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Governments Quarterly Plan Progress Reports for Q3 2024

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Report of the Cabinet Strategy Committee: Period Ended 2 August 2024

On 5 August 2024, Cabinet made the following decisions on the work of the Cabinet Strategy Committee for the period ended 2 August 2024:

STR-24-MIN-0010 **Quarterly Plan Update as at 30 July 2024** CONFIRMED
Portfolio: Prime Minister

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Rachel Hayward
Secretary of the Cabinet

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Cabinet Strategy Committee

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Quarterly Plan Update as at 30 July 2024

Portfolio **Prime Minister**

On 30 July 2024, the Cabinet Strategy Committee:

- 1 **noted** the progress on the Government's action plan for quarter three, attached under STR-24-SUB-0010.

Rachel Clarke
Committee Secretary

Present:

Rt Hon Christopher Luxon (Chair)
Hon David Seymour
Hon Brooke van Velden
Hon Shane Jones
Hon Dr Shane Reti
Hon Simeon Brown
Hon Paul Goldsmith
Hon Louise Upston
Hon Todd McClay
Hon Tama Potaka
Hon Karen Chhour

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Officials Committee for STR

Government's Quarterly Plan Update for Quarter 3 for the STR Meeting of 30 July

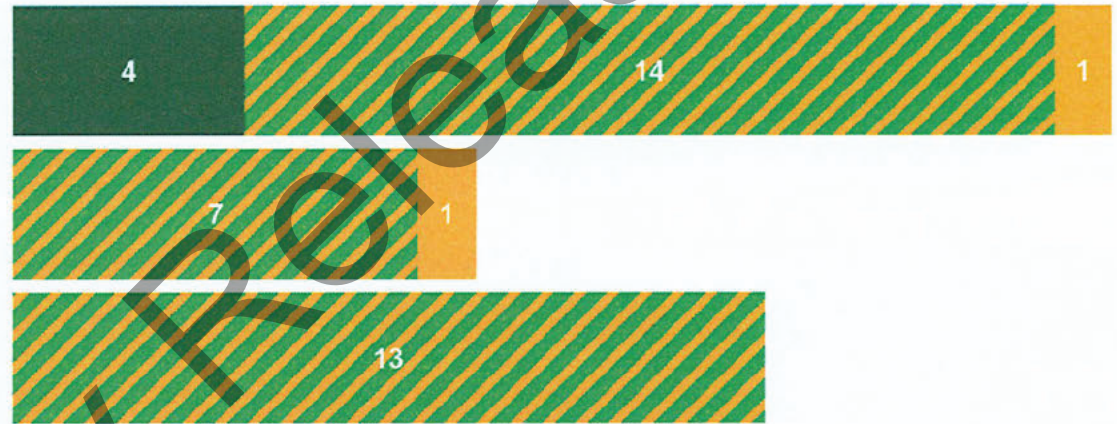


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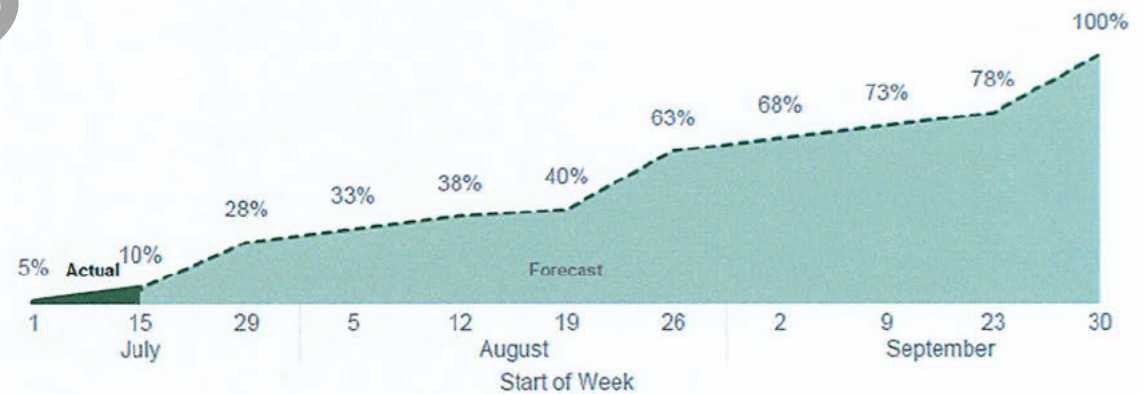
Summary

31% through the quarter (as at STR 30 July).

10% (4 actions out of 40) are marked as complete

There are 5 further actions that could potentially complete ahead of the STR meeting on 30 July, which would bring the total marked as complete as 9 (23%).

Action Completion by Date (Actual vs Forecast)



Future Papers	Action	Lead Portfolio	Committee	Date
Approval Path for Agricultural and Horticultural Products Regulatory Review: Terms of Reference	15	Regulation	EXP	23 July
Establishing a Strategic Framework for Regional Deals	2	DIA	ECO	24 July
Changes to welfare settings to support people into employment and off benefit: Traffic Light System	40	Social Development	SOU	24 July
Land Transport (Drug Driving) Amendment Bill: Approval for Introduction	25	Transport	LEG	25 July
Fast Track Approvals Bill -policy and workability changes for departmental report	10	RMA Reform	Cabinet	29 July
Pausing the rollout of freshwater farm plans	18	Associate Environment, Agriculture	ECO	31 July
Government Targets Quarterly Report for June 2024	28	Prime Minister	Cabinet	5 August
Changes to welfare settings to support people into employment and off benefit: Traffic Light System	39	Social Development	SOU	7 August
Regulation of gene technologies – policy decisions	16	Science, Innovation and Technology	ECO	7 August
Amendments to the National Policy Statement for Highly Productive Land 2022	17	Environment, Agriculture	ECO	7 August
Establishing a National Infrastructure Agency	7	Infrastructure	ECO	21 August
Health Workforce Plan	29	Health	SOU	21 August
Smokefree Environments and Regulated Products Amendment Bill (No.2): Approval for Introduction	37	Associate Health	LEG	22 August
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Rebuild the Economy and Ease the Cost of Living							
#	Commitment	Lead Portfolio	Lead Minister	Action	Due Month	Delivery Update	Delivery Status
1	Pass the second Local Water Done Well Bill requiring councils to deliver plans for financially sustainable water services, replacing the previous Government's Three Waters regime.	Local Government	Hon Simeon Brown	Local Government (Water Services Preliminary Arrangements) Bill passed.	Aug	The Local Government (Water Services Preliminary Arrangements) Bill is on track to be passed this quarter. EXP completed its deliberation on the Bill on 16 July and the Committee report back to the House occurred on 18 July.	
2	Take Cabinet decisions on a framework for city and regional deals.	Local Government	Hon Simeon Brown	Take Cabinet decisions.	Jul	The Cabinet Paper "Establishing a Strategic Framework for Regional Deals" is scheduled to be considered by ECO on 24 July and confirmed by Cabinet on 29 July.	
3	Sign the new speed limit rule to reverse the previous Government's blanket speed limit reductions.	Transport	Hon Simeon Brown	Minister of Transport signs new Setting of Speed Limits Rule.	Sep	Consultation on the draft Speed Rule closed on 11 July. Over 9000 submissions have been received on the Rule, which officials are analysing and will provide final policy advice to the Minister in early August. The timeline for delivering the final speed Rule is very tight both in terms of considering the volume of submissions, and the time to prepare policy advice and draft an updated Rule. NZTA and the Ministry have invested significant resource to analyse submissions in the time available and are currently on track.	
4	Take Cabinet decisions on legislation to support time-of-use charging to reduce congestion.	Transport	Hon Simeon Brown	Take Cabinet decisions.	Jul	The action is complete. The policy for time-of-use charging was agreed by CBC on 8 July and was confirmed by Cabinet on 22 July. The Ministry is preparing drafting instructions to send to PCO to enable the introduction of legislation later this year.	
5	Introduce legislation to eliminate barriers to overseas building products being used in New Zealand.	Building and Construction	Hon Chris Penk	Introduce legislation.	Sep	PCO provided a draft Bill for departmental consultation on 17 July. MBIE initiated the Bill of Rights Act vetting process and commenced departmental consultation on the draft Bill and associated Cabinet paper on 17 July. The paper "Building (Overseas Building Products, Standards, and Certification Schemes) Amendment Bill: Approval for Introduction" is targeted to go to LEG on 29 August.	

