



Cabinet Social Outcomes Committee

Minute of Decision

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High and Complex Framework Programme Business Case

Portfolio Disability Issues

On 13 May 2026, the Cabinet Social Outcomes Committee:

- 1 **noted** that the High and Complex Framework (HCF) faces significant operational pressures and capacity constraints, as highlighted by the Ombudsman's *Oversight* report in 2021 and reiterated by recent National Preventive Mechanisms' monitoring reviews;
- 2 **noted** that work has been underway to complete a Programme Business Case (PBC) to investigate options for long-term investment in HCF facilities;
- 3 **endorsed** the PBC's recommended option to provide flexible, robust, safe, and secure Regional Intellectual Disability Secure Services (RIDSS) and Regional Intellectual Disability Supported Accommodation Services (RIDSAS) facilities, while protecting client, staff, and public safety and balancing value for money through a mix of refurbished and new build facilities (Option 4 in the PBC);
- 4 **directed** officials to develop a Detailed Business Case (DBC) for the first tranche of delivery for residential RIDSAS facilities in the Northern and Central regions;
- 5 **noted** that the PBC identifies a capital cost of s9(2)(f)(iv), s9(2)(i) for the first tranche of delivery in RIDSAS facilities;
- 6 **noted** that the DBC for RIDSAS facilities will refine the capital cost based on more detailed planning, s9(2)(f)(iv)
- 7 **noted** that it is intended for Crown Infrastructure Delivery to work with Disability Support Services in the Ministry of Social Development (DSS MSD) to lead development of the DBC for investment in RIDSAS facilities;
- 8 **noted** that the scope of the DBC for investment in RIDSAS facilities will not include investment in hospital-level care RIDSS facilities, delivered by Health New Zealand (HNZ);
- 9 **directed** officials to develop a future DBC for the second tranche of delivery in RIDSS facilities, to be led by HNZ in partnership with DSS MSD, that would align with HNZ clinical services and infrastructure planning;
- 10 **noted** that DSS MSD and HNZ will work through the planning arrangements and approach for DBC planning and investment in RIDSS facilities, including any support from Crown Infrastructure Delivery;

- 11 **noted** that DSS MSD and Ministry of Health officials are working to strengthen governance and oversight mechanisms to monitor and respond to trends and collective issues within the system.

Tom Kelly
Committee Secretary

Present:

Hon David Seymour
Rt Hon Winston Peters
Hon Nicola Willis
Hon Louise Upston (Chair)
Hon Tama Potaka
Hon Nicole McKee
Hon Casey Costello
Hon Penny Simmonds
Hon Nicola Grigg
Hon Karen Chhour

Officials present from:

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Officials Committee for SOU
Ministry of Social Development
Ministry of Health
Health New Zealand