



Proactive Release

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

Government's Quarterly Plan - Progress reports for Quarter 4

The following documents have been included in this release:

Title of paper: Government's Quarterly Plan Update for Quarter 4 for the STR Meeting of 22 October (STR-24-SUB-0015 refers)

Title of minute: Report of the Cabinet Strategy Committee: Period Ended 25 October 2024 (CAB-24-MIN-0410 refers)

Title of minute: Quarterly Plan Update as at 22 October 2024 (STR-24-MIN-0015 refers)

Title of paper: Government's Quarterly Plan Update for Quarter 4 for the STR Meeting of 12 November (STR-24-SUB-0017 refers)

Title of minute: Report of the Cabinet Strategy Committee: Period Ended 15 November 2024 (CAB-24-MIN-0444 refers)

Title of minute: Quarterly Plan Update as at 12 November 2024 (STR-24-MIN-0017 refers)

Title of paper: Government's Quarterly Plan Update for Quarter 4 for the STR Meeting of 3 December (STR-24-SUB-0020 refers)

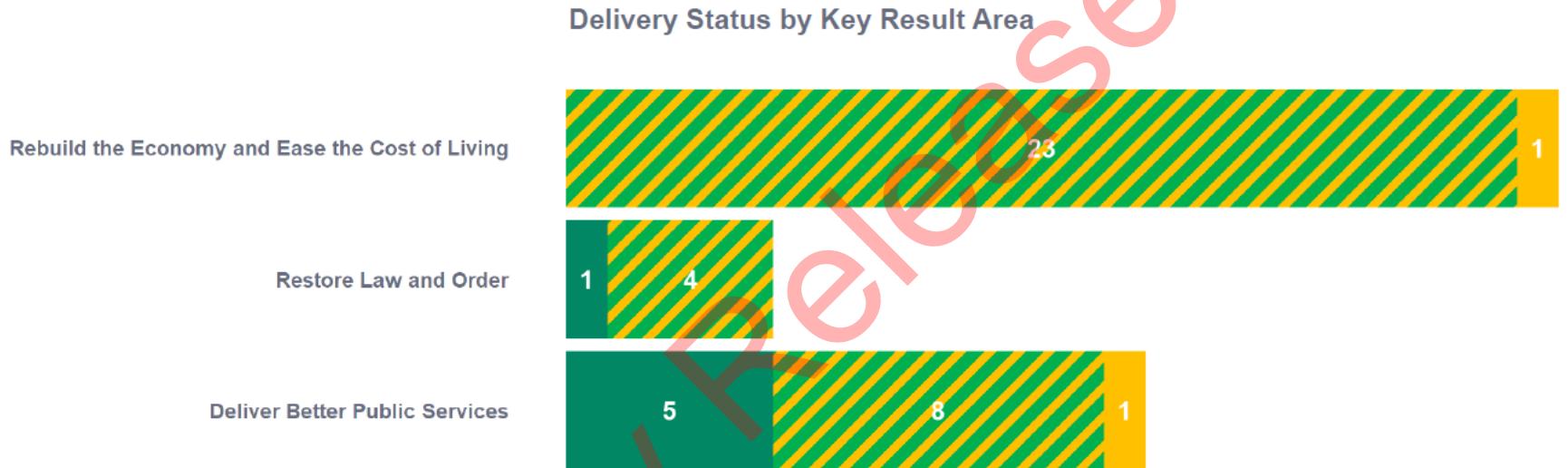
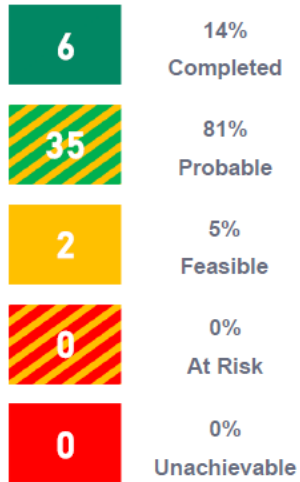
Title of minute: Report of the Cabinet Strategy Committee: Period Ended 6 December 2024 (CAB-24-MIN-0475 refers)

Title of minute: Quarterly Plan Update as at 3 December 2024 (STR-24-MIN-0020 refers)

Title of document: Government's Quarterly Plan Update for Quarter 4 as at 13 December

Title of document: Government's Quarterly Plan – Final Progress Report for Quarter 4

Government's Quarterly Plan Update for Quarter 4 for the STR Meeting of 22 October

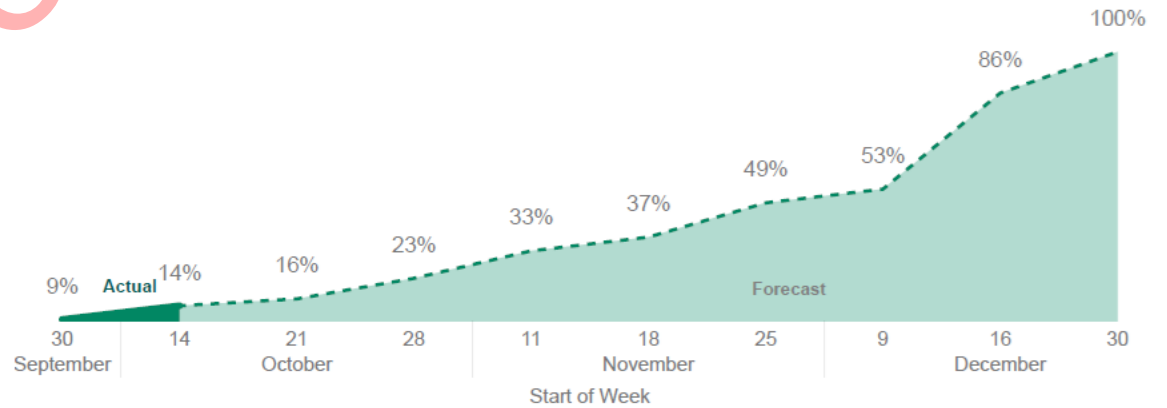


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




31% through the quarter (as at STR 22 October 2024).
14% (6 actions out of 43) are marked as complete






20 actions (46%) are targeting to complete in the last 3 weeks of the quarter.







Action Completion by Date (Actual vs Forecast)











Future Papers	Action	Lead Portfolio	Committee	Date
Report Back on Establishing a National Infrastructure Agency and Infrastructure Priorities	4	Infrastructure	ECO	23 October
Crimes (Countering Foreign Interference) Amendment Bill: Approval for Introduction	25	Justice	LEG	24 October
Approval to consult on a proposed approach to the Regulatory Standards Bill	14	Regulation	EXP	5 November
Approval to progress policy to manage whole-farm conversions to exotic forestry registering in the ETS	10	Forestry	ECO	6 November
Afforestation on Crown-owned land	21	Forestry	ECO	6 November
Online Casino Gambling Phase 2 Decisions	23	Internal Affairs	ECO	6 November
Fast Track Approvals Bill	1	RMA Reform	LEG	11 November
Offshore renewable energy – Consultation on cost recovery and decisions on transmission infrastructure	6	Energy	ECO	13 November
Policy decisions for first system improvements bill	8	Local Government	ECO	13 November
Oranga Tamariki (Responding to Serious Youth Offending) Amendment Bill	27	Children	LEG	14 November
Offshore Renewable Energy Bill: Approval for introduction	6	Energy	LEG	21 November
Racing Amendment Bill – Approval for Introduction	19	Racing	LEG	28 November
Land Transport Revenue Action Plan: Report back on Tolling Reform	7	Transport	ECO	4 December
Going for Housing Growth – Improving Infrastructure Funding and Financing to Support Urban Growth	5	Housing	ECO	11 December
Gene Technology Bill – Approval for introduction	24	Science, Innovation and Technology	LEG	12 December
Crimes Legislation (Stalking and Harassment) Amendment Bill: Approval for Introduction	26	Justice	LEG	12 December
Māori Education Action Plan	38	Education	SOU	TBC
Future of the greyhound racing industry	18	Racing	ECO	TBC



Rebuild the Economy and Ease the Cost of Living							
#	Commitment	Lead Portfolio	Lead Minister	Action	Due Month	Delivery Update	Delivery Status
1	Pass the Fast-track Approvals Bill to speed up delivery of regional and national projects of significance.	RMA Reform	Hon Chris Bishop	Pass the Fast-track Approvals Bill.	Nov	The draft Fast-track Approvals (FTA) Bill has been Introduced to the House and Select Committee report back is on track to be completed by 18 October. The Bill is expected to be passed by the end of November.	
2	Pass the first Resource Management Amendment Bill to reduce the regulatory burden on farmers and the primary sector.	RMA Reform	Hon Chris Bishop	Pass the first Resource Management Amendment Bill.	Nov	The Select Committee reported back on the Bill on 30 September. The Bill is expected to pass through the House stages during October.	
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	Hon Chris Bishop	Introduce the government's second RMA reform Bill.	Dec	The Minister has considered advice on options and a Cabinet paper is being drafted seeking approval for introduction of RM Bill 2. The paper is on track for consideration by LEG on 5 December followed by Cabinet confirmation on 9 December.	
4	Establish the National Infrastructure Agency.	Infrastructure	Hon Chris Bishop	Repurpose Crown Infrastructure Partners Limited as National Infrastructure Funding and Financing Limited (NIFFCo)	Dec	The Minister has circulated a draft Cabinet paper: "Report Back on Establishing a National Infrastructure Agency and Infrastructure Priorities" for Ministerial consultation. The paper is on track for consideration by ECO on 23 October followed by Cabinet confirmation on 29 October.	
5	Take Cabinet decisions on funding and financing tools to get more housing built.	Housing	Hon Chris Bishop	Take Cabinet decisions.	Dec	The Minister and the Minister of Local Government have made a number of key policy decisions (with more to be made by the Minister in October), to inform the Cabinet paper: "Going for Housing Growth: Improving Infrastructure Funding and Financing to Support Urban Growth". Work is on track for Ministers to take a paper to ECO on 11 December, and Cabinet on 16 December.	




