinet Strategy Committee:

- 1 **noted** the progress on the Government’s action plan for quarter two, attached under STR-24-SUB-0004;
- 2 **invited** relevant Ministers to ensure actions are completed as soon as possible in this quarter.

Rachel Clarke
Committee Secretary

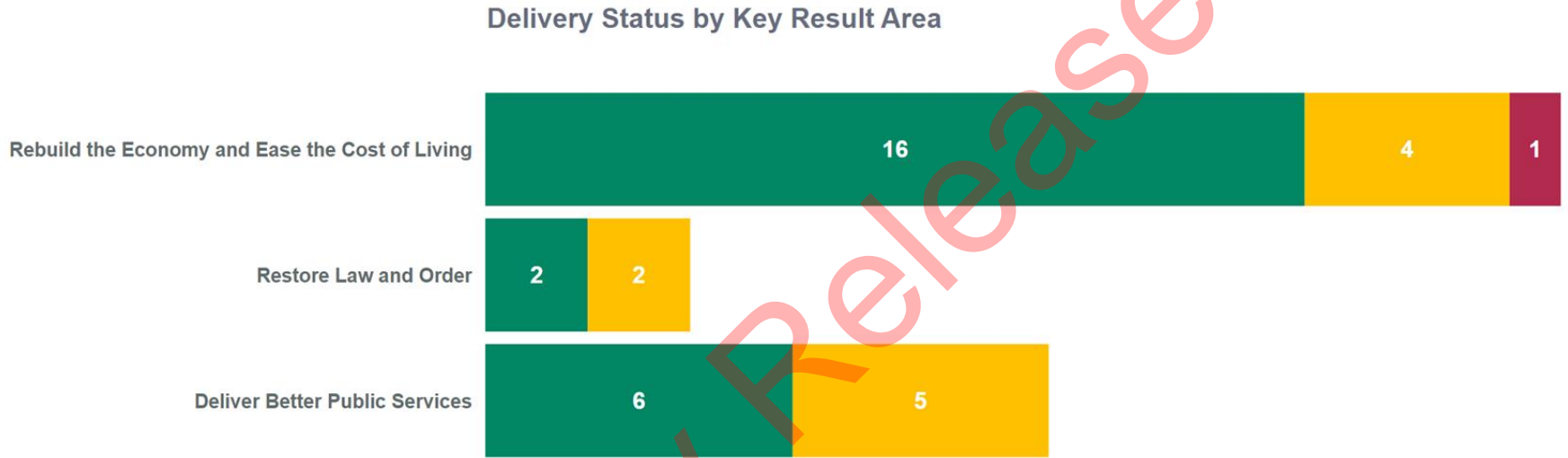
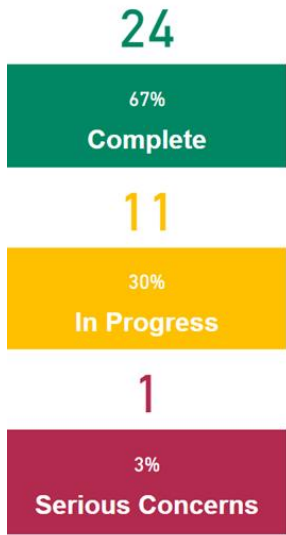
Present:

Rt Hon Christopher Luxon (Chair)
Rt Hon Winston Peters
Hon David Seymour
Hon Nicola Willis
Hon Brooke van Velden
Hon Chris Bishop
Hon Dr Shane Reti
Hon Simeon Brown
Hon Paul Goldsmith
Hon Louise Upston
Hon Mark Mitchell
Hon Todd McClay
Hon Tama Potaka

Officials present from:

Office of the Prime Minister
Officials Committee for STR

Government's Action Plan for Quarter 2 for the Cabinet Meeting of 10 June



Summary

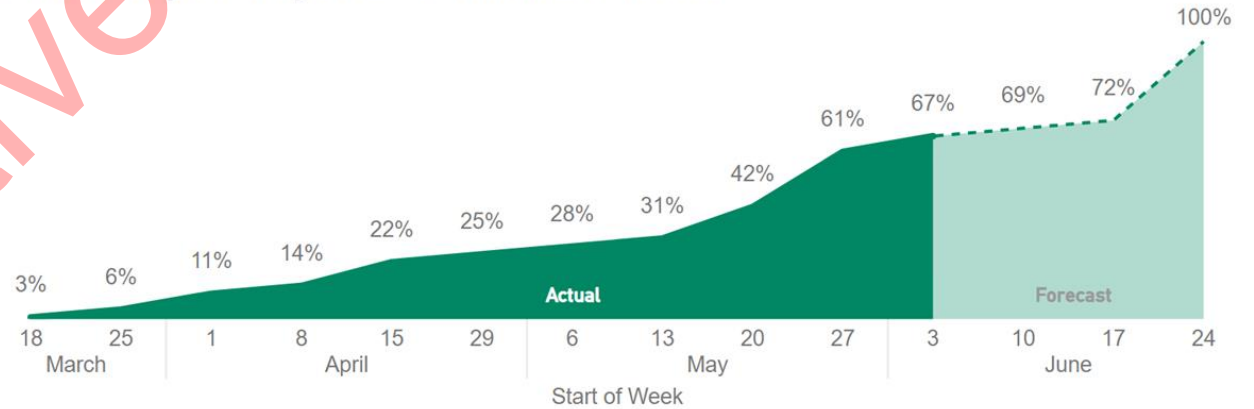
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4	Finalise the Government Policy Statement on Land Transport, freezing fuel tax until the end of 2026 and delivering significant investment for transport.	Transport	Hon Simeon Brown	Finalise GPS.	Jun	<p>The Minister of Transport consulted on the draft GPS and Cabinet paper with departments, ministers, and coalition partners between 21 and 31 May 2024. The Minister is currently considering feedback as part of finalising these documents.</p> <p>The Treasury, New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) and Ministry of Transport are also working to confirm funding arrangements for GPS 2024, including agreeing the terms of the Crown loan to NZTA. Decisions to approve funding will be sought at Cabinet as part of seeking approval to release the final GPS.</p> <p>Approval for the final GPS 2024 will be sought at ECO 19 June and Cabinet 24 June 2024. The Minister is aiming to release the GPS 2024 publicly no later than 30 June.</p>	

