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## National Bowel Screening Programme Update – meeting 4 December 2017

To: Hon Dr David Clark, Minister of Health

### Purpose

This briefing provides you with information for a meeting with Jill Lane, Director, Service Commissioning, Ministry of Health (the Ministry) on Monday 4 December 2017, from 8.45am to 9am. The meeting will provide an update on the implementation of the National Bowel Screening Programme (NBSP).

### Background

- Since 31 October 2017, the Ministry has provided you with the following briefings about the NBSP:

Reference	Title	Summary statement
20171533	Briefing on the NBSP for Morning Report on 1 November 2017	Summary of the NBSP implementation
20171489	Bowel screening pilot's incorrect withdrawal of eligible people	Summarised an incident in the bowel screening pilot. At the time of the report, the Ministry estimated eight participants may have been impacted as a result of a delayed invitation to screening.
20171535	NBSP	In-depth overview of the NBSP implementation to date.
20171748	Withdrawal of eligible people in the Bowel Screening Pilot	Updates the numbers of people affected (20171489 refers) and outlines the next steps including communication with affected people.

- Since 16 November 2017, the NBSP have been the subject of two supplementary oral questions (16 November 2017 and 28 November 2017) and five written questions about the NBSP have been tabled.
- You have asked to meet the Director of Service Commissioning on a monthly to provide a verbal update on the implementation of the NBSP. It is a complex implementation programme, with a tight timetable.
- The National Coordination Centre assumed responsibility, from the Waitemata DHB interim coordination centre on 27 November 2017 (a month ahead of schedule), for inviting eligible people to participate in bowel screening and monitoring participants progress along the screening pathway. The go live occurred as planned and has been functioning smoothly.

### Next steps

#### Capital Contingency Extension

- The Ministry is currently consulting with The Treasury, GCDO, MBIE and DPMC on a Cabinet Paper to extend the bowel screening capital contingency which expires on 1 February 2018. The

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paper will seek an extension to 31 December 2018 and updates the implementation timeframe for the National Bowel Screening Programme.

6. This paper will be provided to your office as a draft on 4 December 2017 in preparation for lodging on 7 December 2018.

### Budget 2018

7. As part of the Ministry's preparation for Budget 2018, NBSP is bidding for the next phase of implementation (2018/19). In the 2018/19 financial year, five more district health boards (DHBs) will roll out bowel screening to eligible participants, and the first stage in the development of the information technology will take place.

### Information Technology (IT) Procurement

8. The procurement of the National Screening IT Solution is ongoing. The procurement is taking longer than anticipated due to: an expansion of scope to position the solution as an integrated screening platform; and an extended period of clarification with vendors during the request for proposal evaluation.
9. The implementation date for the National Screening Solution does not impact on the roll out of the NBSP in the first eight DHBs (five in 2017/18: Hutt Valley, Wairarapa, Waitemata, Southern and Counties Manukau or three out of the five DHBs in 2018/19). These DHBs will use the interim IT solution (an enhanced version of the system designed for the bowel screening pilot) until they transition to the National Screening Solution at the end of the implementation timeframe.
10. The timing of the availability of the National Screening Solution does impact on the final two DHBs to offer bowel screening in 2018/19, and has led the Ministry to reduce the number of DHBs rolling out bowel screening in 2018/19 from nine to five.

### Implementation Timetable

11. The implementation timetable is subject to a number of dependencies and challenges that include:
  - a. DHB capacity and capability volatility
  - b. Clinical facilities and staffing
  - c. Managing colonoscopy wait times
  - d. Development of the National Screening Solution
12. You received three written Parliamentary questions about changes to the NBSP rollout including whether the original implementation timetable will be met. The Ministry has provided your Office with the proposed responses, and the answers are due to be tabled in the House on Wednesday 6 December 2017.
13. A further two written Parliamentary questions about DHB implementation dates have been received and the Ministry is developing responses due to your office on 4 December 2017.

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