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6	Introduce legislation to make it easier to build offshore wind farms.	Energy	Hon Simeon Brown	Introduce Offshore Renewable Energy Bill.	Dec	PCO is in the final stages of drafting the Offshore Renewable Energy Bill for introduction. MBIE intends to provide the Minister with a draft Cabinet paper and a draft of the Bill on 18 October. Ministerial consultation is due to be underway following that, before consideration by the LEG on 21 November.	
7	Take Cabinet decisions on allowing greater use of road tolling to support the delivery of transport infrastructure.	Transport	Hon Simeon Brown	Take Cabinet decisions.	Dec	The Minister has received a draft Cabinet paper: "Land Transport Revenue Action Plan: Report back on Tolling Reform" and intends to bring it to Cabinet in December so that it can be considered alongside a separate paper that would seek Cabinet decisions on four tolling proposals: Ōtaki to north of Levin, Te Ahu a Turanga Manawatū Tararua Highway, Takitimu North Link, and Penlink.	
8	Take Cabinet decisions on measures to get local councils back to basics.	Local Government	Hon Simeon Brown	Take Cabinet decisions.	Nov	The Minister has received a draft Cabinet paper on an initial tranche of decisions to get local councils back to basics. The Minister intends to provide the paper for Ministerial and cross-party consultation in the coming weeks and is planning on taking the paper to ECO for consideration on 13 November.	
9	Finalise the development of farm-level emissions measurement methodology.	Agriculture	Hon Todd McClay	Methodology released on the Ministry for Primary Industries' website.	Nov	The methodology is complete. Pre-release engagement with contributors, including DairyNZ, Beef & Lamb, Fonterra and the Meat Industry Association, is near completion and reception has been positive. The Minister will be briefed on the methodology and release process by the end of October.	
10	Announce policy direction to limit on farm conversions to forestry on high-quality land to protect food production.	Agriculture	Hon Todd McClay	Public announcement of policy direction to limit on farm conversions to forestry on high-quality land.	Nov	The Cabinet paper: "Approval to progress policy to manage whole-farm conversions to exotic forestry registering in the ETS" has undergone Ministerial consultation, and is being updated following feedback, including updating the Regulatory Impact Statement. The paper seeks approval to the key policy changes to limit farm conversions to ETS forestry, and to announce these proposed changes in November. The Cabinet paper is targeted for consideration by ECO on 6 November followed by Cabinet consideration on 11 November. This will enable public announcements to occur mid-November.	


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11	Pass legislation to complete the removal of agriculture from the Emissions Trading Scheme.	Agriculture	Hon Todd McClay	Pass legislation to complete the removal of agriculture from the Emissions Trading Scheme.	Dec	The Primary Production Committee has considered the Departmental Report prepared by MfE and MPI. It is expected that the Committee will report the Bill back to the House by 1 November.	
12	Take Cabinet decisions to streamline regulations around food safety export exemptions.	Food Safety	Hon Andrew Hoggard	Take Cabinet decisions.	Dec	A draft Cabinet paper: "Policy approvals: Facilitating export exemptions under the Food Act 2014 from New Zealand food composition and labelling requirements" is under development and due to be circulated to agencies the week commencing 14 October for consultation. The paper is targeted for consideration by ECO on 11 December.	
13	Pass legislation to reverse the ban on oil and gas exploration.	Resources	Hon Shane Jones	Pass the Crown Minerals Amendment Bill.	Dec	The Crown Minerals Amendment Bill is on track to be reported back by 31 October. House time permitting, the Bill is on track to be passed by the end of the quarter.	
14	Release a discussion document on the Regulatory Standards Bill.	Regulation	Hon David Seymour	Release a discussion document on the Regulatory Standards Bill.	Nov	The Minister will take a paper to EXP on 5 November seeking approval to release a discussion document that will set out the key components of a Regulatory Standards Bill. Feedback on this discussion paper will shape the final form of the Bill for Cabinet agreement.	
15	Initiate a third regulatory sector review to identify and remove unnecessary red tape.	Regulation	Hon David Seymour	Initiate the third regulatory sector review.	Dec	The Minister was presented with advice on 11 October with decisions anticipated to be taken in the upcoming fortnight. Following agreement on the subject of the next regulatory review, work will be undertaken to scope and draft the terms of reference.	
16	Pass legislation extending deadlines for earthquake prone buildings to enable a review of the current settings.	Building and Construction	Hon Chris Penk	Pass the Building (Earthquake-prone Building Deadlines and Other Matters) Amendment Bill.	Dec	Report back to the House from the Transport and Infrastructure Committee is due by 31 October. The Bill is expected to be passed into law by the end of the year.	






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17	Pass the Contracts of Insurance Bill to better protect Kiwis in the event of a disaster.	Commerce	Hon Andrew Bayly	Pass the Contracts of Insurance Bill.	Dec	The Contracts of Insurance Bill is currently part way through its Second Reading. Officials have provided advice to the Minister on an Amendment Paper to make a small number of minor and technical changes to the Bill at Committee of the whole House stage.	
18	Take Cabinet decisions on the future of the greyhound racing industry.	Racing	Rt Hon Winston Peters	Take Cabinet decisions.	Dec	Officials have provided a briefing to the Minister seeking an indication of preferred options to enable drafting of a Cabinet paper. Timelines for remaining activities are tight and will be monitored over the next period.	
19	Introduce legislation to ensure the financial sustainability of the racing industry.	Racing	Rt Hon Winston Peters	Introduce Bill.	Dec	The Bill is currently being drafted by PCO and progressing well. A briefing seeking the Ministers direction on one drafting issue relating to the scope of the Bill was sent to the Minister on 7 October. Ministerial consultation on a LEG paper and Bill is scheduled to commence in the week of 4 November.	
20	Publish the final second emissions reductions plan to deliver the first two emissions budgets.	Climate Change	Hon Simon Watts	Public release of the (final) second emissions reductions plan.	Dec	Consultation on the second emissions reduction plan has occurred. The Minister will now seek Cabinet approval to publish the plan, which is targeted for early December.	
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	Hon Todd McClay	Take Cabinet decisions.	Nov	The Cabinet paper: "Afforestation on Crown-owned land" is being redrafted, following feedback from Ministers. The paper is targeted for consideration by ECO on 6 November and Cabinet on 11 November.	
22	Pass legislation to allow lotteries for non-commercial purposes to operate online, cutting red tape to make fundraising more effective.	Internal Affairs	Hon Brooke van Velden	Pass Legislation.	Oct	The Bill was reported back from the Governance Administration Committee on 9 October. No amendments were recommended to the Bill. The Second Reading is expected to occur on 15 October, and the Committee of the whole House on 17 October. The Bill is expected to be enacted before 31 October.	





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23	Take final design decisions for an online casino gambling regulator.	Internal Affairs	Hon Brooke van Velden	Take Cabinet decisions on the online casino regulatory design to enable drafting of the primary legislation.	Oct	A draft Cabinet paper and RIS have been provided to the Minister for consideration ahead of ministerial consultation, which is expected to commence in the week of 14 Oct.	
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	Hon Judith Collins KC	Introduce the Gene Technologies Bill.	Dec	The Gene Technology Bill is being iteratively drafted between MBIE and the PCO, and this is expected to continue through until late November.	




Restore Law and Order							
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25	Introduce legislation to support Government agencies to combat foreign interference in New Zealand.	Justice	Hon Paul Goldsmith	Introduce the Crimes (Countering Foreign Interference) Amendment Bill.	Nov	Ministerial consultation on the Cabinet paper "Crimes (Countering Foreign Interference) Amendment Bill: Approval for Introduction" and Bill has concluded. The paper will be considered by LEG on 24 October.	
26	Introduce legislation to address stalking.	Justice	Hon Paul Goldsmith	Introduce the Crimes Legislation (Stalking and Harassment) Amendment Bill.	Dec	Following policy decisions by Cabinet on 30 September, PCO is drafting the Bill.	


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27	Introduce legislation to enable stronger consequences for serious youth offending.	Children	Hon Karen Chhour	Introduce legislation.	Nov	The Oranga Tamariki (Responding to Serious Youth Offending) Amendment Bill, Cabinet paper and Bill were provided to the Minister on 7 October for ministerial consultation. The paper seeking approval to introduce the Bill is on track to be considered by LEG on 14 November and confirmed by Cabinet on 18 November.	
28	Publish the second action plan on family and sexual violence.	Prevention of Family and Sexual Violence	Hon Karen Chhour	Publish the second action plan on family and sexual violence.	Dec	The Te Puna Aonui Business Unit has completed the draft Action Plan. This has been shared with the Minister and issued to Family Violence and Sexual Violence (FVSV) Ministers on 11 October ahead of their meeting on 17 October. In parallel Departmental consultation has been initiated with feedback due 18 October. The action is on track to be completed in December.	
29	Introduce legislation to tighten registration requirements for child sex offenders.	Police	Hon Mark Mitchell	Introduce Child Protection (Child Sex Offender Government Agency Registration) Amendment Bill.	Oct	The action is complete. The Child Protection (Child Sex Offender Government Agency Registration) Amendment Bill was introduced on 1 October.	

