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Quarter One Plan

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Title of paper: Quarter One Plan (CAB-25-SUB-0008 refers)

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Office of the Prime Minister

Chair, Cabinet

QUARTER ONE PLAN

Proposal

1. This paper agrees the Coalition Government's plan for Quarter One of 2025 to continue to focus our efforts and signal the improvements we intend to deliver for New Zealanders.

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2. To advance our shared work programme, we have agreed to identify a set of actions that will be delivered in each quarter (CAB-24-MIN-0079). Our government continues to ensure that efforts are focussed on our priority areas by agreeing a plan with specific actions, proposed dates, and regular reporting.
3. At our first meeting of 2025, I am asking Cabinet to agree to a proposed Quarter One Plan (Q1 Plan) set out in the Appendix. It will run from 1 January to 31 March 2025. As with our 2024 quarterly plans it includes the key next steps and lead portfolio for 37 commitments in our three priority areas: rebuilding the economy and easing the cost of living, restoring law and order, and delivering better public services.

Implementation

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

Implications

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

Consultation and communications

6. DPMC drafted this paper. Departments were consulted on the matters relevant to them. I consulted with ministers responsible for commitments in the Q1 Plan and with coalition partners. No external resources were used in producing this paper.

7. I plan to announce the commitments in the Q1 Plan in the coming days. I intend to proactively release this paper and the Cabinet minute, subject to any necessary redactions, within 30 business days of Cabinet's decisions.

Recommendations

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

Authorised for lodgement

Rt Hon Christopher Luxon
Prime Minister

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Appendix

#	Rebuilding the economy and easing the cost of living	Portfolio	Minister
1	Take Cabinet decisions on modernisation of the Companies Act and the Commerce Act to improve competition and corporate governance.	Commerce & Consumer Affairs	Bayly
2	Pass legislation to improve competition in banking, energy and other sectors by giving consumers better access to their data.	Commerce & Consumer Affairs	Bayly
3	s9(2)(f)(iv)	Housing	Bishop
4	Pass legislation to remove barriers to overseas investment in "build-to-rent" housing.	Housing	Bishop
5	Take Cabinet decisions on reform of the Resource Management Act.	RMA Reform	Bishop
6	s9(2)(f)(iv)	Under-Secretary to the Minister for RMA Reform	Court
7	s9(2)(f)(iv)	Associate Housing	Potaka
8	s9(2)(f)(iv)	Building & Construction	Penk
9	s9(2)(f)(iv)	Energy	Watts
10	s9(2)(f)(iv)	Transport	Bishop
11	Begin consultation with Māori landowners on changes to Te Ture Whenua Māori / Māori Land Act to better enable Māori economic development.	Māori Development	Potaka
12	s9(2)(f)(iv)	Agriculture	McClay
13	s9(2)(f)(iv)	Forestry	McClay

14	Take Ministerial decisions on system design for improved and simplified Freshwater Farm Plans.	Associate Environment	Hoggard
15	Take Cabinet decisions on reform of health and safety law and regulations to reduce cost, increase certainty and improve outcomes.	Workplace Relations & Safety	Van Velden
16	s9(2)(f)(iv)	Climate Change	Watts
17	s9(2)(f)(iv)	Tourism	Upston
#	Restoring law and order	Portfolio	Minister
18	Pass legislation to introduce roadside drug testing.	Transport	Bishop
19	Pass legislation to reform sentencing rules, to ensure appropriate consequences for criminal offending.	Justice	Goldsmith
20	s9(2)(f)(iv)	Justice	Goldsmith
21	s9(2)(f)(iv)	Emergency Management	Mitchell
22	Take Cabinet decisions on legislation to crack down on street racing and other anti-social road usage.	Police	Mitchell
#	Delivering better public services	Portfolio	Minister
23	Begin public consultation on proposals to reduce smoking rates and the harm from smoking, while addressing youth vaping.	Associate Health	Costello
24	Take Cabinet decisions on legislation to improve the regulation of medical devices.	Associate Health	Costello
25	s9(2)(f)(iv)	Health	Brown

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26	s9(2)(f)(iv)	Health	Brown
27	Take Cabinet decisions on a refreshed suicide prevention action plan.	Mental Health	Doocey
28	Announce round one contracts for the Mental Health and Addiction Community Sector Innovation Fund.	Mental Health	Doocey
29	s9(2)(f)(iv)	Disability Issues	Upston
30	s9(2)(f)(iv)	Justice	Goldsmith
31	Take Cabinet decisions in response to the ECE Regulation Sector Review.	Associate Education / Regulation	Seymour
32	Announce the second suite of new charter schools.	Associate Education	Seymour
33	Begin implementation of the new model for provision of the Health School Lunches programme.	Associate Education	Seymour
34	Begin industry consultation on the development of an accredited product stewardship scheme for building and farm plastics.	Environment	Simmonds
35	Release the draft English/Te Reo Rangatira (Y7-13) and Maths/Pangarau (Y9-13) curricula.	Education	Stanford
36	Deliver maths resources for over 400,000 students to primary and intermediate schools.	Education	Stanford
37	Begin the nationwide roll-out of the Phonics Check in primary schools.	Education	Stanford

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Minute of Decision

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Portfolio **Prime Minister**

On 28 January 2025, Cabinet:

- 1 **noted** the contents of the submission *Quarter One Plan* under [CAB-25-SUB-0008];
- 2 **authorised** the Prime Minister to finalise the Quarter One Plan, attached to the above submission, in consultation with relevant Ministers.

Rachel Hayward
Secretary of the Cabinet

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