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# Cabinet Social Policy Committee

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## Minute of Decision

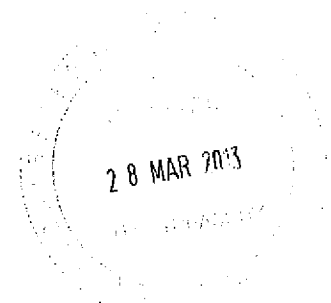
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### Cost of Implementing a Prostate Cancer Awareness and Quality Improvement Programme

**Portfolio: Health**

On 27 March 2013, the Cabinet Social Policy Committee:

- 1 **noted** that the early detection and treatment of prostate cancer in New Zealand is variable, resulting in differences in the quality and equity of care for men;
- 2 **noted** that on 27 July 2011, the Health Committee presented its report to the House of Representatives entitled *Inquiry into the early detection and treatment of prostate cancer*, which recommended that the Ministry of Health (MoH) establish a prostate cancer quality improvement programme;
- 3 **noted** that the Minister of Health is required to report back to Cabinet by March 2013 with the cost of implementing a prostate cancer awareness and quality improvement programme (the Programme) for the early detection and treatment of prostate cancer [CAB Min (11) 37/6A];
- 4 **noted** that MoH has developed the Programme following recommendations made by the Prostate Cancer Taskforce;
- 5 **noted** that the Programme aims to improve access, quality of care, and outcomes for all New Zealand men and also seeks to reduce the variability in access, advice, and treatment that New Zealand men experience in the diagnosis, management, and treatment of prostate cancer;
- 6 **noted** that there could be a four to eight per cent increase in men aged from 50 to 70 seeking general practitioner (GP) advice and potential prostate cancer testing resulting from implementing the Programme (approximately six to 11 extra standard consultations per annum for an individual GP, out of approximately 4,700 consultations per annum), of which the costs are expected to be met within Vote Health;



7 **noted** that the following funding to implement the Programme for the early detection and treatment of prostate cancer has been sought as part of the Four Year Budget Plan and Budget 2013 within the Health Envelope:

2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
\$1.230m	\$0.950m	\$1.050m	\$1.050m

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