Deliver Better Public Services							
#	Commitment	Lead Portfolio	Lead Minister	Action	Due Date	Delivery Update	Delivery Status
30	Begin delivery of new cancer treatments.	Health	Hon Shane Reti	Begin delivery of new cancer treatments.	Oct	The action is complete. From 1 October, a range of new medicines, including cancer medicines started to become available in hospitals and health centres across the country.	

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31	Begin phased rollout of expansion of free breast cancer screening for women to age 74.	Health	Hon Shane Reti	Begin phased rollout of expansion of free breast cancer screening for women to age 74.	Oct	The phased roll out of free breast cancer screening for women to age 74 will commence in Nelson Marlborough on 31 October 2024.	
32	Release first quarterly health target data for cancer treatment, immunisation, emergency departments, specialist assessments, and elective treatment.	Health	Hon Shane Reti	Publicly release online first quarterly health target data for cancer treatment, immunisation, emergency departments, specialist assessments, and elective treatment.	Dec	Timelines have been provided to the Ministry by Health NZ outlining milestones for delivery of the first targets publication. The action is on track to be completed during December.	
33	Introduce legislation to update and modernise the Mental Health Act.	Mental Health	Hon Matt Doocey	Introduce Legislation.	Oct	The action is complete. The new Mental Health Bill has been introduced and is now publicly available.	
34	Launch an updated Smokefree Action Plan to continue progress towards the Smokefree 2025 goal.	Associate Health	Hon Casey Costello	Launch an updated Smokefree Action Plan.	Nov	The revised Smokefree 2025 Plan is being finalised to incorporate latest sector engagement and feedback. The Plan is intended to be reviewed by the Associate Minister later in October.	
35	Pass legislation to tighten controls on youth vaping, including a ban on disposable devices.	Associate Health	Hon Casey Costello	Pass legislation.	Dec	Written and oral submissions to the Smokefree Environments and Regulated Products Amendment Bill (No 2) concluded on 10 October. Health officials received and analysed all submissions and provided a departmental report to the Health Committee on 15 October.	

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36	Begin trial of phonics checks in English and te reo Māori for students in their first two years of school.	Education	Hon Erica Stanford	Commence trial of phonics checks in English and te reo Māori.	Oct	The action is complete. Phonics Checks and Hihira Weteoro (phonics check for te reo Māori settings) are being trialled with selected schools and kura in October and November 2024. The checks will be implemented and encouraged for all schools and kura to start using in term 1 2025 and be required for use in 2026.	
37	Release final curriculum for English, maths, Te Reo Rangatira, and Pāngarau for use in primary schools in 2025.	Education	Hon Erica Stanford	Release final English and Te Reo Rangatira curriculum for Years 0 to 6 and mathematics and statistics and pāngarau curriculum for 0 to 8 for use from Term 1 2025.	Oct	Consultation for the draft English and Te Reo Rangatira curriculum for Years 0 to 6 and mathematics and statistics and pāngarau curriculum for 0 to 8, concluded 20 September. The Ministry is currently redrafting based on the feedback received. The final drafts are due for the Minister's approval before being released publicly in October.	
38	Release Māori Education Action Plan focussed on lifting achievement of Māori students.	Education	Hon Erica Stanford	Release Māori Education Action Plan to school and kura.	Dec	Ministerial and Departmental consultation on a draft Cabinet paper is underway. The Ministry will consider, and redraft based on feedback received prior to lodging for consideration by SOU. The delivery status has been assessed as "feasible" due to the timelines for the Minister's approval and Cabinet consideration having not yet been confirmed.	
39	Commence a review of the funding formula for independent schools.	Associate Education	Hon David Seymour	Minister approval of the scope and objectives of the review.	Oct	The action is complete. The Minister approved the scope and objectives of the review on 23 September and the review has now commenced.	

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40	Negotiate contracts with, and announce, the first charter schools.	Associate Education	Hon David Seymour	Associate Minister announcement of the charter schools to be operating in Term 1 2025.	Dec	The Authorisation Board was established on 1 October and confirmed applicants who will progress to Stage 2 of the application process on 11 October. Decisions on schools to be approved for contracting are due on 23 October.	
41	Introduce legislation to expand the Traffic Light System to include additional consequences for beneficiaries who do not meet their obligations.	Social Development	Hon Louise Upston	Introduce the Social Security Legislation Amendment Bill.	Dec	Cabinet agreed on 12 August to instruct PCO to draft the Social Security Legislation Amendment Bill and MSD issued drafting instructions to PCO on 23 August. The Minister will be submitting a paper for consideration by LEG on 5 December seeking approval to introduce the Bill in December.	
42	Provide 10,000 jobseeker beneficiaries with an over-the-phone case manager to help them move from welfare into work.	Social Development	Hon Louise Upston	10,000 clients are assigned to a dedicated case manager within the service at one time.	Dec	<p>There are approximately 5,000 Jobseeker support – Work Ready (JSWR) youth clients currently in the service. Four additional cohorts have been agreed to further test the Phone Based Case Management approach:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sole Parent Support recipients whose youngest child is aged 13 • Jobseekers aged 24-29 in regions who have geographical challenges and seasonal labour markets with some disproportionate rates of Jobseeker Support – Health Condition or Disability (JS-HCD) • JS-HCD who have part-time work obligations either coming onto benefit or coming through a seminar • Jobseekers 18-24 transferring from JSWR to JS-HCD where not already in service <p>MSD will start allocating these cohorts to caseloads mid-October and ensure the service is at full capacity (10,000) by 1 December.</p>	

Deliver Better Public Services							
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43	Open applications for the contaminated sites and vulnerable landfills fund to support local authorities to remediate contaminated sites.	Environment	Hon Penny Simmonds	Open applications for the contaminated sites and vulnerable landfills fund.	Oct	The action is complete. The Minister officially opened the Contaminated Sites and Vulnerable Landfills Fund for new applications on 1 October.	

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Minute of Decision

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Report of the Cabinet Strategy Committee: Period Ended 25 October 2024

On 29 October 2024, Cabinet made the following decisions on the work of the Cabinet Strategy Committee for the period ended 25 October 2024:

STR-24-MIN-0015 **Quarterly Plan Update as at 22 October 2024** CONFIRMED
Portfolio: Prime Minister

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Minute of Decision

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Quarterly Plan Update as at 22 October 2024

Portfolio **Prime Minister**

On 22 October 2024, the Cabinet Strategy Committee:

- 1 **noted** the update on the Government’s quarter four plan, attached under STR-24-SUB-0015;
- 2 **noted** that, as at 22 October 2024, 14 percent of quarter four actions are complete.

Rachel Clarke
Committee Secretary

Present:

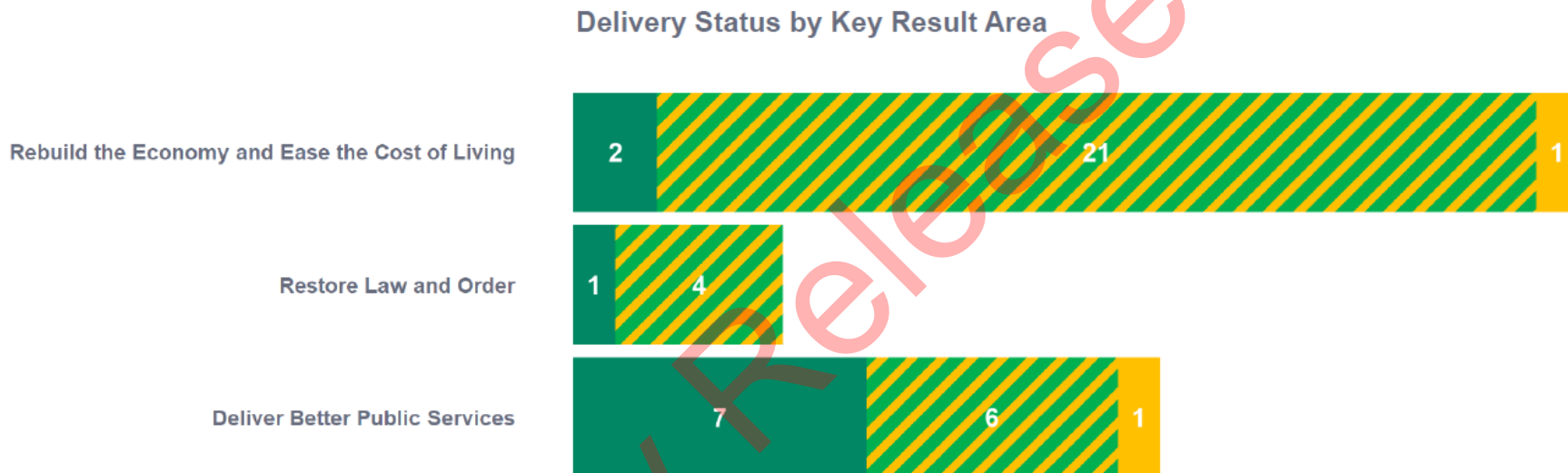
Rt Hon Christopher Luxon
Rt Hon Winston Peters
Hon Nicola Willis
Hon Brooke van Velden
Hon Chris Bishop
Hon Louise Upston
Hon Judith Collins KC
Hon Tama Potaka
Hon Simon Watts

Officials present from:

Office of Hon Simon Watts
Ministry for the Environment
Ministry for Primary Industries
Officials Committee for STR

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Government's Quarterly Plan Update for Quarter 4 for the STR Meeting of 12 November