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13	Commence an independent review of the methane science and targets for consistency with no additional warming from agricultural methane emissions.	Climate Change	Hon Simon Watts	Commence review.	Jun	<p>The Cabinet paper: "Initiating the Methane Science and Targets Review", was considered at ECO on 29 May and Cabinet on June 4.</p> <p>Ministers Watts and McClay provided feedback on shortlist panellists and agreed the baseline year to be used for the review. Cabinet gave Ministers Watts and McClay delegated authority to finalise the Terms of Reference following any feedback from short-listed candidates, in consultation with relevant Ministers.</p> <p>The APH paper "Methane Science and Target Review Panel Candidate Nominations" has been provided to Ministers McClay and Watts to approve for ministerial consultation from 6 to 12 June.</p> <p>The greatest risk to the panel not commencing by June 30 remains the completion of candidate checks, particularly those candidates recently added to the shortlist (week of 27 May). This continues to be closely managed.</p>	

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15	Initiate the first regulatory sector review.	Regulation	Hon David Seymour	Identify sector and initiate review.	May	The action is complete. The Cabinet paper: "Terms of Reference for the early childhood education regulatory sector review" was agreed at SOU on 29 May and confirmed at Cabinet 4 June with an announcement planned for 5 June.	
16	Take decisions on the scope of the extension to the Covid-19 inquiry.	DIA	Hon Brooke van Velden	Take Cabinet decisions.	May	<p>The Cabinet paper: "Royal Commission of Inquiry into COVID-19 Lessons: Establishing a Second Phase of Inquiry" is targeted for consideration at CBC 10 June.</p> <p>Discussions between coalition partners are continuing, with some risk to achieving Cabinet agreement to policy decisions on scope before the end of June.</p> <p>The intention is to return to Cabinet in August for decisions on Terms of Reference, Amendment Order in Council, membership, and budget.</p>	
17	Take decisions on reform of the Holidays Act.	Workplace Relations & Safety	Hon Brooke van Velden	Take Cabinet decisions.	Jun	This action is complete. The Cabinet paper "Holidays Act Reform: Further Policy Decisions" was confirmed by ECO on 22 May and Cabinet on 27 May.	

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18	Raise the energy New Zealand brings to key relationships through international engagements, focussing on our traditional partners, the Pacific, and South East and South Asia.	Foreign Affairs	Rt Hon Winston Peters	Conduct engagements with foreign counterparts to promote New Zealand's interests.	Jun	Activities since the last reporting period: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><u>Overseas visits:</u> Minister for Building and Construction on behalf of Minister for Trade: Peru (APEC MRT).<u>Phone calls with counterparts:</u> Minister of Foreign Affairs: Ethiopia; Ukraine; Fiji; Tonga; Australia; France; Cook Islands (Pacific Islands Forum Chair). Minister for Trade: Saudi Arabia (GCC lead).<u>Engagements in New Zealand:</u> Minister of Foreign Affairs: Netherlands Ambassador; Cook Islands Joint Ministerial Forum (including Minister of Climate Change); China (head of CCP International Department); Japan Ambassador. Prime Minister: China Business Summit. Minister for Trade: Hungary Ambassador; China Business Summit. Upcoming activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><u>Overseas visits:</u> Minister of Foreign Affairs: Viet Nam, Philippines, Malaysia, Timor-Leste. Prime Minister: Niue and Fiji; Japan. Minister for Trade: Singapore: Minister of Climate Change: Singapore.	
19	Take decisions on the removal of the ban on offshore oil and gas exploration.	Resources	Hon Shane Jones	Take Cabinet decisions.	Jun	The action is complete. On 27 May, Cabinet confirmed the decisions made by ECO 22 May. This included the decision to reverse the 2018 ban on new petroleum exploration outside onshore Taranaki.	
20	Commission a study into New Zealand's fuel security, including investigating the feasibility of reopening the Marsden Point Oil Refinery.	Associate Energy	Hon Shane Jones	Release request for proposal (RFP) for study.	Jun	The action is complete. The RFP for the Fuel Security Study was released to the market on the Government Electronic Tender Service (GETS) on 28 May.	
21	Establish a Regional Infrastructure Fund.	Regional Development	Hon Shane Jones	Take Cabinet decisions.	Apr	The action is complete. A Cabinet paper agreeing the high-level design of the fund was confirmed by CBC on 13 May and Cabinet on 20 May.	

