



Cabinet Social Outcomes Committee

Minute of Decision

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Family Violence and Sexual Violence: Establishing a Ministerial Advisory Group

Portfolio **Prevention of Family and Sexual Violence**

On 22 October 2025, the Cabinet Social Outcomes Committee:

- 1 **agreed** to establish a family violence and sexual violence Ministerial advisory group (the Advisory Group) to provide high quality, independent advice and recommendations to the Minister for the Prevention of Family and Sexual Violence (the Minister);
- 2 **noted** the draft terms of reference for the Advisory Group, attached as Appendix A to the submission under SOU-25-SUB-0147;
- 3 **authorised** the Minister to finalise the Advisory Group's terms of reference;
- 4 **noted** the capped operating budget of \$0.100 million per year for the Advisory Group, which will be funded from baseline within the "Elimination of Family Violence and Sexual Violence" appropriation in Vote Justice;
- 5 **noted** that the Advisory Group will have up to eight members, including the Chair or co-Chairs;
- 6 **noted** the intention to seek targeted expressions of interest to find suitable candidates to appoint to the Advisory Group;
- 7 **noted** that the Minister will report back in 9(2)(f)(iv) to the Cabinet Appointments and Honours Committee on appointments to the Advisory Group;
- 8 **noted** that the Minister will draw Cabinet's attention to any future advice or recommendations made by the Advisory Group.

Tom Kelly
Committee Secretary

Attendance: (See over)

Present:

Hon David Seymour
Hon Simeon Brown
Hon Paul Goldsmith
Hon Louise Upston (Chair)
Hon Tama Potaka
Hon Matt Doocey
Hon Nicole McKee
Hon Casey Costello
Hon Penny Simmonds
Hon Karen Chhour
Hon Scott Simpson

Officials present from:

Officials Committee for SOU
Office of the Prime Minister
Office of Hon Matt Doocey
Office of Hon Casey Costello