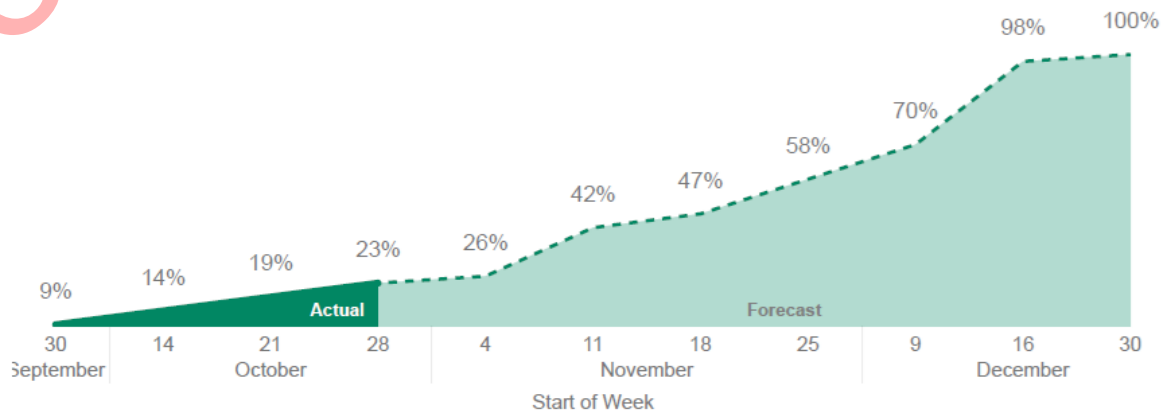
Summary

46% through the quarter (as at STR 12 November 2024).






23% (10 actions out of 43) are marked as complete






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




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










Future Papers	Action	Lead Portfolio	Committee	Date
Proposed Approach to the Regulatory Standards Bill: Release of Discussion Document	14	Regulation	EXP	5 November
Online Casino Gambling Phase 2 Decisions	23	Internal Affairs	EXP	5 November
Approval to progress policy to manage whole-farm conversions to exotic forestry registering in the ETS	10	Forestry	ECO	6 November
Afforestation on Crown-owned land	21	Forestry	ECO	6 November
Crown Minerals Amendment Bill 2024: Further Policy Decisions	13	Resources	ECO	6 November
New Zealand's Second Emissions Reduction Plan: Finalising and Publishing the Plan	20	Climate Change	ECO	6 November
Policy decisions for first system improvements bill	8	Local Government	ECO	13 November
Oranga Tamariki (Responding to Serious Youth Offending) Amendment Bill	27	Children	LEG	14 November
The Second Action Plan for the National Strategy to Eliminate Family Violence and Sexual Violence	28	Prevention of Family and Sexual Violence	SOU	20 November
Offshore Renewable Energy Bill: Approval for introduction	6	Energy	LEG	21 November
Racing Amendment Bill – Approval for Introduction	19	Racing	LEG	21 November
Land Transport Revenue Action Plan: Report back on Tolling Reform	7	Transport	ECO	4 December
Going for Housing Growth – Improving Infrastructure Funding and Financing to Support Urban Growth	5	Housing	ECO	4 December
Resource Management Amendment Bill 2 – Approval for Introduction	3	RMA Reform	LEG	5 December
Social Security Legislation Amendment Bill	41	Social Development	LEG	5 December (TBC)
Policy approvals: Facilitating export exemptions under the Food Act 2014 from New Zealand food composition and labelling requirements	12	Food Safety	ECO	11 December
Gene Technology Bill – Approval for introduction	24	Science, Innovation and Technology	LEG	12 December
Crimes Legislation (Stalking and Harassment) Amendment Bill: Approval for Introduction	26	Justice	LEG	12 December
Māori Education Action Plan	38	Education	SOU	TBC
Future of the greyhound racing industry	18	Racing	ECO	TBC






Rebuild the Economy and Ease the Cost of Living							
#	Commitment	Lead Portfolio	Lead Minister	Action	Due Month	Delivery Update	Delivery Status
1	Pass the Fast-track Approvals Bill to speed up delivery of regional and national projects of significance.	RMA Reform	Hon Chris Bishop	Pass the Fast-track Approvals Bill.	Nov	The Select Committee process has completed, and the draft Fast-track Approvals (FTA) Bill has been reported back to the House. The Bill is expected to be passed by the end of November.	
2	Pass the first Resource Management Amendment Bill to reduce the regulatory burden on farmers and the primary sector.	RMA Reform	Hon Chris Bishop	Pass the first Resource Management Amendment Bill.	Nov	The action is complete. The Resource Management (Freshwater and Other Matters) Amendment Bill received Royal Assent on 24 October and took effect on 25 October.	
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	Hon Chris Bishop	Introduce the government's second RMA reform Bill.	Dec	The Minister has received a draft Cabinet paper for feedback prior to Ministerial consultation. The paper, which seeks approval for introduction of Resource Management Bill 2, is on track for consideration by LEG on 5 December, followed by Cabinet confirmation on 9 December.	
4	Establish the National Infrastructure Agency.	Infrastructure	Hon Chris Bishop	Repurpose Crown Infrastructure Partners Limited as National Infrastructure Funding and Financing Limited (NIFFCo)	Dec	The Cabinet paper: "Report Back on Establishing a National Infrastructure Agency and Infrastructure Priorities" was confirmed by Cabinet on 29 October. National Infrastructure Funding and Financing Limited (NIFF) is on track for establishment by 1 December.	
5	Take Cabinet decisions on funding and financing tools to get more housing built.	Housing	Hon Chris Bishop	Take Cabinet decisions.	Dec	Work is on track for the Minister and the Minister of Local Government to take the paper: "Going for Housing Growth: Improving Infrastructure Funding and Financing to Support Urban Growth" to ECO for consideration on 4 December, and Cabinet on 9 December. Ministers have made the key policy decisions required to inform the paper.	






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6	Introduce legislation to make it easier to build offshore wind farms.	Energy	Hon Simeon Brown	Introduce Offshore Renewable Energy Bill.	Dec	Ministerial consultation on a draft Cabinet paper seeking introduction of the Offshore Renewable Energy Bill, completed at the end of October. MBIE intends to provide the Minister with an updated draft Bill ahead of consideration by LEG on 21 November.	
7	Take Cabinet decisions on allowing greater use of road tolling to support the delivery of transport infrastructure.	Transport	Hon Simeon Brown	Take Cabinet decisions.	Dec	The Minister has received a draft Cabinet paper seeking the decisions that would fulfil this requirement. Officials are updating the paper to reflect changes the Minister requested. He intends to bring the paper to Cabinet in December so that it can be considered alongside a separate paper that would seek Cabinet decisions on four tolling proposals: Ōtaki to north of Levin, Te Ahu a Turanga Manawatū Tararua Highway, Takitimu North Link, and Penlink.	
8	Take Cabinet decisions on measures to get local councils back to basics.	Local Government	Hon Simeon Brown	Take Cabinet decisions.	Nov	Ministerial and cross-party consultation on a draft Cabinet paper on an initial tranche of decisions to get local councils back to basics closed on 31 October. The Minister intends to take the paper to ECO for consideration on 13 November.	
9	Finalise the development of farm-level emissions measurement methodology.	Agriculture	Hon Todd McClay	Methodology released on the Ministry for Primary Industries' website.	Nov	The methodology is complete. Pre-release engagement with contributors, including DairyNZ, Beef & Lamb, Fonterra and the Meat Industry Association, is near completion and reception has been positive. The Minister of Agriculture will be briefed on the methodology and release process by mid-November.	
10	Announce policy direction to limit on farm conversions to forestry on high-quality land to protect food production.	Agriculture	Hon Todd McClay	Public announcement of policy direction to limit on farm conversions to forestry on high-quality land.	Nov	The Cabinet paper: "Approval to progress policy to manage whole-farm conversions to exotic forestry registering in the ETS" which seeks approval to the key policy changes to limit farm conversions to ETS forestry, and to announce these proposed changes in November, is being considered by ECO on 6 November followed by Cabinet on 11 November. This will enable public announcements to occur from mid-November.	





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11	Pass legislation to complete the removal of agriculture from the Emissions Trading Scheme.	Agriculture	Hon Todd McClay	Pass legislation to complete the removal of agriculture from the Emissions Trading Scheme.	Dec	The Climate Change Response (Emissions Trading Scheme Agricultural Obligations) Amendment Bill was reported back to the house on 24 October without amendment. The Minister's Office is coordinating with the House Advisor and House Office on the scheduling of the Second Reading.	
12	Take Cabinet decisions to streamline regulations around food safety export exemptions.	Food Safety	Hon Andrew Hoggard	Take Cabinet decisions.	Dec	A draft Cabinet paper: "Policy approvals: Facilitating export exemptions under the Food Act 2014 from New Zealand food composition and labelling requirements" is in the final stages of development and was circulated for agency consultation the week commencing 14 October. The paper is targeted for consideration by ECO on 11 December.	
13	Pass legislation to reverse the ban on oil and gas exploration.	Resources	Hon Shane Jones	Pass the Crown Minerals Amendment Bill.	Dec	The Crown Minerals Amendment Bill is on the order paper for second reading on 5 November 2024 and is expected to be passed in November.	
14	Release a discussion document on the Regulatory Standards Bill.	Regulation	Hon David Seymour	Release a discussion document on the Regulatory Standards Bill.	Nov	Agency and Ministerial consultation has completed for the draft Cabinet paper seeking approval to release a discussion document "Have your say on the proposed Regulatory Standards Bill ". This paper will be considered by EXP on 5 November and Cabinet on 11 November, with the intention of undertaking six weeks' public consultation on the proposal from 12 November.	
15	Initiate a third regulatory sector review to identify and remove unnecessary red tape.	Regulation	Hon David Seymour	Initiate the third regulatory sector review.	Dec	Advice has been provided to the Minister on options for the third regulatory review. The Minister is awaiting further information from the Ministry on three shortlisted options before taking final decisions in the coming weeks.	




