



Cabinet

CAB Min (02) 31/14

Minute of Decision

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Location of Building Related Functions in the Public Sector

On 18 November 2002 Cabinet:

- 1 **noted** there is a need to increase public sector policy and regulatory capability relating to the building industry;
- 2 **noted** the Ministry for Economic Development currently has lead responsibility for general regulatory policy;
- 3 **agreed** that responsibility for building industry policy and regulation be kept together;
- 4 **agreed** that responsibility for building industry policy and regulation transfer from the Department of Internal Affairs to the Commerce portfolio within the Ministry of Economic Development, with effect from 1 January 2003;
- 5 **directed** officials from the Department of Internal Affairs and the Ministry of Economic Development, in consultation with Treasury, to report to the Ministers of Finance, Commerce, and Internal Affairs by 15 December 2002 on the fiscally neutral adjustment that would be required as a result of the transfer of responsibility for building industry policy and regulation;
- 6 **authorised** the Ministers of Finance, Commerce, and Internal Affairs to approve a fiscally neutral adjustment to effect the decision in paragraph 4 above by 15 December 2002;

- 7 **agreed** that the Weathertight Homes Resolution Service remain located in the Department of Internal Affairs, pending a review of its operation and location from June 2003;
- 8 **noted** that there will be no additional fiscal implications for the 2002/03 year over and above the \$913,000 for building related policy advice approved by Cabinet on 18 November 2002 [CAB Min (02) 31/1A];
- 9 **noted** that longer run fiscal implications will need to be considered as part of Budget 2003.

Secretary of the Cabinet

Reference: CAB (02) 491

Secretary's Note: The transfer of responsibilities for the Building Act 1991 at Ministerial level will be made by the Prime Minister. It is intended that the issue of Ministerial responsibility for the Building Act 1991 will be addressed in the course of the review of the Building Act 1991 currently being undertaken by the Department of Internal Affairs. (A Bill to amend the Act is in the Government's 2002 Legislation Programme as category 4 - to proceed to a Select Committee in 2002).