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#	Commitment	Lead Portfolio	Lead Minister	Action	Due Month	Delivery Update	Delivery Status
6	Release the draft of the second Emissions Reduction Plan.	Climate Change	Hon Simon Watts	Begin public consultation.	Jul	The action is complete. The draft of the second Emissions Reduction Plan was released on 17 July. Consultation on the draft plan will run until 21 August.	
7	Take Cabinet decisions to establish a new National Infrastructure Agency.	Infrastructure	Hon Chris Bishop	Take Cabinet decisions.	Aug	Ministerial Consultation on the draft Cabinet paper: "Establishing a National Infrastructure Agency" is expected to commence on 23 July, followed by consideration by ECO on 21 August, and confirmation by Cabinet on 26 August.	
8	Take Cabinet decisions on the scope of RMA and National Direction amendments to unlock development in infrastructure, housing, and primary industries, and drive a more efficient and effective resource management system.	RMA Reform	Hon Chris Bishop	Take Cabinet decisions.	Jul	The action is complete. The Cabinet papers: "Resource Management Reform Phase 2 National Direction" and "Targeted Amendments to Unlock Development and Drive a More Efficient and Effective System" were considered by ECO on 28 June and confirmed by Cabinet on 1 July.	
9	Take Cabinet decisions on work programme to replace the RMA with a system premised on the enjoyment of property rights.	RMA Reform	Hon Chris Bishop	Take Cabinet decisions.	Aug	The RMA Reform Ministers' Group will consider a draft Cabinet paper outlining the work programme to replace the RMA with a system premised on the enjoyment of property rights, at their meeting on 31 July.	
10	Take Cabinet decisions on the final design of the Government's one-stop shop consenting and permitting scheme, incorporating sensible changes suggested through the select committee process.	RMA Reform	Hon Chris Bishop	Take Cabinet decisions.	Jul	The Cabinet paper: "Fast Track Approvals Bill -policy and workability changes for departmental report" seeking approval of the final design and policy decisions.is on track to be considered by Cabinet on 29 July.	

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#	Commitment	Lead Portfolio	Lead Minister	Action	Due Month	Delivery Update	Delivery Status
11	Pass the Resource Management (Extended Duration of Coastal Permits for Marine Farms) Amendment Bill into law to provide certainty in New Zealand's aquaculture industry.	Oceans and Fisheries	Hon Shane Jones	Pass the Resource Management (Extended Duration of Coastal Permits for Marine Farms) Amendment Bill into law.	Jul	The Primary Production Select Committee reported back on the Bill with only technical amendments proposed by officials, which were adopted unanimously by the Committee. The Committee's report was tabled in Parliament on 18 July. It is likely that the Second Reading will occur the week commencing 22 July, with the Committee of the Whole and Third Reading to follow on subsequent House Sitting days.	
12	Open the \$1.2 billion Regional Infrastructure Fund for applications to help reduce New Zealand's long-standing infrastructure deficit.	Regional Development	Hon Shane Jones	The Regional Infrastructure Fund is open for applications.	Jul	The action is complete. The Regional Infrastructure Fund was opened for applications on 1 July.	
13	Begin public consultation on reform of the Holidays Act.	Workplace Relations and Safety	Hon Brooke van Velden	MBIE to begin targeted consultation on an exposure draft of a Bill to replace the Holidays Act.	Sep	On 5 June, MBIE opened for registrations of interest from stakeholders wanting to be part of the targeted consultation. This closed on 8 July. MBIE provided advice on 17 June for an approach for pro-rata sick leave. Drafting of an exposure draft of the Bill is underway. A first draft of the Consultation Document and Cabinet paper has been provided to agencies for comment. The Cabinet paper seeking approval for the release of the consultation document is planned to be considered by ECO on 28 August.	
14	Take Cabinet decisions on legislative amendments to clarify the employment status of contractors.	Workplace Relations and Safety	Hon Brooke van Velden	Take Cabinet decisions.	Aug	MBIE has completed targeted consultation with a small group of stakeholders. On 11 July, MBIE provided advice on the policy options to the Minister. Subject to decisions made by the Minister, this will determine any options taken to Cabinet. Work on Regulatory Impact Analysis is underway to support Cabinet's decision-making, and it is anticipated that the Cabinet paper will be considered in late August/early September.	

Rebuild the Economy and Ease the Cost of Living							
#	Commitment	Lead Portfolio	Lead Minister	Action	Due Month	Delivery Update	Delivery Status
15	Initiate the second regulatory sector review to identify and remove unnecessary red tape.	Regulation	Hon David Seymour	Initiate the regulatory review for the approval path for agricultural products.	Aug	The Cabinet paper: "Approval Path for Agricultural and Horticultural Products Regulatory Review: Terms of Reference" will be considered by EXP on 23 July followed by Cabinet confirmation on 29 July.	
16	Take Cabinet decisions on new regulations to remove the GE ban and enable the safe use of gene technology in agriculture, health science and other sectors.	Science, Innovation & Technology	Hon Judith Collins	Take Cabinet decisions.	Aug	Ministerial consultation on the draft Cabinet paper: "Regulation of gene technologies – policy decisions" was sent out for Ministerial consultation on 17 July and will run through to 26 July. The paper will be considered at ECO on 7 August.	
17	Gazette amendments to the National Policy Statement for Highly Productive Land to specified infrastructure and farming activities on highly productive land.	Agriculture	Hon Todd McClay	Gazette amendments to the National Policy Statement for Highly Productive Land.	Aug	Ministerial consultation closed on 19 July, with no significant feedback received. The Cabinet paper: "Amendments to the National Policy Statement for Highly Productive Land 2022" is on track for consideration by ECO on 7 August and Cabinet on 12 August.	
18	Take Cabinet decisions to amend requirements for farmers in certain areas to have certified Freshwater Farm Plans.	Associate Environment	Hon Andrew Hoggard	Take Cabinet decisions on pausing the rollout of the current freshwater farm plan system.	Aug	A draft Cabinet paper to deliver this work has been completed and went out for Ministerial consultation from 12-23 July. The paper is on track for consideration at ECO 31 July, followed by Cabinet confirmation on 5 August.	

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19	Begin consultation on changes to improve the efficiency and fairness of goods fees and border processing levies.	Customs	Hon Casey Costello	Begin consultation on border processing levies and goods fees.	Sep	<p><i>Recovering the costs of processing travellers at the border:</i> This part of the action is complete. Public consultation on border processing levies commenced 12 July and is due to end 9 August.</p> <p><i>Recovering the costs of goods management activities at the border:</i> Agency consultation on the draft joint Cabinet paper and Consultation Document seeking approval to consult on goods fees was completed on 10 July. On 25 July, the Minister of Customs and the Minister for Biosecurity will receive the draft joint Cabinet paper and Consultation Document which is planned to be considered by ECO on 21 August and Cabinet 26 August.</p>	

Restore Law and Order							
#	Commitment	Lead Portfolio	Lead Minister	Action	Due Date	Delivery Update	Delivery Status
20	Launch a military-style academy pilot for serious and persistent young offenders.	Children	Hon Karen Chhour	Launch of military-style academy pilot.	Jul	The military-style academy pilot is on schedule to start on 29 July, where 10 young people will begin their time on the pilot. On 20 July, the Acting Prime Minister, Minister for Children and media attended a pre-launch event at the pilot site in Palmerston North.	
21	Introduce legislation to toughen sentencing rules to ensure real consequences for crime.	Justice	Hon Paul Goldsmith	Introduce Legislation.	Sep	The Ministry of Justice has provided the first tranche of drafting instructions to PCO and drafting is underway. The Ministry has prepared a briefing to the Minister on matters requiring his further decisions, as authorised by Cabinet.	
22	Pass the Gangs Legislation Amendment Bill to give Police more tools to crack down on gangs.	Justice	Hon Paul Goldsmith	Pass Gangs Legislation Amendment Bill.	Sep	The Gangs Legislation Amendment Bill has been reported back from the Justice Committee and is due to have its second reading on 25 July.	

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#	Commitment	Lead Portfolio	Lead Minister	Action	Due Date	Delivery Update	Delivery Status
23	Pass the Firearms Prohibition Orders Legislation Amendment Bill to provide Police with stronger powers to get guns out of the hands of criminals.	Associate Justice	Hon Nicole McKee	Pass the Firearms Prohibition Orders Legislation Amendment Bill.	Sep	The Bill is to be reported back from Select Committee on 31 July. From 6 August the Bill can progress through the remaining stages in the House (depending on other legislative priorities). The Third Reading is targeted to be completed by 26 September.	
24	Pass the Corrections Amendment Bill to increase access to effective rehabilitation for prisoners on remand.	Corrections	Hon Mark Mitchell	Pass the Corrections Amendment Bill.	Sep	The second reading of the Corrections Amendment Bill occurred on 26 June. Ministerial consultation on an Amendment Paper making minor technical amendments is occurring between 23 July and 1 August. The next stage in the House is the committee of the whole House debate which is yet to be scheduled. This, along with the Third Reading are expected to occur before the end of September.	
25	Introduce Legislation to enable roadside testing for drug driving.	Transport	Hon Simeon Brown	Introduce Land Transport (Drug Driving) Amendment Bill into the House.	Jul	The Minister will take the Land Transport (Drug Driving) Amendment Bill to LEG on 25 July, seeking approval for its introduction into the House.	
26	Pass the Courts (Remote Participation) Amendment Bill to improve efficiency in the courts and increase access to justice.	Associate Justice	Hon Nicole McKee	3rd reading of the Courts (Remote Participation) Amendment Bill.	Sep	The Justice Committee will be deliberating on the Bill on 25 July and is on track to report the Bill back to the House by 31 July. The Bill will then be ready for its Second Reading debate. The Minister for Courts' Office will liaise with the Leader's Office about the scheduling of this debate.	
27	Take Cabinet decisions on proposed improvements to the Anti-Money Laundering and Countering Financing of Terrorism regime to ensure it is both workable and effective.	Associate Justice	Hon Nicole McKee	Take Cabinet decisions.	Sep	The Ministry of Justice is consulting with agencies on the Cabinet papers, Regulatory Impact Statements, a Cost Recovery Impact Statement, and approach to consultation. These drafts are all on track for ministerial consultation in August. The Minister has also continued to meet with industry stakeholders to confirm their views. If issues are raised during the 10 days of Ministerial consultation, the completion of the action within the quarter could be at risk. This risk will be closely monitored over the next period.	