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16	Pass legislation extending deadlines for earthquake prone buildings to enable a review of the current settings.	Building and Construction	Hon Chris Penk	Pass the Building (Earthquake-prone Building Deadlines and Other Matters) Amendment Bill.	Dec	The Building (Earthquake-prone Building Deadlines and Other Matters) Amendment Bill has been reported back to the House from the Transport and Infrastructure Committee and is on track to be passed into law by the end of the year.	
17	Pass the Contracts of Insurance Bill to better protect Kiwis in the event of a disaster.	Commerce	Hon Andrew Bayly	Pass the Contracts of Insurance Bill.	Dec	The Contracts of Insurance Bill is currently part way through its Committee of the Whole House stage. The Minister has released an Amendment Paper to make a small number of minor and technical changes to the Bill.	
18	Take Cabinet decisions on the future of the greyhound racing industry.	Racing	Rt Hon Winston Peters	Take Cabinet decisions.	Dec	Officials have provided a briefing to the Minister seeking an indication of preferred options to enable drafting of a Cabinet paper. Timelines for remaining activities are tight and will continue to be monitored over the next period.	
19	Introduce legislation to ensure the financial sustainability of the racing industry.	Racing	Rt Hon Winston Peters	Introduce Bill.	Dec	The Bill is currently being drafted by PCO and progressing well. The Cabinet paper: "Racing Amendment Bill – Approval for Introduction" and draft Bill are with the Minister's office for Ministerial Consultation which is due to commence the week of 4 November. The paper is expected to be considered by LEG on 21 November.	
20	Publish the final second emissions reductions plan to deliver the first two emissions budgets.	Climate Change	Hon Simon Watts	Public release of the (final) second emissions reductions plan.	Dec	Consultation on the second emissions reduction plan concluded on 30 October and agreement to finalise and publish the final plan will be considered by ECO on 6 November and Cabinet on 11 November. Post Cabinet approval of the final plan, MFE will develop the publication for public release with announcements and release of the plan scheduled for early December.	

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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	Hon Todd McClay	Take Cabinet decisions.	Nov	The Cabinet paper: "Afforestation on Crown-owned land" is being considered by ECO on 6 November and Cabinet on 11 November.	
22	Pass legislation to allow lotteries for non-commercial purposes to operate online, cutting red tape to make fundraising more effective.	Internal Affairs	Hon Brooke van Velden	Pass Legislation.	Oct	The action is closed. The Gambling (Definition of Remote Interactive Gambling) Amendment Bill was passed on 23 October.	
23	Take final design decisions on the primary legislation for an online casino gambling regulator.	Internal Affairs	Hon Brooke van Velden	Take Cabinet decisions on the online casino regulatory design to enable drafting of the primary legislation.	Oct	The Cabinet paper: "Online Casino Gambling Phase 2 Decisions" which seeks policy approvals for the proposed online gambling regulatory regime, and approval to issue drafting instructions for the necessary legislation, will be considered by EXP on 5 November and Cabinet on 11 November.	
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	Hon Judith Collins KC	Introduce the Gene Technologies Bill.	Dec	Drafting of the Gene Technology Bill has continued to progress between MBIE and the PCO and is on track for targeted Ministerial and Departmental consultation late November, followed by consideration by LEG on 12 December; or consideration (direct to) by Cabinet on 16 December.	



Restore Law and Order							
#	Commitment	Lead Portfolio	Lead Minister	Action	Due Date	Delivery Update	Delivery Status
25	Introduce legislation to support Government agencies to combat foreign interference in New Zealand.	Justice	Hon Paul Goldsmith	Introduce the Crimes (Countering Foreign Interference) Amendment Bill.	Nov	Cabinet confirmed the LEG Committee's decision to introduce the Crimes (Countering Foreign Interference) Amendment Bill on 29 October. The Bill is planned to be introduced during the week of 4 November.	
26	Introduce legislation to address stalking.	Justice	Hon Paul Goldsmith	Introduce the Crimes Legislation (Stalking and Harassment) Amendment Bill.	Dec	The Minister received a briefing on 23 October seeking further decisions on policy matters relating to the new stalking offence. A draft Cabinet paper and Bill will be provided to the Minister on 18 November for approval to be circulated for Ministerial consultation. The Bill is planned to be introduced on 17 December.	
27	Introduce legislation to enable stronger consequences for serious youth offending.	Children	Hon Karen Chhour	Introduce legislation.	Nov	The Oranga Tamariki (Responding to Serious Youth Offending) Amendment Bill, Cabinet paper and Bill were provided to the Minister on 7 October for ministerial consultation, which closed on 25 October. The paper seeking approval to introduce the Bill remains on track to be considered by LEG on 14 November and confirmed by Cabinet on 18 November.	
28	Publish the second action plan on family and sexual violence.	Prevention of Family and Sexual Violence	Hon Karen Chhour	Publish the second action plan on family and sexual violence.	Dec	The action remains on track to be completed in December. The draft Action Plan and supporting Cabinet Paper has been issued for Ministerial Consultation (31 October) with feedback due on 11 November. The Plan will then be updated as required. It is intended that this will be considered by SOU on 21 November.	
29	Introduce legislation to tighten registration requirements for child sex offenders.	Police	Hon Mark Mitchell	Introduce Child Protection (Child Sex Offender Government Agency Registration) Amendment Bill.	Oct	The action is complete. The Child Protection (Child Sex Offender Government Agency Registration) Amendment Bill was introduced on 1 October.	

Deliver Better Public Services							
#	Commitment	Lead Portfolio	Lead Minister	Action	Due Date	Delivery Update	Delivery Status
30	Begin delivery of new cancer treatments.	Health	Hon Shane Reti	Begin delivery of new cancer treatments.	Oct	The action is complete. From 1 October, a range of new medicines, including cancer medicines started to become available in hospitals and health centres across the country.	
31	Begin phased rollout of expansion of free breast cancer screening for women to age 74.	Health	Hon Shane Reti	Begin phased rollout of expansion of free breast cancer screening for women to age 74.	Oct	The action is complete. The Minister announced the launch of the phased roll out of free breast cancer screening for women to age 74 on 31 October, which coincided with the commencement in Nelson Marlborough.	
32	Release first quarterly health target data for cancer treatment, immunisation, emergency departments, specialist assessments, and elective treatment.	Health	Hon Shane Reti	Publicly release online first quarterly health target data for cancer treatment, immunisation, emergency departments, specialist assessments, and elective treatment.	Dec	Communications strategies to accompany the public release of targets, including exemplars of key messaging, design styles for various media and good news stories have been developed and provided to the Minister's office. The action remains on track to be completed during December.	
33	Introduce legislation to update and modernise the Mental Health Act.	Mental Health	Hon Matt Doocey	Introduce Legislation.	Oct	The action is complete. The new Mental Health Bill has been introduced and is now publicly available.	
34	Launch an updated Smokefree Action Plan to continue progress towards the Smokefree 2025 goal.	Associate Health	Hon Casey Costello	Launch an updated Smokefree Action Plan.	Nov	The revised Smokefree 2025 Plan is being finalised following feedback from the Minister. The Plan is intended to be reviewed again by the Associate Minister in November and released before the end of the year.	

Deliver Better Public Services							
#	Commitment	Lead Portfolio	Lead Minister	Action	Due Date	Delivery Update	Delivery Status
35	Pass legislation to tighten controls on youth vaping, including a ban on disposable devices.	Associate Health	Hon Casey Costello	Pass legislation.	Dec	The departmental report was presented to the Health Committee on 16 October. The recommendations were accepted by the Committee, and the Committee's final commentary was published on 31 October. The Minister will take the Bill through the Second Reading in the House as soon as possible and through the remaining stages thereafter.	
36	Begin trial of phonics checks in English and te reo Māori for students in their first two years of school.	Education	Hon Erica Stanford	Commence trial of phonics checks in English and te reo Māori.	Oct	The action is complete. Phonics Checks and Hihira Weteoro (phonics check for te reo Māori settings) are being trialled with selected schools and kura in October and November 2024. The checks will be implemented and encouraged for all schools and kura to start using in term 1 2025 and be required for use in 2026.	
37	Release final curriculum for English, maths, Te Reo Rangatira, and Pāngarau for use in primary schools in 2025.	Education	Hon Erica Stanford	Release final English and Te Reo Rangatira curriculum for Years 0 to 6 and mathematics and statistics and pāngarau curriculum for 0 to 8 for use from Term 1 2025.	Oct	The action is complete. Updates to English and Te Reo Rangatira curriculum for Years 0 to 6 and mathematics and statistics and Pāngarau curriculum for 0 to 8 have been completed and the final version along with the New Zealand Gazette was approved by the Minister on 31 October. English and Te Reo Rangatira curriculum for Years 0 to 6 and mathematics and statistics and Pāngarau curriculum for 0 to 8 were released for use by schools and kura on 31 October.	
38	Release Māori Education Action Plan focussed on lifting achievement of Māori students.	Education	Hon Erica Stanford	Release Māori Education Action Plan to school and kura.	Dec	Ministerial and Departmental consultation on a draft Cabinet paper has now been completed. The Ministry will revise the draft Cabinet paper for the Minister's review, in advance of consideration by SOU. The delivery status has been assessed as "feasible" due to the timelines for the Minister's approval and Cabinet consideration having not yet been confirmed.	