Restore Law and Order							
#	Commitment	Lead Portfolio	Lead Minister	Action	Due Date	Delivery Update	Delivery Status
22	Progress legislation to improve rehabilitation, reintegration and safety outcomes in the corrections system, including by extending eligibility to offence-based rehabilitation programmes to remand prisoners.	Corrections	Hon Mark Mitchell	Hold second reading of the Corrections Amendment Bill.	Jun	The Corrections Amendment Bill was reported back to the House by the Justice Committee on 28 May 2024. The Bill is ready for its second reading during the last week of June.	
23	Take decisions to restore Three Strikes.	Associate Justice	Hon Nicole McKee	Take Cabinet decisions.	Apr	The action is complete. The Cabinet paper: "Reinstating three strikes sentencing law" was considered by Cabinet on 15 April.	
24	Launch a review of the firearms registry.	Associate Justice	Hon Nicole McKee	Launch review of the firearms registry.	Jun	The action is complete. On 27 May, Cabinet agreed to the Terms of Reference for the Firearms Registry review that will be carried out by the Ministry of Justice. The Associate Minister of Justice issued a press release announcing the commencement of the Firearms Registry review on 1 June.	
25	Take decisions on establishing a Youth Serious Offender Category and making Youth Military Academies a standalone sentencing option for the Youth Court.	Children	Hon Karen Chhour	Take Cabinet decisions.	May	The Cabinet paper: "Young serious offender declaration and military-style academies" was considered at SOU on 22 May. This contained the policy decisions for legislation to strengthen the government's responses to serious and persistent youth offending and includes proposals to establish a Young Serious Offender Category and Military Style Academies. An updated Cabinet paper is being prepared for consideration at Cabinet on 10 June.	

Deliver Better Public Services							
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26	Set targets for improving public service outcomes.	Prime Minister	Rt Hon Christopher Luxon	Set targets.	Mar	The action is complete. The Cabinet paper: "Setting Targets to Deliver for New Zealanders" was considered by Cabinet on 25 March.	
27	Take decisions on the rollout of structured literacy for year 1-3 students, including a phonics check.	Education	Hon Erica Stanford	Take Cabinet decisions.	Apr	The action is complete. The Cabinet paper: "A Literacy Guarantee for Children Learning to Read in State Schools or Kura" was confirmed by SOU on 10 April and Cabinet on 15 April. This paper outlined the plan for the rollout of structured literacy.	
28	Take action to strengthen teacher training, including refocusing Professional Learning and Development for teachers on numeracy, literacy and assessment.	Education	Hon Erica Stanford	Take Cabinet decisions.	Jun	The action is complete. The Cabinet paper: "A Literacy Guarantee for Children Learning to Read in State Schools or Kura" was confirmed by SOU on 10 April and Cabinet on 15 April. This paper outlined the plan for the rollout of structured literacy, including Professional Learning and Development (PLD).	
29	Take action to develop standardised assessment and regular reporting to parents.	Education	Hon Erica Stanford	Present options paper to Cabinet.	Jun	The Minister of Education has agreed to a phased pathway for implementing standardised testing and common reporting to parents, as part of the education priority for consistent modes of monitoring student progression and achievement. The Minister is expected to seek endorsement of her approach at SOU on 26 June, followed by Cabinet on 1 July.	
30	Introduce legislation to reintroduce charter schools.	Associate Education	Hon David Seymour	Introduce legislation.	Apr	Ministerial and departmental consultation on the draft Bill began week of 3 June. The Associate Minister is expected to seek approval of the Bill at LEG on 20 June, followed by Cabinet approval on 24 June to introduce the Bill into the House.	
31	Launch an Attendance Action Plan and introduce the first phase of initiatives to lift school attendance.	Associate Education	Hon David Seymour	Launch Attendance Action Plan and introduce phase one of initiatives.	Mar	The action is complete. The Associate Minister launched the attendance action plan on 9 April. Following launch of the plan, work is underway to implement key elements of the attendance action plan, including the release of public health guidance and regulatory amendment to mandate the daily provision of attendance data.	

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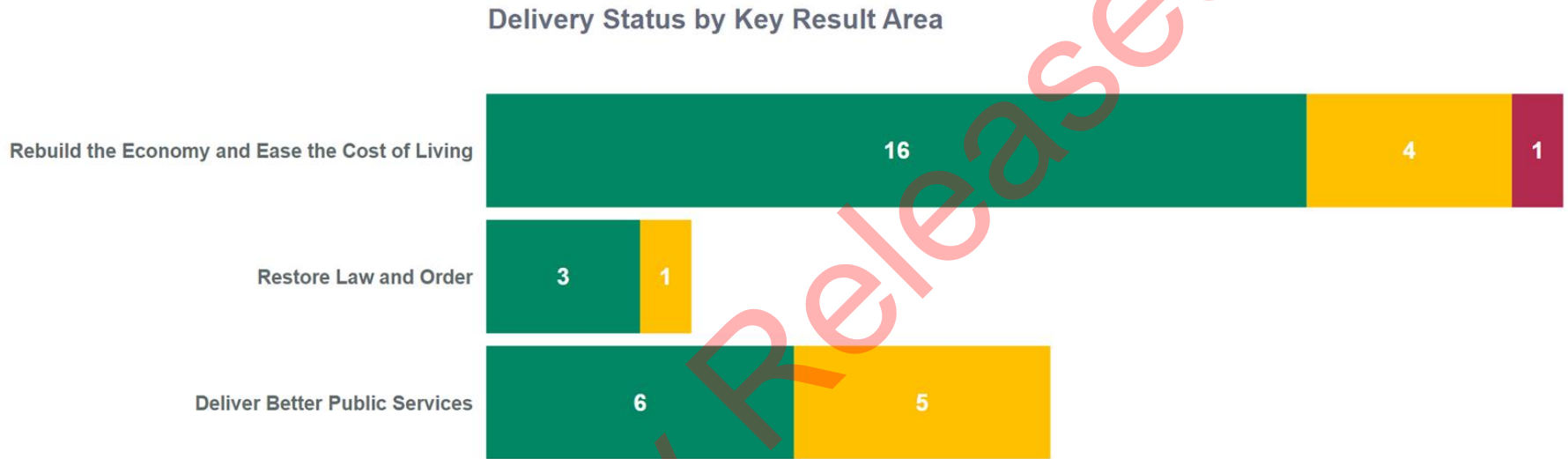
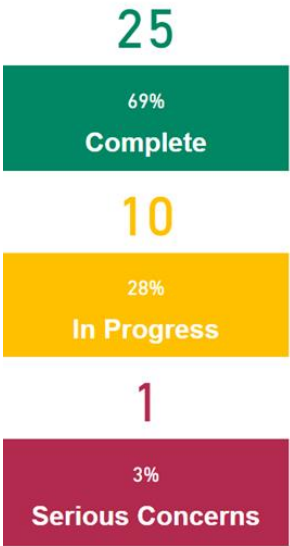
Portfolio **Prime Minister**