Deliver Better Public Services							
#	Commitment	Lead Portfolio	Lead Minister	Action	Due Date	Delivery Update	Delivery Status
28	Publish reporting on the Government's nine targets for the public service.	Prime Minister	Rt Hon Christopher Luxon	Publish Target Quarterly Report for Q2 (April – June 2024).	Aug	The Cabinet Paper "Government Targets Quarterly Report for June 2024" has been drafted. The paper reports on progress for the Government's nine targets for the public service and is on track for Cabinet consideration on 5 August. The report is planned to be published through proactive release of the Cabinet paper mid-August.	
29	Publish an updated health workforce plan to address staffing needs across the health system.	Health	Hon Shane Reti	Publish an updated health workforce plan following Cabinet consideration.	Aug	Health New Zealand have a drafted a Workforce plan and Cabinet Paper and are consulting key stakeholders in preparation for finalisation. The Minister of Health will review the Health Workforce plan the week commencing 22 July (subject to confirmation of timelines with the Minister of Health's Office). The paper is targeted for consideration by SOU on 21 August. Timelines will be confirmed following conversations with the Health New Zealand Board and the Minister.	
30	Take Cabinet decisions on the programme business case, including cost-benefit analysis, for a proposed third medical school at Waikato University.	Health	Hon Shane Reti	Take Cabinet decisions.	Aug	The Ministry of Health has drafted a Cabinet paper, which is currently out for agency consultation with the draft Programme Business Case. The Cost Benefit Analysis is being reviewed by key stakeholders in preparation for finalisation. The Ministry of Health is on track to provide the Minister the draft Cabinet paper with the Programme Business Case for his consideration on 2 August.	
31	Release initial plan for progressing health targets, including faster cancer treatment, shorter wait times, and improved immunisation for children.	Health	Hon Shane Reti	Health New Zealand to publish public-facing high-level plans for implementing the five health targets announced by the Minister of Health.	Aug	The release of the initial plans for progressing health targets is on track to be released by 31 August. The high-level implementation plans (the source documents for publication) were approved in June. The design scope and key messages were developed for the Health NZ media team week commencing 15 July. The web version will align with current key accountability documents (e.g. New Zealand Health Plan).	

Deliver Better Public Services							
#	Commitment	Lead Portfolio	Lead Minister	Action	Due Date	Delivery Update	Delivery Status
32	Open applications for new and converting charter schools.	Associate Education	Hon David Seymour	Application process and forms available on GETS and the website.	Sep	The first stage (for applications from potential sponsors) went live on 11 July and is open until 9 August. The purpose of this stage is to understand applicants' intentions and to establish their suitability. Details for the second stage of the 2-stage process are close to being finalised.	
33	Introduce second phase of initiatives to lift school attendance.	Associate Education	Hon David Seymour	Begin second phase of activities.	Sep	There are three initiatives contributing to second phase activities in this quarter. Two out of the three initiatives are underway: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detailed planning for the phase 2 of information campaign has commenced. Strengthening accountability for school boards and parents underway with establishing and hosting of workshop with traffic light guidance working group. 	
34	Release draft of the new Year 0-13 English and Maths curriculum learning areas and begin targeted testing with teachers.	Education	Hon Erica Stanford	Start testing with teachers by releasing the new learning areas.	Sep	The Ministry's curriculum drafting is in progress for <ul style="list-style-type: none"> English and Te Reo Rangatira (Years 0-6) English and Te Reo Rangatira Years 7-13 and Maths and Pāngarau Years 0-13. Draft English and Te Reo Rangatira and Maths and Pāngarau for Years 0-6 content is to be tested from 12 August to gain feedback from teachers and principals and the sector.	
35	Finalise the model for new Structured Literacy interventions for struggling readers (to replace Reading Recovery from Term 1 2025).	Education	Hon Erica Stanford	Minister approval of the proposed direction for the model and supports to be in place from the start of 2025.	Sep	The Ministry provided an Education Report describing the package of additional supports (prioritising structured literacy and Rangaranga Reo ā-Tā) to the Minister on 19 July. The Ministry is planning for communications to the sector in relation to what they can expect from the start of 2025 for Structured Literacy Interventions for struggling readers.	
36	Take Cabinet decisions in response to the findings of the Ministerial Inquiry into School Property.	Education	Hon Erica Stanford	Take Cabinet decisions.	Sep	The Public Service Commission is on track to provide a first draft Cabinet paper to the Minister by 5 August, to go to Cabinet in September. The Minister discussed the review with the Infrastructure and Investment Ministers' group on 23 July.	

Deliver Better Public Services							
#	Commitment	Lead Portfolio	Lead Minister	Action	Due Date	Delivery Update	Delivery Status
37	Introduce legislation to tighten controls on youth vaping.	Associate Health	Hon Casey Costello	Introduce Legislation-Smokefree Amendment Bill Tranche 1.	Jul	PCO are finalising a draft Bill for introduction to the House in August. It is anticipated that the draft Bill will be provided to the Associate Minister the week ending 2 August to enable ministerial consultation and Cabinet decision making. The draft Bill is on track for introduction by the end of August.	
38	Begin rollout of community Job Coaches to support 18-24-year-old Jobseekers to get off welfare and into work.	Social Development	Hon Louise Upston	Additional placements for phase 1 (total of 2,100 placements for youth in 2024/25) are scheduled to be in place on 30 August 2024.	Aug	An additional 1,100 places were funded through use of an underspend agreed by Cabinet on 21 June. Referrals to services take place in September and participants would start in October. 1,000 places have also been purchased by reprioritising existing funding from the Employment and Social Outcomes MCA, achieved through the annual regional purchase plans carried out by regional teams. There are already young people participating with these providers with some of these contracts put in place since 1 July.	
39	Finalise design of a Jobseeker Benefit Traffic Light System to strengthen jobseeker obligations and consequences for non-compliance.	Social Development	Hon Louise Upston	Take Cabinet decisions on policy design and agree to instruct PCO to draft Bill.	Aug	Decisions are largely complete at Ministerial level with only some detailed design arrangements requiring further work following advice from MSD. A draft Cabinet paper was provided to the Minister on 17 July seeking agreement to key policy decisions and to issue drafting instructions to PCO for the bill. MSD are recommending that the Minister lodges this for consideration at SOU on 7 August and Cabinet on 12 August. MSD continues preparation for the launch of Phase One, which will be covered in the Cabinet paper, and involve communication with clients with work-related and social obligations what each colour in the Traffic Light System means and where they sit in the Traffic Light System. This will go live on 12 August.	

Deliver Better Public Services							
#	Commitment	Lead Portfolio	Lead Minister	Action	Due Date	Delivery Update	Delivery Status
40	Finalise the framework to ensure the independence of a standalone Children's Commissioner and strengthen the oversight of Oranga Tamariki.	Social Development	Hon Louise Upston	Cabinet policy decisions and agreement to start drafting instructions for the Omnibus Bill to make the Independent Children's Monitor an Independent Crown Entity and the Children and Young People's Commissioner a single Commissioner.	Jul	SOU will consider a paper on 24 July. The paper seeks agreement to drafting instructions for an omnibus Bill to make structural changes to the Independent Children's Monitor and Children and Young People's Commission to strengthen the oversight of the Oranga Tamariki system. It also seeks agreement to the TOR for an independent review of the Oversight of Oranga Tamariki System Act 2022 and Children and Young People's Commission Act 2022.	



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Report of the Cabinet Strategy Committee: Period Ended 23 August 2024

On 26 August 2024, Cabinet made the following decisions on the work of the Cabinet Strategy Committee for the period ended 23 August 2024:

STR-24-MIN-0013 **Quarterly Plan Update as at 20 August 2024**
Portfolio: Prime Minister

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Rachel Hayward
Secretary of the Cabinet

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Quarterly Plan Update as at 20 August 2024

Portfolio **Prime Minister**

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Committee Secretary

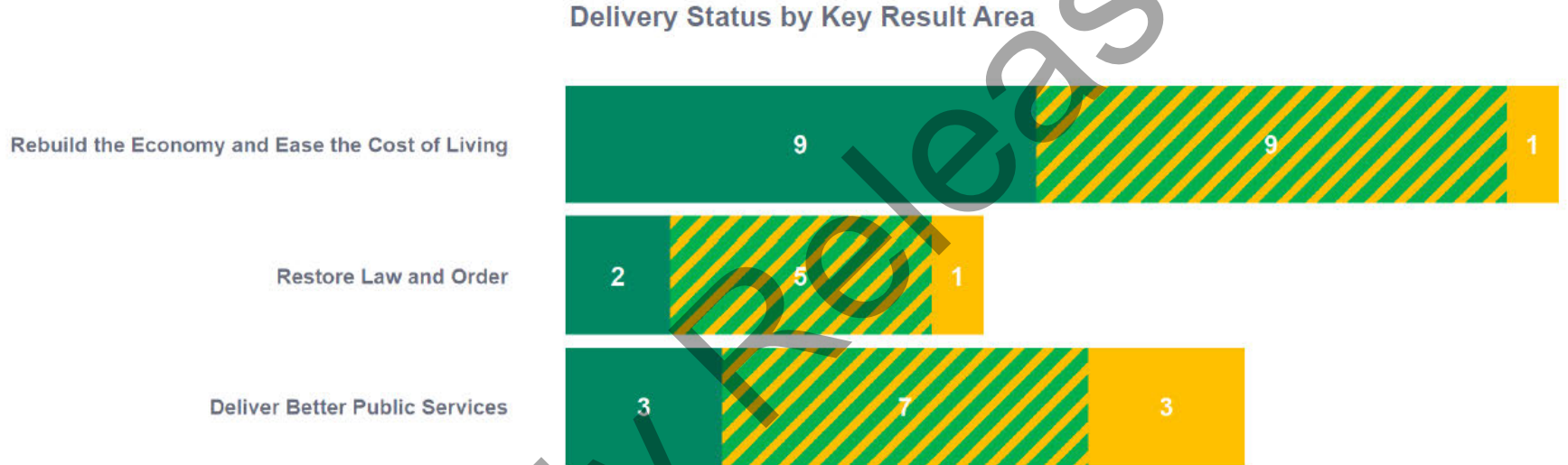
Present:

Rt Hon Christopher Luxon (Chair)
Rt Hon Winston Peters
Hon David Seymour
Hon Chris Bishop
Hon Dr Shane Reti
Hon Brooke van Velden
Hon Paul Goldsmith
Hon Louise Upston
Hon Judith Collins KC
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Officials present from:

Office of the Prime Minister
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Government's Quarterly Plan Update for Quarter 3 for the STR Meeting of 20 August



Summary

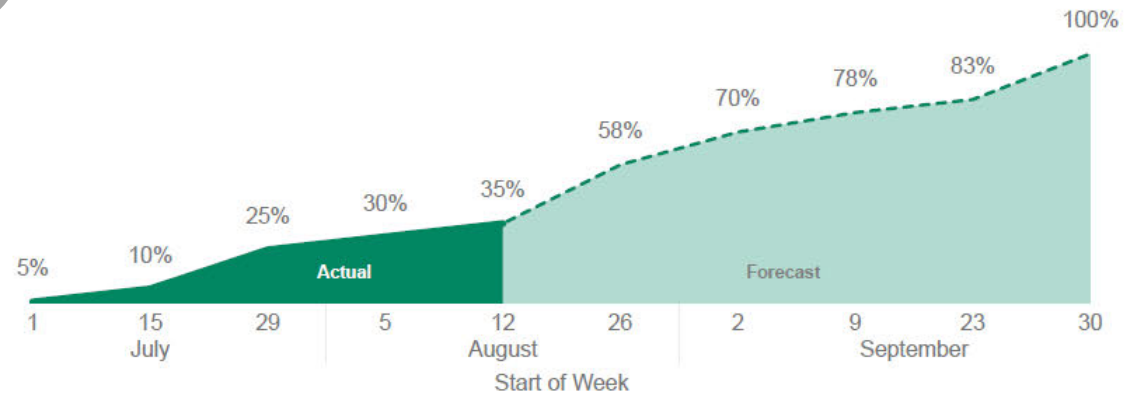
54% through the quarter (as at STR 20 August 2024).

35% (14 actions out of 40) are marked as complete - an increase of 10 actions since the previous report.






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



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




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

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8	Take Cabinet decisions on the scope of RMA and National Direction amendments to unlock development in infrastructure, housing, and primary industries, and drive a more efficient and effective resource management system.	RMA Reform	Hon Chris Bishop	Take Cabinet decisions.	Jul	The action is complete. The Cabinet papers: "Resource Management Reform Phase 2 National Direction" and "Targeted Amendments to Unlock Development and Drive a More Efficient and Effective System" were considered by ECO on 28 June and confirmed by Cabinet on 1 July.	
9	Take Cabinet decisions on work programme to replace the RMA with a system premised on the enjoyment of property rights.	RMA Reform	Hon Chris Bishop	Take Cabinet decisions.	Aug	The RMA Reform Ministers' Group considered a draft Cabinet paper outlining the work programme to replace the RMA on 31 July. This paper is out for Ministerial consultation and is on track to be considered by ECO on 21 August, and Cabinet on 26 August.	
10	Take Cabinet decisions on the final design of the Government's one-stop shop consenting and permitting scheme, incorporating sensible changes suggested through the select committee process.	RMA Reform	Hon Chris Bishop	Take Cabinet decisions.	Jul	The Action is complete. The Cabinet paper: "Fast Track Approvals Bill - policy and workability changes for departmental report" seeking approval of the final design and policy decisions, was agreed by Cabinet on 29 July.	


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12	Open the \$1.2 billion Regional Infrastructure Fund for applications to help reduce New Zealand's long-standing infrastructure deficit.	Regional Development	Hon Shane Jones	The Regional Infrastructure Fund is open for applications.	Jul	The action is complete. The Regional Infrastructure Fund was open for applications on 1 July.	
13	Begin public consultation on reform of the Holidays Act.	Workplace Relations and Safety	Hon Brooke van Velden	MBIE to begin targeted consultation on an exposure draft of a Bill to replace the Holidays Act.	Sep	MBIE provided the draft Cabinet paper and Consultation Document: "Holidays Act Reform: Consultation Document for Targeted Consultation" to the Minister on 5 August. The paper was circulated to relevant Ministers for comment on 8 August and remains on track for consideration by ECO on 28 August. Drafting of the exposure draft Bill is underway. MBIE and PCO are working closely together to track progress and ensure a near-complete draft of the Bill will be ready for targeted consultation in early September.	
14	Take Cabinet decisions on legislative amendments to clarify the employment status of contractors.	Workplace Relations and Safety	Hon Brooke van Velden	Take Cabinet decisions.	Aug	MBIE provided the draft Cabinet paper: "Providing greater certainty for contracting parties" to the Minister on 31 July. The paper was circulated to relevant Ministers for comment on 5 August and remains on track for consideration by ECO on 21 August. The Regulatory Impact statement was assessed by an MBIE panel against the quality assurance criteria.	



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15	Initiate the second regulatory sector review to identify and remove unnecessary red tape.	Regulation	Hon David Seymour	Initiate the regulatory review for the approval path for agricultural products.	Aug	The action is complete. The Cabinet paper: "Approval Path for Agricultural and Horticultural Products Regulatory Review: Terms of Reference" was approved by Cabinet on 29 July. The review has formally commenced, and the Ministry for Regulation started receiving submissions on 1 August 2024.	
16	Take Cabinet decisions on new regulations to remove the GE ban and enable the safe use of gene technology in agriculture, health science and other sectors.	Science, Innovation & Technology	Hon Judith Collins	Take Cabinet decisions.	Aug	The action is complete. Cabinet approved the paper: "Regulation of gene technologies – policy decisions" on 12 August following referral by EXP on 7 August.	
17	Gazette amendments to the National Policy Statement for Highly Productive Land to specified infrastructure and farming activities on highly productive land.	Agriculture	Hon Todd McClay	Gazette amendments to the National Policy Statement for Highly Productive Land.	Aug	The Cabinet paper "Amendments to the National Policy Statement for Highly Productive Land 2022" was considered at ECO on 31 July and confirmed by Cabinet on 5 August (a week earlier than anticipated). Gazettal date and announcement details are to be confirmed by Minister Responsible for RMA Reform and Minister of Agriculture.	
18	Take Cabinet decisions to amend requirements for farmers in certain areas to have certified Freshwater Farm Plans.	Associate Environment	Hon Andrew Hoggard	Take Cabinet decisions on pausing the rollout of the current freshwater farm plan system.	Aug	The action is complete. The Cabinet paper: "Pausing the Rollout of Freshwater Farm Plans" was considered by ECO on 31 July, and confirmed by Cabinet on 5 August.	




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19	Begin consultation on changes to improve the efficiency and fairness of goods fees and border processing levies.	Customs	Hon Casey Costello	Begin consultation on border processing levies and goods fees.	Sep	<p><i>Recovering the costs of processing travellers at the border:</i> This part of the action is complete. Public consultation on border processing levies commenced 12 July and ended 9 August.</p> <p><i>Recovering the costs of goods management activities at the border:</i> Ministerial consultation on the draft Cabinet paper and Consultation Document seeking approval to consult on goods fees, ended on 13 August. The paper is on track for consideration by ECO on 21 August followed by Cabinet on 26 August. If agreed by Cabinet, the consultation document will likely be released on 6 September.</p>	



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20	Launch a military-style academy pilot for serious and persistent young offenders.	Children	Hon Karen Chhour	Launch of military-style academy pilot.	Jul	The action is complete. On 29 July, the military-style academy pilot started. The 10 young people taking part are now embarking on a three-month programme within the residence at Palmerston North.	
21	Introduce legislation to toughen sentencing rules to ensure real consequences for crime.	Justice	Hon Paul Goldsmith	Introduce Legislation.	Sep	The second tranche of drafting instructions has been provided to PCO following the Minister's further decisions. Initial consultation on the early draft Bill and draft Cabinet paper: "Sentencing Reform Amendment Bill: Approval for Introduction" is underway with justice sector agencies. Prosecuting agencies are being consulted on aspects of the draft Bill.	
22	Pass the Gangs Legislation Amendment Bill to give Police more tools to crack down on gangs.	Justice	Hon Paul Goldsmith	Pass Gangs Legislation Amendment Bill.	Sep	The Committee of the whole House debate on the Gangs Legislation Amendment Bill began on 6 August. It is expected that the Third Reading will occur on or after 22 August.	