Deliver Better Public Services							
#	Commitment	Lead Portfolio	Lead Minister	Action	Due Date	Delivery Update	Delivery Status
39	Commence a review of the funding formula for independent schools.	Associate Education	Hon David Seymour	Minister approval of the scope and objectives of the review.	Oct	The action is complete. The Minister approved the scope and objectives of the review on 23 September and the review has now commenced.	
40	Negotiate contracts with, and announce, the first charter schools.	Associate Education	Hon David Seymour	Associate Minister announcement of the charter schools to be operating in Term 1 2025.	Dec	The Authorisation Board has confirmed the applications to progress to negotiations, and negotiations will be underway from 4 November.	
41	Introduce legislation to expand the Traffic Light System to include additional consequences for beneficiaries who do not meet their obligations.	Social Development	Hon Louise Upston	Introduce the Social Security Legislation Amendment Bill.	Dec	Drafting instructions were issued to PCO on 23 August to draft the Social Security Legislation Amendment Bill. The Minister will be submitting a paper for consideration by LEG on 5 December (to be confirmed) seeking approval to introduce the Bill in December.	

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Deliver Better Public Services							
#	Commitment	Lead Portfolio	Lead Minister	Action	Due Date	Delivery Update	Delivery Status
42	Provide 10,000 jobseeker beneficiaries with an over-the-phone case manager to help them move from welfare into work.	Social Development	Hon Louise Upston	10,000 clients are assigned to a dedicated case manager within the service at one time.	Dec	<p>There are approximately 5,000 Jobseeker support – Work Ready (JSWR) youth clients currently in the service. Four additional cohorts have been agreed to further test the Phone Based Case Management approach:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sole Parent Support recipients whose youngest child is aged 13 • Jobseekers aged 24-29 in regions who have geographical challenges and seasonal labour markets with some disproportionate rates of Jobseeker Support – Health Condition or Disability (JS-HCD) • JS-HCD who have part-time work obligations either coming onto benefit or coming through a seminar • Jobseekers 18-24 transferring from JSWR to JS-HCD where not already in service <p>MSD is working through the allocation of these cohorts to caseloads (as of 1 November there are a total of 5,100 clients in service) and will ensure the service is at full capacity (10,000) by 1 December.</p>	
43	Open applications for the contaminated sites and vulnerable landfills fund to support local authorities to remediate contaminated sites.	Environment	Hon Penny Simmonds	Open applications for the contaminated sites and vulnerable landfills fund.	Oct	The action is complete. The Minister officially opened the Contaminated Sites and Vulnerable Landfills Fund for new applications on 1 October.	



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Report of the Cabinet Strategy Committee: Period Ended 15 November 2024

On 18 November 2024, Cabinet made the following decisions on the work of the Cabinet Strategy Committee for the period ended 15 November 2024:

STR-24-MIN-0017 **Quarterly Plan Update as at 12 November 2024** CONFIRMED
Portfolio: Prime Minister

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Rachel Hayward
Secretary of the Cabinet

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Quarterly Plan Update as at 12 November 2024

Portfolio **Prime Minister**

On 12 November 2024, the Cabinet Strategy Committee **noted** the update on progress of the Government's Quarter Four Plan.

Rachel Clarke
Committee Secretary

Present:

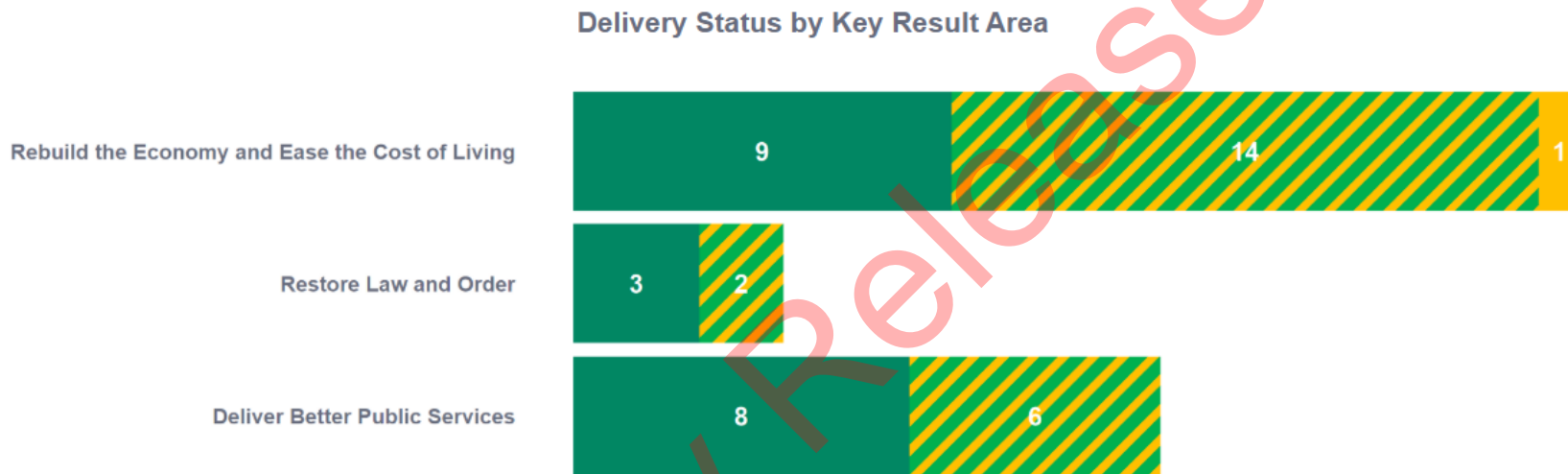
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Hon Paul Goldsmith
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Hon Judith Collins KC
Hon Mark Mitchell
Hon Tama Potaka
Hon Karen Chhour

Officials present from:

Office of the Prime Minister
Ministry of Justice
New Zealand Police
Oranga Tamariki
Ministry of Health
Ministry of Social Development and Employment
Department of Corrections
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Government's Quarterly Plan Update for Quarter 4 for the STR Meeting of 3 December



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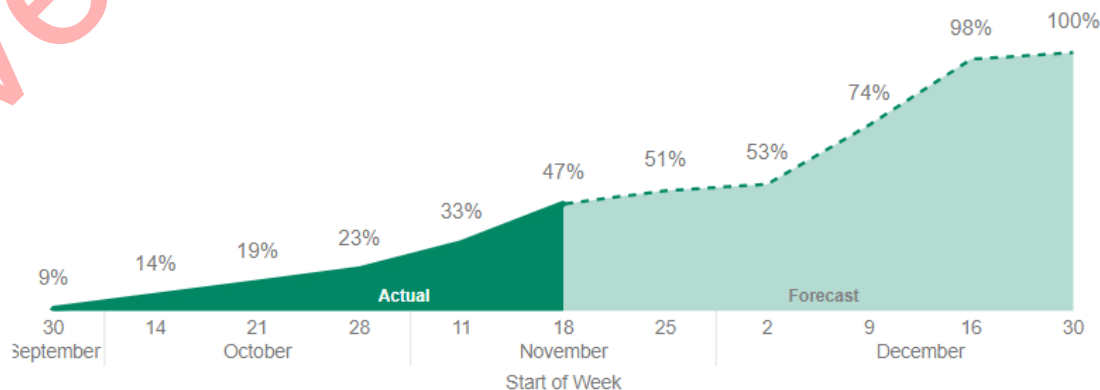
69% through the quarter (as at STR 3 December 2024).

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2 further actions may complete ahead of the 3 December STR meeting - this would take the total complete to 22 (51%).






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Action Completion by Date (Actual vs Forecast)















Future Papers	Action	Lead Portfolio	Committee	Date
Going for Housing Growth – Improving Infrastructure Funding and Financing to Support Urban Growth	5	Housing	ECO	4 December
Land Transport Revenue Action Plan: Report back on Tolling Reform	7	Transport	ECO	4 December
Future of the greyhound racing industry	18	Racing	ECO	4 December
Resource Management Amendment Bill No 2: Approval for Introduction	3	RMA Reform	LEG	5 December
Crimes Legislation (Stalking and Harassment) Amendment Bill: Approval for Introduction	26	Justice	LEG	5 December
Social Security Legislation Amendment Bill	41	Social Development	LEG	5 December (TBC)
Policy approvals: Facilitating export exemptions under the Food Act 2014 from New Zealand food composition and labelling requirements	12	Food Safety	ECO	11 December
Gene Technology Bill – Approval for introduction	24	Science, Innovation and Technology	LEG	TBA


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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	Hon Chris Bishop	Introduce the government's second RMA reform Bill.	Dec	Ministerial consultation on the draft Cabinet paper which seeks approval for introduction of Resource Management Bill 2 - Resource Management (Consenting and Other System Changes) Amendment Bill is complete. The paper will be considered by LEG on 5 December and Cabinet on 9 December.	
4	Establish the National Infrastructure Agency.	Infrastructure	Hon Chris Bishop	Repurpose Crown Infrastructure Partners Limited as National Infrastructure Funding and Financing Limited (NIFFCo)	Dec	National Infrastructure Funding and Financing Limited (NIFFCo) is on track for establishment on 1 December.	
5	Take Cabinet decisions on funding and financing tools to get more housing built.	Housing	Hon Chris Bishop	Take Cabinet decisions.	Dec	Work remains on track for the Minister and the Minister of Local Government to take the paper: "Going for Housing Growth: Improving Infrastructure Funding and Financing to Support Urban Growth" to ECO for consideration on 4 December, and Cabinet on 9 December. The draft Cabinet paper is currently out for ministerial and coalition consultation.	