On 10 June 2024, Cabinet **noted** the Quarterly Plan Update, attached to the submission under CAB-24-SUB-0206, and the next steps in a number of key work programmes.

Rachel Hayward
Secretary of the Cabinet

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Government's Action Plan for Quarter 2 for the STR Meeting of 25 June



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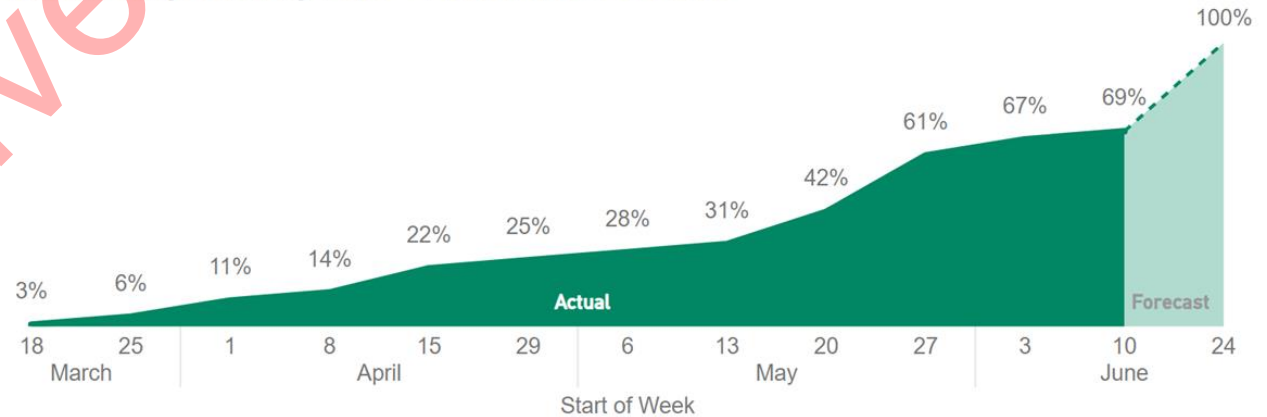
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15	Initiate the first regulatory sector review.	Regulation	Hon David Seymour	Identify sector and initiate review.	May	The action is complete. The Cabinet paper: “Terms of Reference for the early childhood education regulatory sector review” was agreed at SOU on 29 May and confirmed at Cabinet 4 June with an announcement planned for 5 June.	
16	Take decisions on the scope of the extension to the Covid-19 inquiry.	DIA	Hon Brooke van Velden	Take Cabinet decisions.	May	<p>CBC considered the Cabinet paper: “Royal Commission of Inquiry into COVID-19 Lessons Learned: Establishing a Second Phase of Inquiry” on 10 June and referred the paper to Cabinet 17 June for further discussion.</p> <p>Cabinet on 17 June deferred consideration of the submission until Cabinet 24 June to allow the PM to participate in the consideration.</p> <p>There remains some risk to achieving Cabinet agreement to policy decisions on scope before the end of June.</p>	
17	Take decisions on reform of the Holidays Act.	Workplace Relations & Safety	Hon Brooke van Velden	Take Cabinet decisions.	Jun	This action is complete. The Cabinet paper “Holidays Act Reform: Further Policy Decisions” was confirmed by ECO on 22 May and Cabinet on 27 May.	