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23	Pass the Firearms Prohibition Orders Legislation Amendment Bill to provide Police with stronger powers to get guns out of the hands of criminals.	Associate Justice	Hon Nicole McKee	Pass the Firearms Prohibition Orders Legislation Amendment Bill.	Sep	The Bill was reported back to the House from the Justice Committee on 26 July and is currently awaiting Second Reading. The Bill will progress through the remaining stages in the House, with the Third Reading targeted to be completed by 26 September.	
24	Pass the Corrections Amendment Bill to increase access to effective rehabilitation for prisoners on remand.	Corrections	Hon Mark Mitchell	Pass the Corrections Amendment Bill.	Sep	The Second Reading of the Corrections Amendment Bill occurred on 26 June. The Minister's office completed Ministerial consultation on an Amendment Paper making minor technical amendments between 23 July and 1 August. The next stage in the House is the Committee of the whole House debate, which is scheduled for 20 August. This, along with the Third Reading are expected to occur before the end of September.	
25	Introduce Legislation to enable roadside testing for drug driving.	Transport	Hon Simeon Brown	Introduce Land Transport (Drug Driving) Amendment Bill into the House.	Jul	The action is complete. The Land Transport (Drug Driving) Amendment Bill has been introduced and referred to the Transport and Infrastructure Committee.	
26	Pass the Courts (Remote Participation) Amendment Bill to improve efficiency in the courts and increase access to justice.	Associate Justice	Hon Nicole McKee	3rd reading of the Courts (Remote Participation) Amendment Bill.	Sep	The Bill was reported back to the House from the Justice Committee on 29 July and is ready for its Second Reading debate, with the Leader's Office advising an indicative date of 22 August. Indicative dates for the other debates are: Committee of the whole on 10 September; and Third Reading on 24 September.	



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27	Take Cabinet decisions on proposed improvements to the Anti-Money Laundering and Countering Financing of Terrorism regime to ensure it is both workable and effective.	Associate Justice	Hon Nicole McKee	Take Cabinet decisions.	Sep	<p>Agency consultation has commenced on Regulatory Impact Statements and a Cost Recovery Impact statement on two significant proposals for structural change to the AML regime, with feedback due 22 August.</p> <p>Officials are developing a policy briefing for the Associate Minister (delivered in the week of 12 August) to inform the Cabinet paper: "Proposals for improvements to the AML/CFT regime", which is targeted for Cabinet Committee consideration on 25 September. Risks associated with the tight timing for Cabinet approval within September will continue to be monitored over the next period.</p>	

Deliver Better Public Services							
#	Commitment	Lead Portfolio	Lead Minister	Action	Due Date	Delivery Update	Delivery Status
28	Publish reporting on the Government's nine targets for the public service.	Prime Minister	Rt Hon Christopher Luxon	Publish Target Quarterly Report for Q2 (April – June 2024).	Aug	The draft Cabinet Paper "Government Targets Quarterly Report for June 2024" was circulated for ministerial consultation during the last week of July. The Prime Minister and Ministers will discuss individual target reports ahead of Cabinet consideration, followed by proactive release likely to be in September (timing to be confirmed).	
29	Publish an updated health workforce plan to address staffing needs across the health system.	Health	Hon Shane Reti	Publish an updated health workforce plan.	Aug	Health New Zealand have a drafted a Workforce plan, which is being revised following consultation with the Minister's office and tested for alignment with wider organisational plans, including the HNZ turnaround plan. This introduces some risks for completion of the action within the quarter. Risks will be monitored over the next period with timelines for publication to be confirmed following conversations with the Health New Zealand Commissioner and the Minister.	

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30	Take Cabinet decisions on the programme business case, including cost-benefit analysis, for a proposed third medical school at Waikato University.	Health	Hon Shane Reti	Take Cabinet decisions.	Aug	The Minister is currently consulting Ministers on the draft Cabinet paper, Programme Business Case and Cost Benefit Analysis for a new medical school. The papers will be considered by EXP on 27 August and Cabinet on 2 September. There are risks to the timelines and completion within the quarter due to the significant decisions that are to be taken along with further engagement required with Ministers.	
31	Release initial plan for progressing health targets, including faster cancer treatment, shorter wait times, and improved immunisation for children.	Health	Hon Shane Reti	Health New Zealand to publish public-facing high-level plans for implementing the five health targets announced by the Minister of Health.	Aug	The release of the initial plans for progressing health targets is on track for 31 August. Edits to near final versions were requested of the production house on 5 August; final versions for approval are on track to be provided to the Minister by 16 August.	
32	Open applications for new and converting charter schools.	Associate Education	Hon David Seymour	Application process and forms available on GETS and the website.	Sep	The first stage (for applications from potential sponsors) closed on Friday, 9 August. Stage 1 assessments will commence from 12 August and applicants will be advised about next steps in early September. Details for the second stage of the 2-stage process are close to being finalised. Decisions will be made in October subject to the legislation being passed.	

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33	Introduce second phase of initiatives to lift school attendance.	Associate Education	Hon David Seymour	Begin second phase of activities.	Sep	<p>The following initiatives are being introduced as part of the second phase of initiatives to lift school attendance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Information campaign</i> - Phase 2 of the information campaign focused on changing behaviour is being finalised and will be available to schools (or the sector) by end of August. The Ministry will progress the information campaign via social media and other channels for Term 3. <i>Education and Training Amendment Bill</i> – This is now before the House. This includes legislative changes to enable the Secretary of Education to make attendance data rules which will require daily reporting of school attendance data, beginning Term 1 2025. <i>Traffic light system and attendance management plan</i> - Activities to strengthen board and parental accountabilities are underway with drafting the traffic light system and attendance management plans, to be agreed by the Associate Minister in August. This will be presented to Cabinet in September (traffic light system) and October (attendance management plan). <p>In addition, the Associate Minister has confirmed his preference to host regional engagements in September rather than host a singular engagement on 14 August.</p>	
34	Release draft of the new Year 0-13 English and Maths curriculum learning areas and begin targeted testing with teachers.	Education	Hon Erica Stanford	Start testing with teachers by releasing the new learning areas.	Sep	<p>The sector and public engagement and consultation on Te Reo Rangatira Years 0-6, and Mathematics and Statistics and Pāngarau Years 0-8 commenced from 12 August and finishes on 6 September. English Years 0-6 is intended to be released for consultation on 26 August through to 20 September.</p> <p>Drafting is in progress for English, Te Reo Rangatira Years 7 – 13, and Mathematics & Statistics and Pāngarau Years 9 – 13 to be ready for release to the sector in Term 4, 2024 per the Ministry's' initial timeframe.</p>	

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35	Finalise the model for new Structured Literacy interventions for struggling readers (to replace Reading Recovery from Term 1 2025).	Education	Hon Erica Stanford	Minister approval of the proposed direction for the model and supports to be in place from the start of 2025.	Sep	The action is complete. The Minister has agreed to a package of additional supports (prioritising structured literacy and Rangaranga Reo ā-Tā1) that will be available from the beginning of 2025. The Ministry is planning for communications to the sector in relation to the package of supports they can expect from the start of 2025.	
36	Take Cabinet decisions in response to the findings of the Ministerial Inquiry into School Property.	Education	Hon Erica Stanford	Take Cabinet decisions.	Sep	The Public Service Commission provided a first draft Cabinet paper to the Minister on 5 August and an updated draft Cabinet paper on 13 August, to go to Cabinet in September.	
37	Introduce legislation to tighten controls on youth vaping.	Associate Health	Hon Casey Costello	Introduce Legislation-Smokefree Amendment Bill Tranche 1.	Jul	The draft Bill, along with the Cabinet paper: "Smokefree Environments and Regulated Products Amendment Bill (No.2): Approval for Introduction" have been provided to the Associate Minister to enable ministerial consultation. The paper will be considered at LEG on 29 August and the draft Bill is on track for introduction in September.	
38	Begin rollout of community Job Coaches to support 18-24-year-old Jobseekers to get off welfare and into work.	Social Development	Hon Louise Upston	Additional placements for phase 1 (total of 2,100 placements for youth in 2024/25) are scheduled to be in place on 30 August 2024.	Aug	1,000 places were purchased by reprioritising existing funding from the Employment and Social Outcomes MCA. Some of these contracts have been in place since 1 July. An additional 1,100 places were funded through use of an underspend agreed by Cabinet on 21 June. Initial contract negotiations are underway, referrals will likely take place in September and participants will likely start in October. On 1 August, the Minister attended Youth Aspire to publicly announce the extra 2,100 places for young job coaches in community-led programmes that provide job coaches and other supports.	