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7	Take Cabinet decisions on allowing greater use of road tolling to support the delivery of transport infrastructure.	Transport	Hon Simeon Brown	Take Cabinet decisions.	Dec	The Minister has commenced ministerial consultation on a draft Cabinet paper seeking the decisions that fulfil this requirement, alongside a separate Cabinet paper that seeks decisions on four tolling proposals.	
8	Take Cabinet decisions on measures to get local councils back to basics.	Local Government	Hon Simeon Brown	Take Cabinet decisions.	Nov	The action is complete. The Cabinet paper on an initial tranche of decisions to get local councils back to basics was approved by Cabinet on 18 November.	
9	Finalise the development of farm-level emissions measurement methodology.	Agriculture	Hon Todd McClay	Methodology released on the Ministry for Primary Industries' website.	Nov	The methodology is complete. The Minister has several climate-related announcements planned in December and has agreed to releasing the methodology in the same window. Work on the best timing and sequencing of announcements is underway.	
10	Announce policy direction to limit on farm conversions to forestry on high-quality land to protect food production.	Agriculture	Hon Todd McClay	Public announcement of policy direction to limit on farm conversions to forestry on high-quality land.	Nov	The Cabinet paper: "Approval to progress policy to manage whole-farm conversions to exotic forestry registering in the ETS" was confirmed by Cabinet on 11 November. Public announcements are expected within the coming weeks.	
11	Pass legislation to complete the removal of agriculture from the Emissions Trading Scheme.	Agriculture	Hon Todd McClay	Pass legislation to complete the removal of agriculture from the Emissions Trading Scheme.	Dec	The action is complete. The Climate Change Response (Emissions Trading Scheme Agricultural Obligations) Amendment Bill had its Third Reading on 21 November.	



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13	Pass legislation to reverse the ban on oil and gas exploration.	Resources	Hon Shane Jones	Pass the Crown Minerals Amendment Bill.	Dec	The Crown Minerals Amendment Bill passed through the Committee of the Whole House stage on 19 and 20 November. The Third Reading is expected to take place the week commencing 9 December.	
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16	Pass legislation extending deadlines for earthquake prone buildings to enable a review of the current settings.	Building and Construction	Hon Chris Penk	Pass the Building (Earthquake-prone Building Deadlines and Other Matters) Amendment Bill.	Dec	The action is complete. The Building (Earthquake-prone Building Deadlines and Other Matters) Amendment Bill passed its third reading on 21 November and received Royal Assent on 26 November.	
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19	Introduce legislation to ensure the financial sustainability of the racing industry.	Racing	Rt Hon Winston Peters	Introduce Bill.	Dec	The Cabinet paper: "Racing Amendment Bill – Approval for Introduction" was considered by LEG on 21 November and confirmed by Cabinet on 25 November. The Bill is to be introduced to the House on 3 December.	
20	Publish the final second emissions reductions plan to deliver the first two emissions budgets.	Climate Change	Hon Simon Watts	Public release of the (final) second emissions reductions plan.	Dec	Cabinet approved the policies and launch of the second emissions reduction plan on 11 November. Final design and launch of the plan have been delegated to the Minister in coordination with the Prime Minister's Office.	
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	Hon Todd McClay	Take Cabinet decisions.	Nov	The action is complete. The Cabinet paper: "Afforestation on Crown-owned land" was confirmed by Cabinet on 11 November.	
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23	Take final design decisions on the primary legislation for an online casino gambling regulator.	Internal Affairs	Hon Brooke van Velden	Take Cabinet decisions on the online casino regulatory design to enable drafting of the primary legislation.	Oct	Cabinet confirmed final design decisions on the primary legislation and drafting of the Bill on 11 November. The Bill is expected to be introduced in May 2025.	





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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	Hon Judith Collins KC	Introduce the Gene Technologies Bill.	Dec	The Gene Technology Bill continues to be iteratively drafted between MBIE and the PCO. MBIE are awaiting confirmation of committee/cabinet and final dates from the Minister's office.	




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26	Introduce legislation to address stalking.	Justice	Hon Paul Goldsmith	Introduce the Crimes Legislation (Stalking and Harassment) Amendment Bill.	Dec	On 18 November, a draft Cabinet paper and Bill was provided to the Minister for approval to then be circulated for ministerial consultation. The Bill is planned to be introduced following consideration by LEG on 5 December and confirmation by Cabinet on 9 December.	
27	Introduce legislation to enable stronger consequences for serious youth offending.	Children	Hon Karen Chhour	Introduce legislation.	Nov	The action is complete. The Oranga Tamariki (Responding to Serious Youth Offending) Amendment Bill was introduced on 18 November.	
28	Publish the second action plan on family and sexual violence.	Prevention of Family and Sexual Violence	Hon Karen Chhour	Publish the second action plan on family and sexual violence.	Dec	The Action Plan was approved by Cabinet on 25 November. Preparations are underway for the official publication and launch of the plan, scheduled for 15 December.	

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#	Commitment	Lead Portfolio	Lead Minister	Action	Due Date	Delivery Update	Delivery Status
29	Introduce legislation to tighten registration requirements for child sex offenders.	Police	Hon Mark Mitchell	Introduce Child Protection (Child Sex Offender Government Agency Registration) Amendment Bill.	Oct	The action is complete. The Child Protection (Child Sex Offender Government Agency Registration) Amendment Bill was introduced on 1 October.	

Deliver Better Public Services							
#	Commitment	Lead Portfolio	Lead Minister	Action	Due Date	Delivery Update	Delivery Status
30	Begin delivery of new cancer treatments.	Health	Hon Shane Reti	Begin delivery of new cancer treatments.	Oct	The action is complete. From 1 October, a range of new medicines, including cancer medicines started to become available in hospitals and health centres across the country.	
31	Begin phased rollout of expansion of free breast cancer screening for women to age 74.	Health	Hon Shane Reti	Begin phased rollout of expansion of free breast cancer screening for women to age 74.	Oct	The action is complete. The Minister announced the launch of the phased roll out of free breast cancer screening for women to age 74 on 31 October, which coincided with the commencement in Nelson Marlborough.	

Deliver Better Public Services							
#	Commitment	Lead Portfolio	Lead Minister	Action	Due Date	Delivery Update	Delivery Status
32	Release first quarterly health target data for cancer treatment, immunisation, emergency departments, specialist assessments, and elective treatment.	Health	Hon Shane Reti	Publicly release online first quarterly health target data for cancer treatment, immunisation, emergency departments, specialist assessments, and elective treatment.	Dec	Public release of the first quarterly health target data remains on track to be completed by 20 December.	
33	Introduce legislation to update and modernise the Mental Health Act.	Mental Health	Hon Matt Doocey	Introduce Legislation.	Oct	The action is complete. The new Mental Health Bill has been introduced and is now publicly available.	
34	Launch an updated Smokefree Action Plan to continue progress towards the Smokefree 2025 goal.	Associate Health	Hon Casey Costello	Launch an updated Smokefree Action Plan.	Nov	The action is complete. The Getting to Smokefree 2025 Plan was launched by the Associate Minister on 27 November.	
35	Pass legislation to tighten controls on youth vaping, including a ban on disposable devices.	Associate Health	Hon Casey Costello	Pass legislation.	Dec	The Third Reading of the Smokefree Environments and Regulated Products Amendment Bill (no 2) commenced on 21 November and will resume when the House sits again in the week commencing 10 December.	
36	Begin trial of phonics checks in English and te reo Māori for students in their first two years of school.	Education	Hon Erica Stanford	Commence trial of phonics checks in English and te reo Māori.	Oct	The action is complete. Phonics Checks and Hihira Weteoro (phonics check for te reo Māori settings) are being trialled with selected schools and kura in October and November 2024. The checks will be implemented and encouraged for all schools and kura to start using in term 1 2025 and be required for use in 2026.	

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#	Commitment	Lead Portfolio	Lead Minister	Action	Due Date	Delivery Update	Delivery Status
37	Release final curriculum for English, maths, Te Reo Rangatira, and Pāngarau for use in primary schools in 2025.	Education	Hon Erica Stanford	Release final English and Te Reo Rangatira curriculum for Years 0 to 6 and mathematics and statistics and pāngarau curriculum for 0 to 8 for use from Term 1 2025.	Oct	The action is complete. Updates to English and Te Reo Rangatira curriculum for Years 0 to 6 and mathematics and statistics and Pāngarau curriculum for 0 to 8 have been completed and the final version along with the New Zealand Gazette was approved by the Minister on 31 October. English and Te Reo Rangatira curriculum for Years 0 to 6 and mathematics and statistics and Pāngarau curriculum for 0 to 8 were released for use by schools and kura on 31 October.	
38	Release Māori Education Action Plan focussed on lifting achievement of Māori students.	Education	Hon Erica Stanford	Release Māori Education Action Plan to school and kura.	Dec	Following consideration and reference from SOU on 20 November, the Cabinet paper: "Māori Education Action Plan" was considered by Cabinet on 25 November. Arrangements for an announcement from the Minister are being finalised	
39	Commence a review of the funding formula for independent schools.	Associate Education	Hon David Seymour	Minister approval of the scope and objectives of the review.	Oct	The action is complete. The Minister approved the scope and objectives of the review on 23 September and the review has now commenced.	
40	Negotiate contracts with, and announce, the first charter schools.	Associate Education	Hon David Seymour	Associate Minister announcement of the charter schools to be operating in Term 1 2025.	Dec	The Charter School Agency is currently conducting negotiations with proposed sponsors as directed by the Authorisation Board. Contracting is on track be completed by the end of November to allow school establishment to progress in time for Term 1 2025.	

