



Cabinet Social Development Committee

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Minute of Decision

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Police Act Review: Results of Public Consultation and Next Steps

On 15 August 2007, the Cabinet Social Development Committee:

- 1 **noted** that in March 2006 the Cabinet Social Development Committee agreed to a wide-ranging review of the Police Act 1958 and Police Regulations 1992 (the Review) [SDC Min (06) 3/2];
- 2 **noted** the completion of the Review's second main phase of public consultation following feedback received in June and July 2007 on the *Policing Directions in New Zealand for the 21st Century* discussion paper;
- 3 **noted** that the key themes to emerge during consultation included a desire for police to give priority to local policing, endorsement of statutory policing principles and encouragement to explore a range of measure to enable effective policing, as well as the importance of police being free from political direction on operational matters and differing view on the potential to recover costs for special policing services;
- 4 **noted** that the Policing Bill (the Bill) holds a category 5 priority on the 2007 Legislation Programme (instructions to be provided to Parliamentary Counsel Office in 2007);
- 5 **noted** the Minister of Police intends to submit, during September 2007, a suite of papers to the Cabinet Policy Committee seeking decisions on the content of the Bill;
- 6 **noted** that the Minister of Police intends to make the paper under SDC (07) 62 publicly available through the Police Act Review website.

Andrew Doube
Secretary

Reference: SDC (07) 62