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18	Raise the energy New Zealand brings to key relationships through international engagements, focussing on our traditional partners, the Pacific, and South East and South Asia.	Foreign Affairs	Rt Hon Winston Peters	Conduct engagements with foreign counterparts to promote New Zealand's interests.	Jun	<p>Activities since the last reporting period:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Overseas visits:</u> Minister of Foreign Affairs: Viet Nam, Philippines, Malaysia, Timor-Leste. Prime Minister: Niue and Fiji; PNG and Japan. Minister for Trade: Singapore. Minister of Climate Change: Singapore. s6(a) <u>Engagements in New Zealand:</u> Prime Minister (and other Ministers): Visit of Chinese Premier. <p>Upcoming activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Overseas visits:</u> Minister of Foreign Affairs: Niue, Nauru, Solomon Islands. s6(a) <u>Engagements in New Zealand:</u> Prime Minister: Visit of Chinese Premier. 	
19	Take decisions on the removal of the ban on offshore oil and gas exploration.	Resources	Hon Shane Jones	Take Cabinet decisions.	Jun	The action is complete. On 27 May, Cabinet confirmed the decisions made by ECO 22 May. This included the decision to reverse the 2018 ban on new petroleum exploration outside onshore Taranaki.	
20	Commission a study into New Zealand's fuel security, including investigating the feasibility of reopening the Marsden Point Oil Refinery.	Associate Energy	Hon Shane Jones	Release request for proposal (RFP) for study.	Jun	The action is complete. The RFP for the Fuel Security Study was released to the market on the Government Electronic Tender Service (GETS) on 28 May.	
21	Establish a Regional Infrastructure Fund.	Regional Development	Hon Shane Jones	Take Cabinet decisions.	Apr	The action is complete. A Cabinet paper agreeing the high-level design of the fund was confirmed by CBC on 13 May and Cabinet on 20 May.	

Restore Law and Order							
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22	Progress legislation to improve rehabilitation, reintegration and safety outcomes in the corrections system, including by extending eligibility to offence-based rehabilitation programmes to remand prisoners.	Corrections	Hon Mark Mitchell	Hold second reading of the Corrections Amendment Bill.	Jun	The Corrections Amendment Bill was reported back to the House by the Justice Committee on 28 May 2024. The Bill is ready for its second reading during the last week of June.	
23	Take decisions to restore Three Strikes.	Associate Justice	Hon Nicole McKee	Take Cabinet decisions.	Apr	The action is complete. The Cabinet paper: "Reinstating three strikes sentencing law" was considered by Cabinet on 15 April.	
24	Launch a review of the firearms registry.	Associate Justice	Hon Nicole McKee	Launch review of the firearms registry.	Jun	The action is complete. On 27 May, Cabinet agreed to the Terms of Reference for the Firearms Registry review that will be carried out by the Ministry of Justice. The Associate Minister issued a press release announcing the commencement of the Firearms Registry review on 1 June.	
25	Take decisions on establishing a Youth Serious Offender Category and making Youth Military Academies a standalone sentencing option for the Youth Court.	Children	Hon Karen Chhour	Take Cabinet decisions.	May	The action is complete. The Cabinet paper: "Young serious offender declaration and military-style academies" was considered by Cabinet on 10 June."	

Deliver Better Public Services							
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26	Set targets for improving public service outcomes.	Prime Minister	Rt Hon Christopher Luxon	Set targets.	Mar	The action is complete. The Cabinet paper: "Setting Targets to Deliver for New Zealanders" was considered by Cabinet on 25 March.	

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27	Take decisions on the rollout of structured literacy for year 1-3 students, including a phonics check.	Education	Hon Erica Stanford	Take Cabinet decisions.	Apr	The action is complete. The Cabinet paper: "A Literacy Guarantee for Children Learning to Read in State Schools or Kura" was confirmed by SOU on 10 April and Cabinet on 15 April. This paper outlined the plan for the rollout of structured literacy.	
28	Take action to strengthen teacher training, including refocusing Professional Learning and Development for teachers on numeracy, literacy and assessment.	Education	Hon Erica Stanford	Take Cabinet decisions.	Jun	The action is complete. The Cabinet paper: "A Literacy Guarantee for Children Learning to Read in State Schools or Kura" was confirmed by SOU on 10 April and Cabinet on 15 April. This paper outlined the plan for the rollout of structured literacy, including Professional Learning and Development (PLD).	
29	Take action to develop standardised assessment and regular reporting to parents.	Education	Hon Erica Stanford	Present options paper to Cabinet.	Jun	The Minister of Education has agreed to a phased pathway for implementing standardised testing and common reporting to parents, as part of the education priority for consistent modes of monitoring student progression and achievement. The Minister is expected to seek endorsement of her approach at SOU on 19 June followed by Cabinet on 24 June.	
30	Introduce legislation to reintroduce charter schools.	Associate Education	Hon David Seymour	Introduce legislation.	Apr	A Cabinet paper seeking approval of the Bill has been lodged, for consideration at LEG on 20 June, followed by Cabinet approval on 24 June to introduce the Bill into the House.	
31	Launch an Attendance Action Plan and introduce the first phase of initiatives to lift school attendance.	Associate Education	Hon David Seymour	Launch Attendance Action Plan and introduce phase one of initiatives.	Mar	The action is complete. The Associate Minister launched the attendance action plan on 9 April. Following launch of the plan, work is underway to implement key elements of the attendance action plan, including the release of public health guidance and regulatory amendment to mandate the daily provision of attendance data.	