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39	Finalise design of a Jobseeker Benefit Traffic Light System to strengthen jobseeker obligations and consequences for non-compliance.	Social Development	Hon Louise Upston	Take Cabinet decisions on policy design and agree to instruct PCO to draft Bill.	Aug	<p>The action is complete. The Cabinet paper: "Changes to welfare settings to support people into employment and off benefit: Traffic Light System" was considered by SOU on 7 August, with agreement reached on key policy decisions and to issue drafting instructions to PCO for the bill. A slightly updated version of the paper was considered by Cabinet on 12 August; it has been updated to reflect changes to money management recommendations.</p> <p>MSD is prepared for the launch of Phase One, which was covered in the Cabinet paper, and involves communication with clients who have work-related and social obligations. The email to clients introduces the Traffic Light System and covers what each colour means; it refers clients to the MSD website which has further information. This went live on 12 August.</p>	
40	Finalise the framework to ensure the independence of a standalone Children's Commissioner and strengthen the oversight of Oranga Tamariki.	Social Development	Hon Louise Upston	Cabinet policy decisions and agreement to start drafting instructions for the Omnibus Bill to make the Independent Children's Monitor an Independent Crown Entity and the Children and Young People's Commissioner a single Commissioner.	Jul	<p>The action is complete. Cabinet agreed on 29 July to final policy decisions to inform drafting instructions for an omnibus Bill to make structural changes to the Independent Children's Monitor and Children and Young People's Commission to strengthen the oversight of the Oranga Tamariki system.</p>	



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Quarterly Plan Update as at 9 September 2024

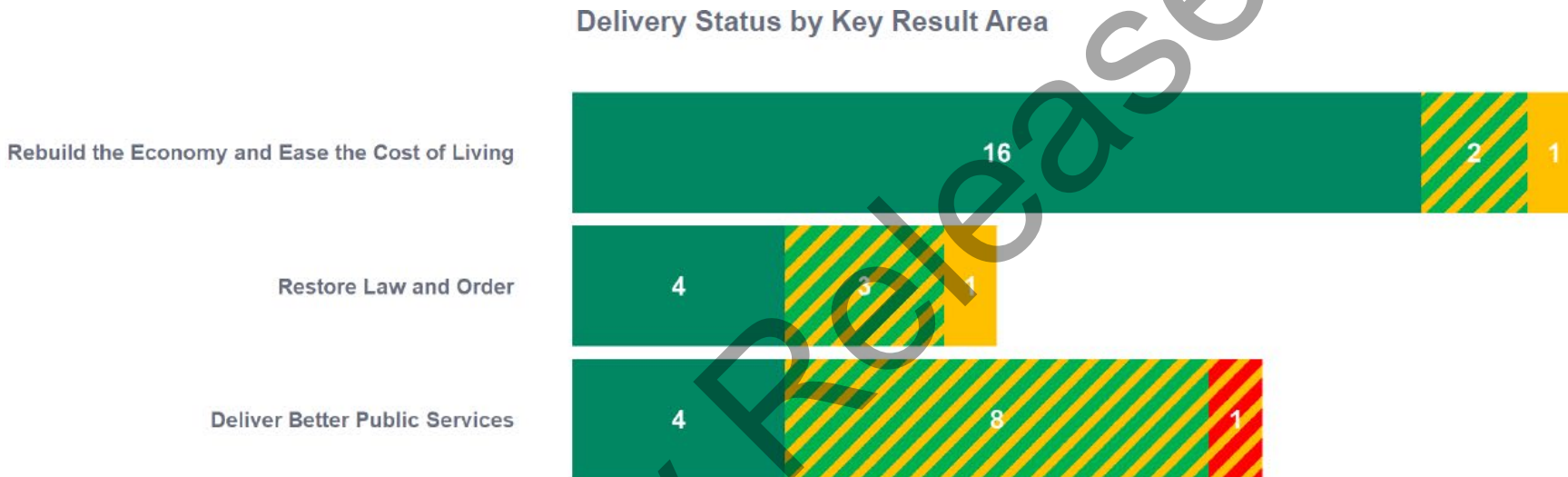
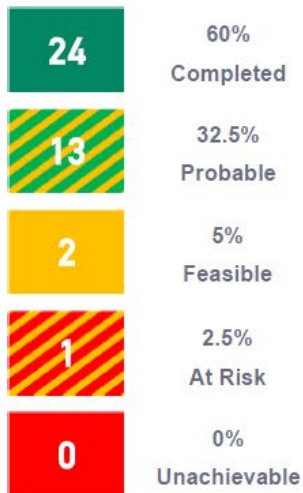
Portfolio **Prime Minister**

On 9 September 2024, Cabinet:

- 1 **noted** the Quarterly Plan Update, attached to the submission under CAB-24-SUB-0344, and the next steps in a number of key work programmes.

Rachel Hayward
Secretary of the Cabinet

Government's Quarterly Plan Update for Quarter 3 for the Cabinet Meeting of 9 September



Summary

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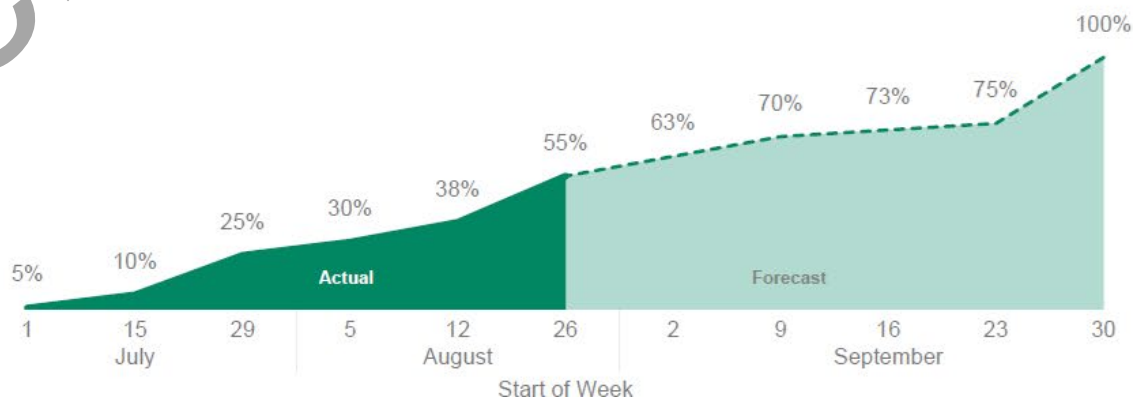
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
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




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The Draft Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2024 – post consultation report back	3	Transport	ECO	18 September
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Response to the Report of the Ministerial Inquiry into School Property	36	Education and Infrastructure	EXP or SOU	17 September or 25 September
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



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21	Introduce legislation to toughen sentencing rules to ensure real consequences for crime.	Justice	Hon Paul Goldsmith	Introduce Legislation.	Sep	Ministerial consultation is underway on the draft Bill and Cabinet paper "Sentencing Reform Amendment Bill: Approval for Introduction" which is targeted for consideration by LEG on 19 September. Discussions are underway with the Office of the Clerk on whether the proposed amendments can be incorporated into a single omnibus Bill or require associated Bills.	
22	Pass the Gangs Legislation Amendment Bill to give Police more tools to crack down on gangs.	Justice	Hon Paul Goldsmith	Pass Gangs Legislation Amendment Bill.	Sep	The Bill is likely to be recommitted to the Committee of the whole House in the week of 16 September, with Third Reading to follow shortly after. Commencement remains on track for 21 November.	
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24	Pass the Corrections Amendment Bill to increase access to effective rehabilitation for prisoners on remand.	Corrections	Hon Mark Mitchell	Pass the Corrections Amendment Bill.	Sep	The Committee of the whole House debate for the Corrections Amendment Bill occurred on 20 and 28 August. The Third Reading for the Bill is expected to occur in September.	
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27	Take Cabinet decisions on proposed improvements to the Anti-Money Laundering and Countering Financing of Terrorism regime to ensure it is both workable and effective.	Associate Justice	Hon Nicole McKee	Take Cabinet decisions.	Sep	<p>The Associate Minister received a draft Cabinet paper on 29 August for approval for ministerial and agency consultation. The paper seeks Cabinet agreement to the AML/CFT work programme in three phases:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> regulatory relief package delivered through Statute Amendment Bills (SABs) structural reform to AML/CFT regime including consideration of the supervisor model and introducing a levy a regulatory package to deliver further regulatory relief and address grey-listing risks. <p>The draft Cabinet paper is targeted for Cabinet Committee consideration on 25 September. Risks associated with the tight timing for Cabinet approval within September will continue to be monitored over the next reporting period.</p>	

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28	Publish reporting on the Government's nine targets for the public service.	Prime Minister	Rt Hon Christopher Luxon	Publish Target Quarterly Report for Q2 (April – June 2024).	Aug	Discussions between the Prime Minister and Ministers on individual target reports were concluded on 26 August. The Cabinet paper "Government Targets Quarterly Report for June 2024" is targeted for consideration by Cabinet on 9 September followed by public release during September.	

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29	Publish an updated health workforce plan to address staffing needs across the health system.	Health	Hon Shane Reti	Publish an updated health workforce plan.	Aug	Health New Zealand have a drafted a Workforce plan, which has been revised following consultation with the Minister's office and tested for alignment with wider organisational plans. The latest version has now been considered by the Minister. Timelines for publication are being confirmed and will be within the next two weeks.	
30	Take Cabinet decisions on the programme business case, including cost-benefit analysis, for a proposed third medical school at Waikato University.	Health	Hon Shane Reti	Take Cabinet decisions.	Aug	The Minister is currently consulting Ministers on the draft Cabinet paper, Programme Business Case and Cost Benefit Analysis for a new medical school. It is to be confirmed whether papers will be considered by EXP or SOU in September. There are risks to the timelines and completion within the quarter due to the significant decisions that are to be taken along with further engagement required with Ministers.	
31	Release initial plan for progressing health targets, including faster cancer treatment, shorter wait times, and improved immunisation for children.	Health	Hon Shane Reti	Health New Zealand to publish public-facing high-level plans for implementing the five health targets announced by the Minister of Health.	Aug	Final versions of the initial plans for progressing health targets suitable for publication were provided to the Minister, along with supporting communications for official announcements planned to be made by the Minister at Waikato Hospital on 3 September. This has since been postponed and the announcement has been placed on hold until such time as a new event is identified where announcements can be made. At this stage, this is still expected within the quarter.	
32	Open applications for new and converting charter schools.	Associate Education	Hon David Seymour	Application process and forms available on GETS and the website.	Sep	Stage 1 assessments are close to being finalised and applicants will be advised about next steps accordingly. A Cabinet paper is being drafted to support the appointment of the Authorisation Board for consideration at APH in September. The Authorisation Board will confirm applicants who will progress to Stage 2 of the application process in late September.	