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41	Introduce legislation to expand the Traffic Light System to include additional consequences for beneficiaries who do not meet their obligations.	Social Development	Hon Louise Upston	Introduce the Social Security Legislation Amendment Bill.	Dec	The Minister will be submitting a paper for consideration by LEG on 5 December seeking approval to introduce the Bill in mid-December.	
42	Provide 10,000 jobseeker beneficiaries with an over-the-phone case manager to help them move from welfare into work.	Social Development	Hon Louise Upston	10,000 clients are assigned to a dedicated case manager within the service at one time.	Dec	As of 22 November, there are approximately 9,500 clients in the service. MSD are continuing to identify the remaining 500 to ensure 10,000 clients are in the service by 1 December.	
43	Open applications for the contaminated sites and vulnerable landfills fund to support local authorities to remediate contaminated sites.	Environment	Hon Penny Simmonds	Open applications for the contaminated sites and vulnerable landfills fund.	Oct	The action is complete. The Minister officially opened the Contaminated Sites and Vulnerable Landfills Fund for new applications on 1 October.	



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Report of the Cabinet Strategy Committee: Period Ended 6 December 2024

On 9 December 2024, Cabinet made the following decisions on the work of the Cabinet Strategy Committee for the period ended 6 December 2024:

STR-24-MIN-0020 **Quarterly Plan Update as at 3 December 2024** CONFIRMED
Portfolio: Prime Minister

Out of scope

Rachel Hayward
Secretary of the Cabinet

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Cabinet Strategy Committee

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Quarterly Plan Update as at 3 December 2024

Portfolio **Prime Minister**

On 3 December 2024, the Cabinet Strategy Committee **noted** the Quarterly Plan Update, attached under STR-24-SUB-0020.

Rachel Clarke
Committee Secretary

Present:

Rt Hon Christopher Luxon (Chair)
Hon David Seymour
Hon Nicola Willis
Hon Brooke van Velden
Hon Shane Jones
Hon Dr Shane Reti
Hon Erica Stanford
Hon Louise Upston
Hon Judith Collins KC
Hon Todd McClay
Hon Nicola Grigg

Officials present from:

Office of the Prime Minister
Office of Hon Brooke van Velden
Office of Hon Nicola Grigg
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet
The Treasury
Public Service Commission
Crown Law
Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment
Officials Committee for STR

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Government's Quarterly Plan Update for Quarter 4 as at 13 December



Rebuild the Economy and Ease the Cost of Living

Delivery Status by Key Result Area



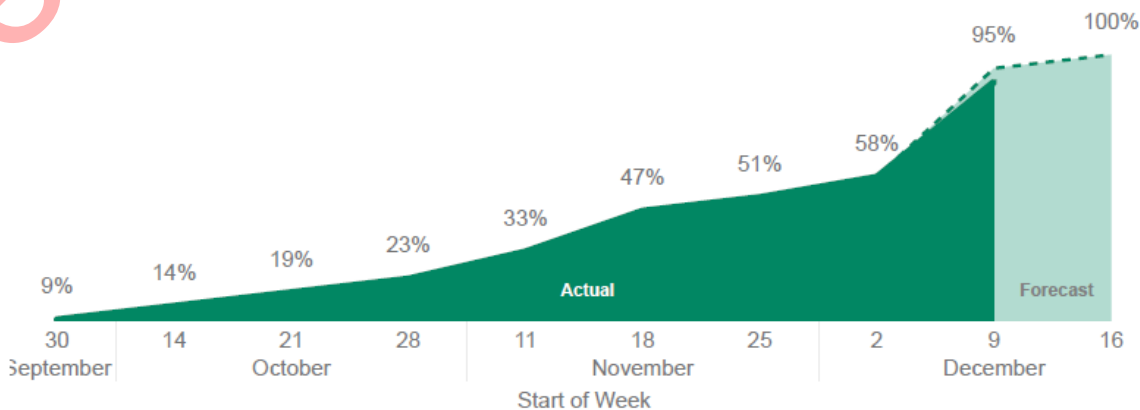
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


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




- Action 9 - Finalise the development of farm-level emissions measurement methodology - will complete 13 December with publication of the methodology on the MPI website.
- Action 28 - Publish the second action plan on family and sexual violence - will be published on Sunday 15 December at an official launch with Ministers in attendance.
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- Action 13 - Pass legislation to reverse the ban on oil and gas exploration. *At Risk.* This action will be completed on passing the Crown Minerals Amendment Bill. The sector has raised concerns about whether the drafting of some of the decommissioning amendments meet the policy intent. MBIE are working through these concerns at pace with PCO. To correct them before the end of the year comes with risks, given the complexity of the changes needed.







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Restore Law and Order							
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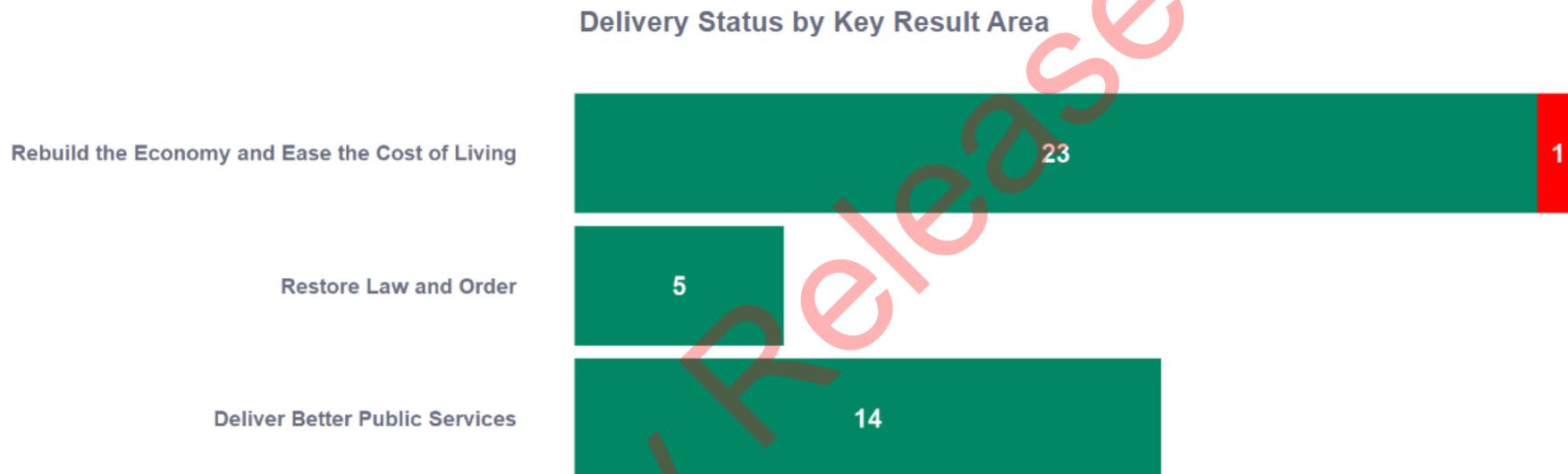
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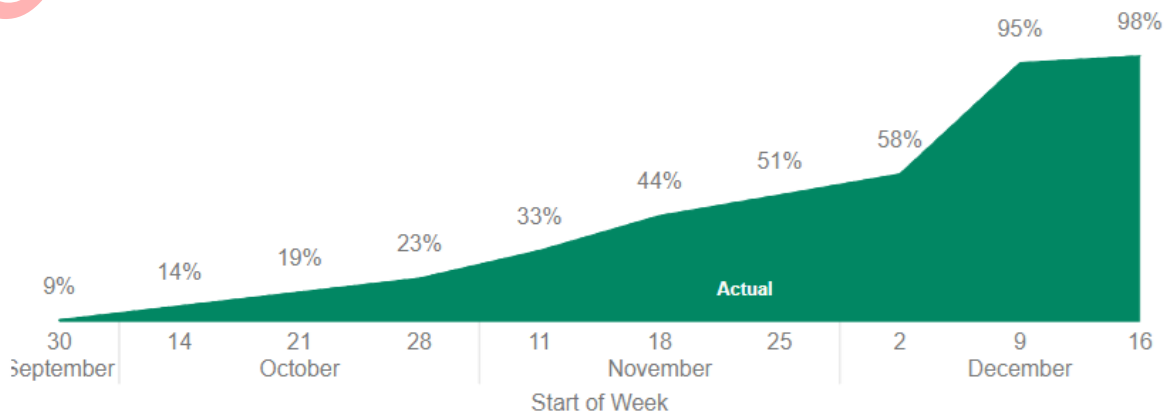







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15	Initiate a third regulatory sector review to identify and remove unnecessary red tape.	Regulation	Hon David Seymour	Initiate the third regulatory sector review.	Dec	The action is complete. On 25 November, Cabinet approved a third Regulatory Review, of the Hairdressing and Barbering Industry. Terms of Reference have been approved in consultation with the Minister of Health and an announcement was made by the Minister on 12 December.	
16	Pass legislation extending deadlines for earthquake prone buildings to enable a review of the current settings.	Building and Construction	Hon Chris Penk	Pass the Building (Earthquake-prone Building Deadlines and Other Matters) Amendment Bill.	Dec	The action is complete. The Building (Earthquake-prone Building Deadlines and Other Matters) Amendment Bill passed its third reading on 21 November and received Royal Assent on 26 November.	
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