Deliver Better Public Services							
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32	Take decisions to disestablish Te Pūkenga and consult on a proposed replacement model.	Tertiary Education	Hon Penny Simmonds	Take Cabinet decisions and initiate consultation.	Mar	<p>Ministerial consultation is underway on the Minister's proposed approach for the disestablishment of Te Pūkenga and a proposed replacement model. The Minister has submitted the paper: "Vocational Education and Training Reforms: Consultation Options" for consideration at SOU 19 June followed by Cabinet on 24 June, seeking a decision to initiate consultation.</p> <p>Consultation will begin by 1 July with an announcement of the key details to be consulted on, s9(2)(f)(iv)</p> <p>This action will be closely monitored as remains risk of not completing by the end of the quarter.</p>	
33	Issue a new Government Policy Statement on Health, setting the government's priorities for the health system for the next three years.	Health	Hon Dr Shane Reti	Issue GPS.	May	<p>The Cabinet paper: "Confirming the Government Policy Statement on Health for 2024-27" was approved by Cabinet on 27 May. Officials are now working to confirm any technical amendments with the Minister of Health and support the release of the Government Policy Statement. The GPS on Health will be issued to Health crown entities in late June and publicly in early July.</p>	
34	Take decisions to streamline the Medsafe approval process.	Associate Health	Hon David Seymour	Take Cabinet decisions.	Jun	<p>The Cabinet paper: "Streamlining the Medicines Approvals Process" has been lodged for consideration at SOU 19 June and Cabinet 24 June.</p>	
35	Take decisions to tighten controls on youth vaping.	Associate Health	Hon Casey Costello	Take Cabinet decisions.	Apr	<p>The action is complete. The Cabinet paper: "Smokefree 2025: Cracking Down on Youth Vaping" was considered by Cabinet on 18 March.</p>	
36	Take decisions on the repeal of Section 7AA of the Oranga Tamariki Act	Children	Hon Karen Chhour	Take Cabinet decisions.	Apr	<p>The action is complete. The Cabinet Paper: "Oranga Tamariki Act 1989: Repeal of Section 7AA" was considered by Cabinet on 2 April.</p>	



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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:

STR-24-MIN-0007 **Quarterly Plan Update as at 25 June 2024**
Portfolio: Prime Minister

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Secretary of the Cabinet

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Quarterly Plan Update as at 25 June 2024

Portfolio **Prime Minister**

On 25 June 2024, the Cabinet Strategy Committee:

- 1 **noted** the progress on the Government's action plan for quarter two, attached under STR-24-SUB-0004;
- 2 **noted** that the majority of actions will be completed by the end of the quarter.

Rachel Clarke
Committee Secretary

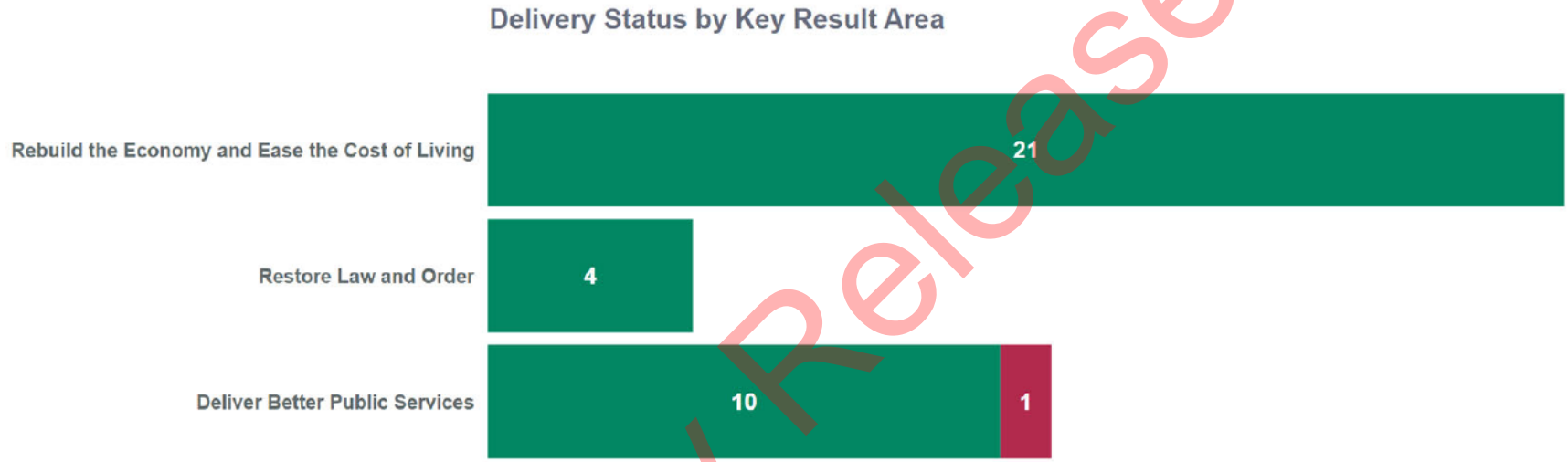
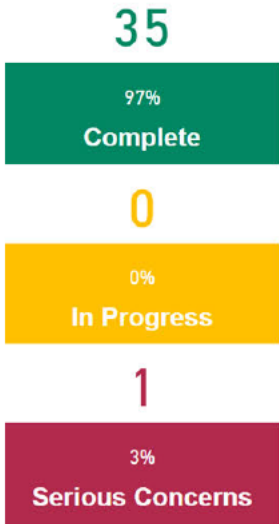
Present:

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:

Office of the Prime Minister
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet
Officials Committee for STR

