



Proactive Release

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

Quarter Four Plan

The following documents have been included in this release:

Title of paper: Quarter Four Plan (CAB-24-SUB-0371 refers)

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Office of the Prime Minister
Chair, Cabinet

QUARTER FOUR PLAN

Proposal

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

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2. To advance our shared work programme, we have agreed to identify a set of actions that will be delivered in each quarter (CAB-24-MIN-0079). Our government continues to ensure that efforts are focussed on our priority areas by agreeing a plan with specific actions, proposed dates, and regular reporting.
3. As we reach the anniversary of our first year of government, I am asking Cabinet to agree to a proposed Quarter Four Plan (Q4 Plan) set out in the Appendix. It will run from 1 October to 31 December 2024. As with our first two quarterly plans it includes the key next steps and lead portfolio for 43 commitments in our three priority areas: rebuilding the economy and easing the cost of living, restoring law and order, and delivering better public services.

Implementation

4. As with the previous two quarterly plans, the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC), in consultation with ministers and agencies, will report regularly to Cabinet Strategy Committee (STR) on progress against the actions. There will continue to be more frequent reporting to me on an exception basis where there are concerns about delivery. DPMC will continue to convene the agencies responsible for delivering the quarterly plans to ensure traction and alignment between ministers and the public service.

Implications

5. This paper has no direct financial or legislative implications. Any financial implications associated with delivering these commitments will need to be managed through our usual fiscal sustainability and Budget processes, to avoid further pressure on our constrained fiscal position. Agencies responsible for the delivery of the commitments will need to provide reprioritisation, delivery and phasing options. Legislative implications, and regulatory impact analysis will be considered as part of the policy development process for each of the commitments.

Consultation and communications

6. DPMC drafted this paper. Departments were consulted on the matters relevant to them. I consulted with ministers responsible for commitments in the Q4 Plan and with coalition partners. No external resources were used in producing this paper.
7. I plan to announce the commitments in the Q4 Plan in the coming days. I intend to proactively release this paper and the Cabinet minute, subject to any necessary redactions, within 30 business days of Cabinet's decisions.

Recommendations

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

Authorised for lodgement

Rt Hon Christopher Luxon
Prime Minister

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#	Rebuilding the economy and easing the cost of living	Portfolio
1	Pass the Fast-track Approvals Bill to speed up delivery of regional and national projects of significance.	RMA Reform
2	Pass the first Resource Management Amendment Bill to reduce the regulatory burden on farmers and the primary sector.	RMA Reform
3	Introduce the government's second RMA reform Bill to Parliament to cut through the tangle of red and green tape holding back growth in the infrastructure, energy, housing, and farming sectors.	RMA Reform
4	Establish the National Infrastructure Agency.	Infrastructure
5	Take Cabinet decisions on funding and financing tools to get more housing built.	Housing
6	Introduce legislation to make it easier to build offshore wind farms.	Energy
7	Take Cabinet decisions on allowing greater use of road tolling to support the delivery of transport infrastructure.	Transport
8	Take Cabinet decisions on measures to get local councils back to basics.	Local Government
9	Finalise the development of farm-level emissions measurement methodology.	Agriculture
10	Announce policy direction to limit farm conversions to forestry on high-quality land to protect food production.	Agriculture
11	Pass legislation to complete the removal of agriculture from the Emissions Trading Scheme.	Agriculture
12	Take Cabinet decisions to streamline regulations around food safety export exemptions.	Food Safety
13	Pass legislation to reverse the ban on oil and gas exploration.	Resources
14	Release a discussion document on the Regulatory Standards Bill.	Regulation

15	Initiate a third regulatory sector review to identify and remove unnecessary red tape.	Regulation
16	Pass legislation extending deadlines for earthquake prone buildings to enable a review of the current settings.	Building and Construction
17	Pass the Contracts of Insurance Bill to better protect Kiwis in the event of a disaster.	Commerce
18	Take Cabinet decisions on the future of the greyhound racing industry.	Racing
19	Introduce legislation to ensure the financial sustainability of the racing industry.	Racing
20	Publish the final second emissions reduction plan to deliver the first two emissions budgets.	Climate Change
21	Take Cabinet decisions on opportunities to partner with the private sector to plant trees, including natives, on Crown land (excluding National Parks) that has low conservation or agricultural value.	Forestry
22	Pass legislation to allow lotteries for non-commercial purposes to operate online, cutting red tape to make fundraising more effective.	Internal Affairs
23	Take final design decisions on the primary legislation for an online casino gambling regulator.	Internal Affairs
24	Introduce legislation to remove the GE ban and enable the safe use of gene technology in agriculture, health science and other sectors	Science, Innovation and Technology
#	Restoring law and order	Portfolio
25	Introduce legislation to support Government agencies to combat foreign interference in New Zealand.	Justice
26	Introduce legislation to address stalking.	Justice
27	Introduce legislation to enable stronger consequences for serious youth offending.	Children
28	Publish the second action plan on family and sexual violence.	Prevention of Family and Sexual Violence
29	Introduce legislation to tighten registration requirements for child sex offenders.	Police

#	Delivering better public services	Portfolio
30	Begin delivery of new cancer treatments.	Health
31	Begin phased rollout of expansion of free breast cancer screening for women to age 74.	Health
32	Release first quarterly health target data for cancer treatment, immunisation, emergency departments, specialist assessments, and elective treatment.	Health
33	Introduce legislation to update and modernise the Mental Health Act.	Mental Health
34	Launch an updated Smokefree Action Plan to continue progress towards the Smokefree 2025 goal.	Associate Health
35	Pass legislation to tighten controls on youth vaping, including a ban on disposable devices.	Associate Health
36	Begin trial of phonics checks in English and te reo Māori for students in their first two years of school.	Education
37	Release final curriculum for English, maths, Te Reo Rangatira, and Pāngarau for use in primary schools in 2025.	Education
38	Release Māori Education Action Plan focussed on lifting achievement of Māori students.	Education
39	Commence a review of the funding formula for independent schools.	Education
40	Negotiate contracts with, and announce, the first charter schools.	Education
41	Introduce legislation to expand the Traffic Light System to include additional consequences for beneficiaries who do not meet their obligations.	Social Development
42	Provide 10,000 jobseeker beneficiaries with an over-the-phone case manager to help them move from welfare into work.	Social Development
43	Open applications for the contaminated sites and vulnerable landfills fund to support local authorities to remediate contaminated sites.	Environment



Cabinet

Minute of Decision

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Portfolio **Prime Minister**

On 23 September 2024, Cabinet:

- 1 **agreed** to the Coalition Government's Quarter Four Plan (Q4 Plan) to deliver better outcomes for New Zealanders, as set out in the Appendix to the paper under CAB-24-SUB-0371 and updated in light of the discussion at the meeting;
- 2 **agreed** to the lead portfolios and actions for each commitment, as set out in the Appendix;
- 3 **noted** that the Prime Minister intends to announce the decisions in the Q4 Plan in the coming days.

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