



Cabinet Social Development Committee

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Minute of Decision

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Modernising Police Legislation

On 1 March 2006, the Cabinet Social Development Committee:

- 1 **noted** that there is broad consensus on the need for more contemporary and empowering legislative arrangements for policing in New Zealand;
- 2 **noted** that enacting the Police Amendment Bill (No 2), currently before the House, would not fully address this need;
- 3 **agreed** that the best way forward at this time is to initiate a comprehensive review of legislative arrangements for policing, which leads to a 'first principles' rewrite of the current Police Act 1958 and Police Regulations 1992;
- 4 **noted** that a consequence of the decision in paragraph 3 is that the Police Amendment Bill (No 2) 2001 will not be carried over to the government's 2006 Legislation Programme;
- 5 **noted** that the concept of a comprehensive review of Police's legislative framework is supported by both Police and the main groups representing police employees;
- 6 **noted** the intention that the review and 'first principles' rewrite process be managed by a project team led out of the Office of the Commissioner of Police, most likely over a two year timeframe, appropriately supported by a range of expert advice and support;
- 7 **noted** that the first priority for the project team will be to comprehensively review and update the Police Regulations;
- 8 **invited** the Minister of Police to report to SDC at regular intervals, to update Ministers on the progress of the review;
- 9 **noted** that the Minister of Police indicates that consultation is not required with the government caucuses or other parties represented in Parliament.

Adrian MacGregor
Secretary

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