Government's Action Plan for Quarter 2 for the Cabinet Meeting of 8 July



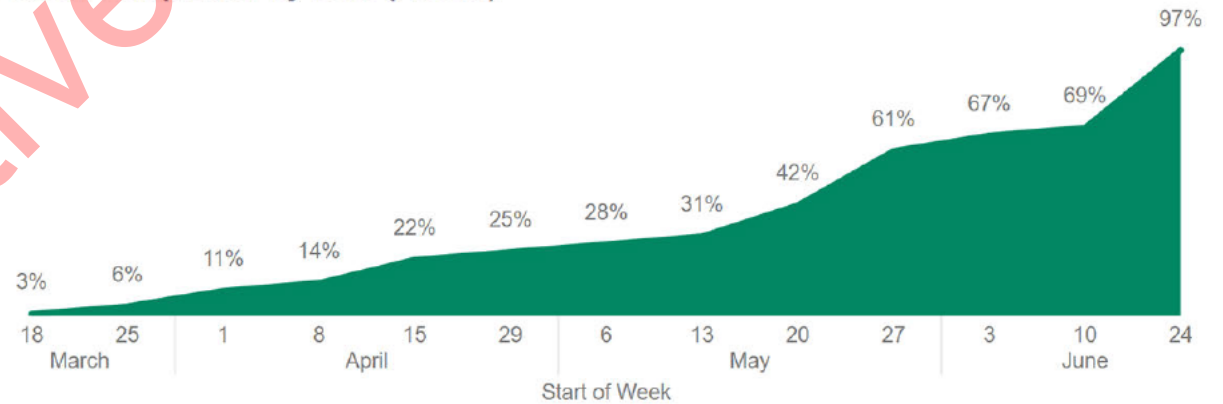
Q2 Summary

35 out of 36 (97%) actions have been completed at the conclusion of Q2.

1 action was not completed during the quarter. Action 32 'Take decisions to disestablish Te Pūkenga and consult on a proposed replacement model' did not initiate consultation on a proposed replacement model within the quarter. The Minister for Tertiary Education and Skills, the Minister for Social Development and Employment, and the Minister of Finance will approve the consultation document, with an announcement of the key details to be consulted on s9(2)(f)(iv)

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Action Completion by Date (Actual)



Rebuild the Economy and Ease the Cost of Living							
#	Commitment	Lead Portfolio	Lead Minister	Action	Due Month	Delivery Update	Delivery Status
1	Pass a Budget that reduces wasteful spending and takes pressure off inflation.	Finance	Hon Nicola Willis	Finalise public sector savings through Budget 2024.	May	The action is complete. The Budget package including the public sector savings was approved at the 29 April Cabinet meeting.	
2	Legislate for personal income tax relief.	Finance	Hon Nicola Willis	Pass Budget legislation.	May	The action is complete. The commitment was legislated on Budget day.	
3	Legislate to introduce the FamilyBoost childcare tax credit.	Finance	Hon Nicola Willis	Pass Budget legislation.	May	The action is complete. The commitment was legislated on Budget day with the FamilyBoost tax credit to come into effect 1 July.	
4	Finalise the Government Policy Statement on Land Transport, freezing fuel tax until the end of 2026 and delivering significant investment for transport.	Transport	Hon Simeon Brown	Finalise GPS.	Jun	The action is complete. The GPS 2024 was considered at ECO on 19 June and confirmed by Cabinet on 24 June. The GPS 2024 was released publicly on 27 June.	
5	Take decisions to implement the Going for Housing Growth plan while making the MDRS optional for councils.	Housing	Hon Chris Bishop	Take Cabinet decisions.	Jun	The action is complete. The Cabinet paper "Decisions on the first phase of the Going for Housing Growth (GfHG) programme" was consider by ECO on 19 June and was confirmed by Cabinet on 24 June, including changes requested at ECO.	
6	Respond to the independent review of Kāinga Ora's financial situation, procurement, and asset management.	Housing	Hon Chris Bishop	Take Cabinet decisions in response to review.	May	The action is complete. The Cabinet paper: "Initial Response to the Independent Review of Kāinga Ora" was agreed by Cabinet on 20 May. Following this the Ministers of Finance and Housing announced the release of the Independent Review of Kāinga Ora and the government's initial response.	
7	Introduce legislation to improve the rental market.	Housing	Hon Chris Bishop	Introduce legislation.	Jun	The action is complete. The RTA Bill was approved for introduction at LEG on 9 May and confirmed by Cabinet on 13 May. The Bill was introduced on 16 May.	

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8	Release draft plan to ease restrictions on building materials from overseas for public consultation.	Building and Construction	Hon Chris Penk	Begin public consultation.	May	The action is complete. On 31 May, MBIE commenced targeted consultation with building and construction sector stakeholders for a 4-week period. MBIE also published detailed information on the proposed changes on its website.	
9	Take decisions on measures to increase investment in renewable electricity generation.	Energy	Hon Simeon Brown	Take Cabinet decisions.	Jun	The action is complete. Cabinet confirmed next steps for the Electrify NZ work programme on 6 May.	
10	Introduce legislation to amend the RMA to clarify application of National Policy Statement on Freshwater Management in relation to individual consent for freshwater and to extend marine farm consent.	RMA Reform	Hon Chris Bishop	Introduce legislation.	May	The action is complete. The Bill was introduced on 23 May and had its first reading on 28 May. It has now been referred to the Primary Production Select Committee.	
11	Introduce legislation to suspend the requirement on councils to identify and adopt new Significant Natural Areas.	Associate Environment	Hon Andrew Hoggard	Introduce legislation.	May	The action is complete. The Bill was introduced on 23 May and had its first reading on 28 May. It has now been referred to the Primary Production Select Committee.	
12	Finalise policy to keep agriculture out of the ETS.	Agriculture	Hon Todd McClay	Take Cabinet decisions.	Apr	The action is complete. The Cabinet paper: "Final Policy Decisions to Repeal Agricultural Obligations in the New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme" was considered by Cabinet on 2 April.	
13	Commence an independent review of the methane science and targets for consistency with no additional warming from agricultural methane emissions.	Climate Change	Hon Simon Watts	Commence review.	Jun	The action is complete. Cabinet approved the paper: "Methane Science and Target Review Panel: Appointment" on 24 June and the panel was publicly announced on 27 June. Signed letters of engagement have been returned by the four panel members and chair. The panel is being supported by a Secretariat resourced by agencies (MfE/MPI).	
14	Reform the CCCFA regime to improve access to credit for home buyers.	Commerce	Hon Andrew Bayly	Make regulatory changes to the CCCFA.	Mar	The action is complete. Regulations revoking the CCCFA's prescriptive affordability requirements were approved by LEG on 30 May and confirmed by Cabinet on 4 June and will come into force on 31 July.	