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33	Introduce second phase of initiatives to lift school attendance.	Associate Education	Hon David Seymour	Begin second phase of activities.	Sep	<p>Departmental consultation commenced on 26 August and ministerial consultation started on 30 August on the draft Cabinet paper: "Attendance action plan: Second phase of initiatives for school attendance" detailing activities to strengthen school board and parental accountability and improve the quality of attendance data. The Cabinet paper is targeted for consideration by SOU on 18 September.</p> <p>The Education and Training Amendment Bill is being considered by Select Committee. A draft LEG paper and attendance regulations on the frequency of data collection have been sent to the Associate Minister's Office, and departmental consultation commenced 15 August. It is expected to be agreed by the Associate Minister in late September.</p>	
34	Release draft of the new Year 0-13 English and Maths curriculum learning areas and begin targeted testing with teachers.	Education	Hon Erica Stanford	Start testing with teachers by releasing the new learning areas.	Sep	<p>The action is complete. The English Years 0-6 learning area was released on 26 August for sector and public feedback. Consultation closes on 20 September 2024.</p> <p>The development for English, Te Reo Rangatira Years 7 – 13, and Mathematics & Statistics and Pāngarau Years 9 – 13 continues and will be ready for release to the sector in Term 4, 2024, as per updated timelines for the refresh of The New Zealand Curriculum.</p>	
35	Finalise the model for new Structured Literacy interventions for struggling readers (to replace Reading Recovery from Term 1 2025).	Education	Hon Erica Stanford	Minister approval of the proposed direction for the model and supports to be in place from the start of 2025.	Sep	<p>The action is complete. The Minister has agreed to a package of additional supports (prioritising structured literacy and Rangaranga Reo ā-Tā1) that will be available from the beginning of 2025. The Ministry is planning for communications to the sector in relation to the package of supports they can expect from the start of 2025.</p>	

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36	Take Cabinet decisions in response to the findings of the Ministerial Inquiry into School Property.	Education	Hon Erica Stanford	Take Cabinet decisions.	Sep	The Ministers of Education and Infrastructure are currently considering a draft Cabinet Paper: "Response to the Report of the Ministerial Inquiry into School Property". The paper is expected to be considered by Cabinet Committee before the end of September.	
37	Introduce legislation to tighten controls on youth vaping.	Associate Health	Hon Casey Costello	Introduce Legislation-Smokefree Amendment Bill Tranche 1.	Jul	The draft Bill, along with the Cabinet paper: "Smokefree Environments and Regulated Products Amendment Bill (No.2): Approval for Introduction" was provided to the Associate Minister of Health on 12 August. The paper was considered at LEG on 29 August and confirmed by Cabinet on 2 September. The draft Bill remains on track for introduction in September.	
38	Begin rollout of community Job Coaches to support 18-24-year-old Jobseekers to get off welfare and into work.	Social Development	Hon Louise Upston	Additional placements for phase 1 (total of 2,100 placements for youth in 2024/25) are scheduled to be in place on 30 August 2024.	Aug	On 1 August, the Minister attended Youth Aspire to publicly announce the extra 2,100 places for young job coaches in community-led programmes that provide job coaches and other supports. 1,000 places have been purchased by reprioritising existing funding from the Employment and Social Outcomes MCA. Some of these contracts have been in place since 1 July. An additional 1,100 places are being funded through use of an underspend agreed by Cabinet on 21 June. Contract negotiations have taken place with all contracts agreed with providers. MSD will begin referrals throughout September, enabling providers to begin working with youth Jobseekers in October.	
39	Finalise design of a Jobseeker Benefit Traffic Light System to strengthen jobseeker obligations and consequences for non-compliance.	Social Development	Hon Louise Upston	Take Cabinet decisions on policy design and agree to instruct PCO to draft Bill.	Aug	The action is complete. The Cabinet paper: "Changes to welfare settings to support people into employment and off benefit: Traffic Light System" was considered by SOU on 7 August, with agreement reached on key policy decisions and to issue drafting instructions to PCO for the bill. A slightly updated version of the paper was considered by Cabinet on 12 August; it has been updated to reflect changes to money management recommendations.	

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40	Finalise the framework to ensure the independence of a standalone Children's Commissioner and strengthen the oversight of Oranga Tamariki.	Social Development	Hon Louise Upston	Cabinet policy decisions and agreement to start drafting instructions for the Omnibus Bill to make the Independent Children's Monitor an Independent Crown Entity and the Children and Young People's Commissioner a single Commissioner.	Jul	The action is complete. Cabinet agreed on 29 July to final policy decisions to inform drafting instructions for an omnibus Bill to make structural changes to the Independent Children's Monitor and Children and Young People's Commission to strengthen the oversight of the Oranga Tamariki system.	

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Quarterly Plan Update as at 23 September 2024

Portfolio **Prime Minister**

On 23 September 2024, Cabinet **noted** the update on the Government's action plan for Quarter Three, attached under CAB-24-SUB-0372, and the next steps in a number of key work programmes.

Diana Hawker
for Secretary of the Cabinet

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Government's Quarterly Plan Update for Quarter 3 for the Cabinet Meeting of 23 September



Rebuild the Economy and Ease the Cost of Living

Delivery Status by Key Result Area



Summary

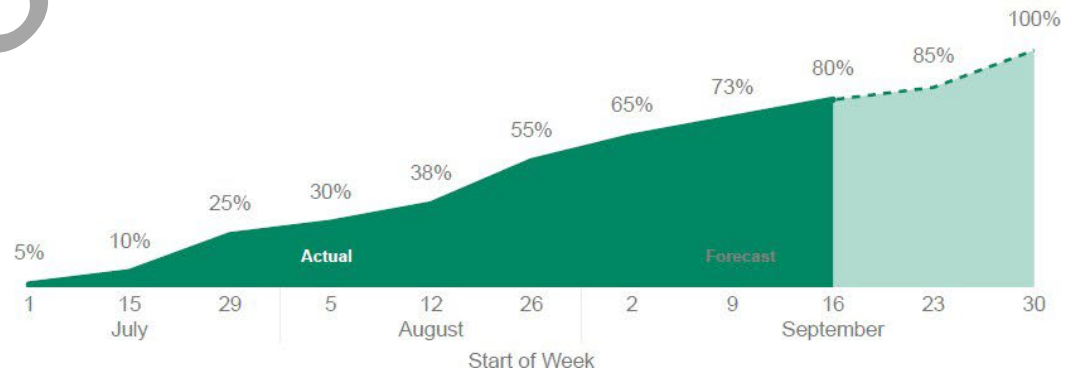
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




