

# **The Treasury**

## **Regulatory Review Work Programme**

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## Minute of Decision

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### Regulatory Systems: Update on Reviews and System Performance

**Portfolios:** Finance / Regulatory Reform

On 4 March 2013, following reference from the Cabinet Committee on State Sector Reform and Expenditure Control (SEC), Cabinet:

- 1 **noted** that:
  - 1.1 in February 2009, Cabinet agreed to establish the Regulatory Review Programme [CAB Min (09) 6/5A];
  - 1.2 in May 2012, the Cabinet Economic Growth and Infrastructure Committee directed the Treasury, in consultation with relevant agencies, to report back on the progress of the Regulatory Review Programme at six-monthly intervals [EGI Min (12) 8/1];
- 2 **endorsed** the Treasury's regulatory performance strategy to:
  - 2.1 prioritise new regulation in terms of net benefits to New Zealanders;
  - 2.2 measure the performance of existing regulation against best practice;
  - 2.3 assess and improve agency capability to design and implement regulation;
- 3 **noted** that this regulatory strategy is fully consistent with the government's *Better Public Services* programme and the combined work of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, the Treasury and the State Services Commission to lead improved State sector performance;
- 4 **noted** the information outlined in Annex One to the submission under SEC (13) 7 which collates the overall picture on performance of regulatory regimes and agencies;
- 5 **noted** that regulatory plans for 2013 are due with the Minister of Finance and the Minister for Regulatory Reform and the Treasury on 28 March 2013;
- 6 **noted** that the Treasury will focus on regulatory implementation issues in regulatory plans and scans, Best Practice Regulation assessments, and other guidance and monitoring activities in the first half of 2013 and 2013-14;

- 7     **noted** that on 4 March 2013, Cabinet agreed that regulatory departments be required to give effect to a set of regulatory expectations [CAB Min (13) 6/2B];
- 8     **noted** the six monthly progress report on the Regulatory Review Programme, set out in Annex Two to the paper under SEC (13) 7;
- 9     **agreed** to remove ACC (choice and engagement in workplace accident compensation) from the Regulatory Review Programme;
- 10    **agreed** to remove the competed Air Transport review from the Regulatory Review Programme;

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