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18	Raise the energy New Zealand brings to key relationships through international engagements, focussing on our traditional partners, the Pacific, and South East and South Asia.	Foreign Affairs	Rt Hon Winston Peters	Conduct engagements with foreign counterparts to promote New Zealand's interests.	Jun	<p>The action is complete. Throughout the quarter a number of activities have been reported that have raised the energy New Zealand brings to key relationships through international engagements, focussing on our traditional partners, the Pacific, and South East and South Asia.</p> <p>Activities since the last reporting period:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><u>Overseas visits:</u> Minister of Foreign Affairs: Niue, Nauru, and Solomon Islands. Prime Minister and Minister for Trade: PNG and Japan<u>Phone calls with counterparts:</u> Minister of Foreign Affairs: Thailand Foreign Minister. Minister for Trade: Saudi Arabian Minister of Commerce<u>Engagements in New Zealand:</u> Minister of Foreign Affairs: US Ambassador	
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28	Take action to strengthen teacher training, including refocusing Professional Learning and Development for teachers on numeracy, literacy and assessment.	Education	Hon Erica Stanford	Take Cabinet decisions.	Jun	The action is complete. The Cabinet paper: "A Literacy Guarantee for Children Learning to Read in State Schools or Kura" was confirmed by SOU on 10 April and Cabinet on 15 April. This paper outlined the plan for the rollout of structured literacy, including Professional Learning and Development (PLD).	
29	Take action to develop standardised assessment and regular reporting to parents.	Education	Hon Erica Stanford	Present options paper to Cabinet.	Jun	The action is complete. The Cabinet paper "Implementing Regular and Consistent Assessment and Reporting of Student Progress and Achievement" was considered by SOU 19 June and confirmed by Cabinet 24 June.	

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31	Launch an Attendance Action Plan and introduce the first phase of initiatives to lift school attendance.	Associate Education	Hon David Seymour	Launch Attendance Action Plan and introduce phase one of initiatives.	Mar	The action is complete. The Associate Minister launched the attendance action plan on 9 April. Following launch of the plan, work is underway to implement key elements of the attendance action plan, including the release of public health guidance and regulatory amendment to mandate the daily provision of attendance data.	
32	Take decisions to disestablish Te Pūkenga and consult on a proposed replacement model.	Tertiary Education	Hon Penny Simmonds	Take Cabinet decisions and initiate consultation.	Mar	The action was not completed during the quarter. On 24 June, Cabinet referred the paper "Vocational Education and Training Reforms: Consultation Options" back to SOU. The paper was considered by SOU on 26 June and was confirmed by Cabinet on 1 July. Consultation on a proposed replacement model has not been initiated within the quarter. The Minister for Tertiary Education and Skills, the Minister for Social Development and Employment, and the Minister of Finance will approve the consultation document, with an announcement of the key details to be consulted on, s9(2)(f)(iv) [REDACTED]	
33	Issue a new Government Policy Statement on Health, setting the government's priorities for the health system for the next three years.	Health	Hon Dr Shane Reti	Issue GPS.	May	The action is complete. The GPS on Health was issued to Health crown entities on 27 June and publicly released on 30 June. This followed Cabinet approval of the GPS on 27 May.	
34	Take decisions to streamline the Medsafe approval process.	Associate Health	Hon David Seymour	Take Cabinet decisions.	Jun	The action is complete. Cabinet considered the paper "Streamlining the Medsafe approval process" on Monday 24 June, Cabinet endorsed the Medsafe work programme and agreed that the Medicines Act 1981 should be amended to implement a verification pathway.	

Deliver Better Public Services							
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35	Take decisions to tighten controls on youth vaping.	Associate Health	Hon Casey Costello	Take Cabinet decisions.	Apr	The action is complete. The Cabinet paper: "Smokefree 2025: Cracking Down on Youth Vaping" was considered by Cabinet on 18 March and the Cabinet paper "Smokefree Environments and Regulated Products Amendment Bill 2024: Addressing Youth Vaping" was considered by Cabinet on 24 June.	
36	Take decisions on the repeal of Section 7AA of the Oranga Tamariki Act.	Children	Hon Karen Chhour	Take Cabinet decisions.	Apr	The action is complete. The Cabinet Paper: "Oranga Tamariki Act 1989: Repeal of Section 7AA" was considered by Cabinet on 2 April.	

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Quarterly Plan Update as at 8 July 2024

Portfolio **Prime Minister**

On 8 July 2024, Cabinet:

- 1 **noted** the progress on the Government's action plan for Quarter 2, attached to the submission under CAB-24-SUB-0251;
- 2 **noted** that the action plan for Quarter 2 ended on 30 June 2024, and that updates on the action plan for Quarter 3 [STR-24-MIN-0009] will be submitted to the Cabinet Strategy Committee as appropriate.

Rachel Hayward
Secretary of the Cabinet

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