Future Papers	Action	Lead Portfolio	Committee	Date
Proposals for an AML/CFT legislative work programme	27	Associate Justice	ECO	25 September
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
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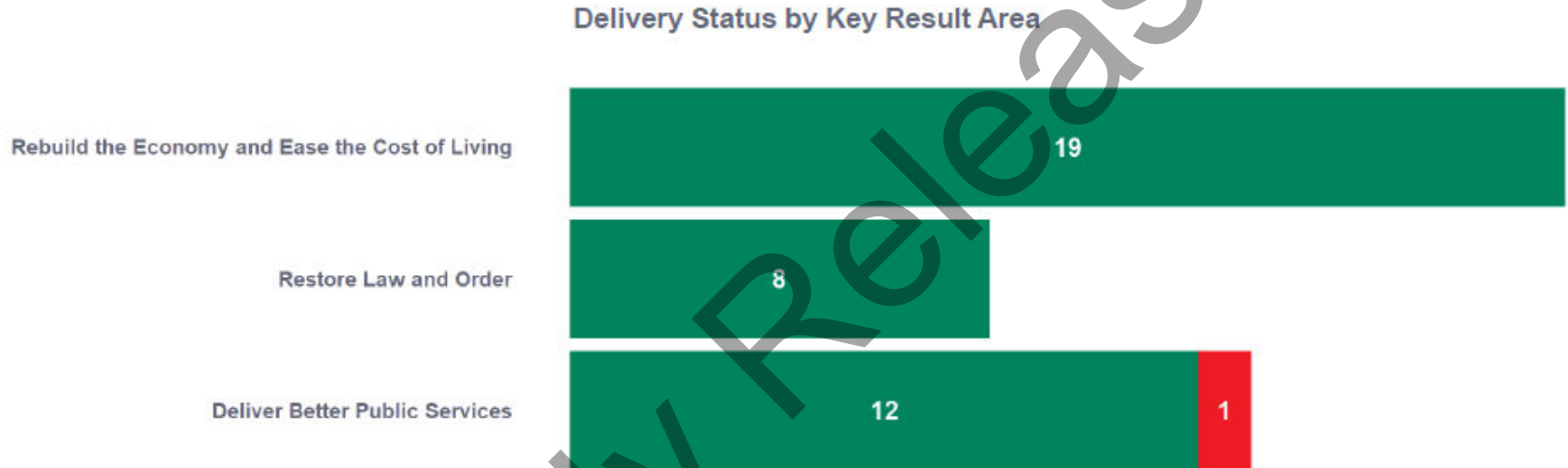
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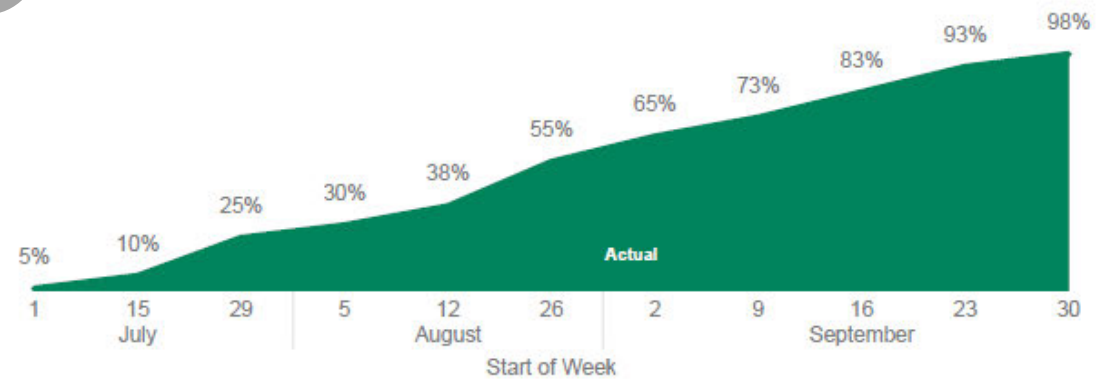









Q3 Summary





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Action Completion by Date










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1	Pass the second Local Water Done Well Bill requiring councils to deliver plans for financially sustainable water services, replacing the previous Government's Three Waters regime.	Local Government	Hon Simeon Brown	Local Government (Water Services Preliminary Arrangements) Bill passed.	Aug	The action is complete. The Local Government (Water Services Preliminary Arrangements) Bill was passed on 27 August and received royal assent on 2 September.	
2	Take Cabinet decisions on a framework for city and regional deals.	Local Government	Hon Simeon Brown	Take Cabinet decisions.	Jul	The action is complete. The Cabinet Paper: "Establishing a Strategic Framework for Regional Deals" was considered by ECO on 24 July and confirmed by Cabinet on 29 July.	
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4	Take Cabinet decisions on legislation to support time-of-use charging to reduce congestion.	Transport	Hon Simeon Brown	Take Cabinet decisions.	Jul	The action is complete. The policy for time-of-use charging was agreed by CBC on 8 July and was confirmed by Cabinet on 22 July.	
5	Introduce legislation to eliminate barriers to overseas building products being used in New Zealand.	Building and Construction	Hon Chris Penk	Introduce legislation.	Sep	The action is complete. The Building (Overseas Building Products, Standards, and Certification Schemes) Amendment Bill was introduced on 5 September.	
6	Release the draft of the second Emissions Reduction Plan.	Climate Change	Hon Simon Watts	Begin public consultation.	Jul	The action is complete. The draft of the second Emissions Reduction Plan was released on 17 July.	
7	Take Cabinet decisions to establish a new National Infrastructure Agency.	Infrastructure	Hon Chris Bishop	Take Cabinet decisions.	Aug	The action is complete. The Cabinet paper: "Establishing a National Infrastructure Agency" was confirmed by Cabinet on 26 August.	


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9	Take Cabinet decisions on work programme to replace the RMA with a system premised on the enjoyment of property rights.	RMA Reform	Hon Chris Bishop	Take Cabinet decisions.	Aug	The action is complete. The Cabinet paper: "Replacing the Resource Management Act 1991" was considered by ECO on 21 August and confirmed by Cabinet on 26 August.	
10	Take Cabinet decisions on the final design of the Government's one-stop shop consenting and permitting scheme, incorporating sensible changes suggested through the select committee process.	RMA Reform	Hon Chris Bishop	Take Cabinet decisions.	Jul	The Action is complete. The Cabinet paper: "Fast Track Approvals Bill - policy and workability changes for departmental report" seeking approval of the final design and policy decisions, was agreed by Cabinet on 29 July.	
11	Pass the Resource Management (Extended Duration of Coastal Permits for Marine Farms) Amendment Bill into law to provide certainty in New Zealand's aquaculture industry.	Oceans and Fisheries	Hon Shane Jones	Pass the Resource Management (Extended Duration of Coastal Permits for Marine Farms) Amendment Bill into law.	Jul	The action is complete. The Resource Management (Extended Duration of Coastal Permits for Marine Farms) Amendment Bill was passed on 27 August.	




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12	Open the \$1.2 billion Regional Infrastructure Fund for applications to help reduce New Zealand's long-standing infrastructure deficit.	Regional Development	Hon Shane Jones	The Regional Infrastructure Fund is open for applications.	Jul	The action is complete. The Regional Infrastructure Fund was open for applications on 1 July.	
13	Begin public consultation on reform of the Holidays Act.	Workplace Relations and Safety	Hon Brooke van Velden	MBIE to begin targeted consultation on an exposure draft of a Bill to replace the Holidays Act.	Sep	The action is complete. MBIE circulated the Bill and Consultation Document for targeted consultation on 10 September. The deadline for feedback is 11 October 2024.	
14	Take Cabinet decisions on legislative amendments to clarify the employment status of contractors.	Workplace Relations and Safety	Hon Brooke van Velden	Take Cabinet decisions.	Aug	The Cabinet paper: "Providing Greater Certainty for Contracting Parties" was considered by ECO on 28 August and confirmed by Cabinet on 2 September.	
15	Initiate the second regulatory sector review to identify and remove unnecessary red tape.	Regulation	Hon David Seymour	Initiate the regulatory review for the approval path for agricultural products.	Aug	The action is complete. The Cabinet paper: "Approval Path for Agricultural and Horticultural Products Regulatory Review: Terms of Reference" was approved by Cabinet on 29 July. The review has formally commenced, and the Ministry for Regulation started receiving submissions on 1 August 2024.	
16	Take Cabinet decisions on new regulations to remove the GE ban and enable the safe use of gene technology in agriculture, health science and other sectors.	Science, Innovation & Technology	Hon Judith Collins	Take Cabinet decisions.	Aug	The action is complete. Cabinet approved the paper: "Regulation of gene technologies – policy decisions" on 12 August following referral by EXP on 7 August.	





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17	Gazette amendments to the National Policy Statement for Highly Productive Land to specified infrastructure and farming activities on highly productive land.	Agriculture	Hon Todd McClay	Gazette amendments to the National Policy Statement for Highly Productive Land.	Aug	The action is complete. Amendments were published in the NZ Gazette on 16 August.	
18	Take Cabinet decisions to amend requirements for farmers in certain areas to have certified Freshwater Farm Plans.	Associate Environment	Hon Andrew Hoggard	Take Cabinet decisions on pausing the rollout of the current freshwater farm plan system.	Aug	The action is complete. The Cabinet paper: "Pausing the Rollout of Freshwater Farm Plans" was considered by ECO on 31 July, and confirmed by Cabinet on 5 August.	
19	Begin consultation on changes to improve the efficiency and fairness of goods fees and border processing levies.	Customs	Hon Casey Costello	Begin consultation on border processing levies and goods fees.	Sep	The action is complete. Public consultation on border processing levies commenced 12 July and ended 9 August. Public consultation on goods fees commenced on 4 September.	





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20	Launch a military-style academy pilot for serious and persistent young offenders.	Children	Hon Karen Chhour	Launch of military-style academy pilot.	Jul	The action is complete. On 29 July, the military-style academy pilot started.	


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21	Introduce legislation to toughen sentencing rules to ensure real consequences for crime.	Justice	Hon Paul Goldsmith	Introduce Legislation.	Sep	The action is complete. The Cabinet paper seeking approval for introduction of the Sentencing Reform Amendment Bill was approved by Cabinet on 16 September followed by introduction of the Bill on the same day.	
22	Pass the Gangs Legislation Amendment Bill to give Police more tools to crack down on gangs.	Justice	Hon Paul Goldsmith	Pass Gangs Legislation Amendment Bill.	Sep	The action is complete. The Gangs Bill has been enacted and is due to commence on 21 November.	
23	Pass the Firearms Prohibition Orders Legislation Amendment Bill to provide Police with stronger powers to get guns out of the hands of criminals.	Associate Justice	Hon Nicole McKee	Pass the Firearms Prohibition Orders Legislation Amendment Bill.	Sep	The action is complete. The Act was passed on 29 August.	
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25	Introduce Legislation to enable roadside testing for drug driving.	Transport	Hon Simeon Brown	Introduce Land Transport (Drug Driving) Amendment Bill into the House.	Jul	The action is complete. The Land Transport (Drug Driving) Amendment Bill has been introduced and referred to the Transport and Infrastructure Committee.	
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