



# Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee

## Minute of Decision

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### Health System Preparedness for Winter 2023

**Portfolio**                      **Health**

On 29 March 2023, the Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee:

- 1        **noted** that in October 2022, Cabinet directed the Ministry of Health, in consultation with Te Whatu Ora and the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, to provide updated advice early in 2023 on planning for winter 2023 [CAB-22-MIN-0443];
- 2        **noted** that the paper under SWC-23-SUB-0019 provides the high-level version of the Te Whatu Ora winter Preparedness Plan, with initiatives that aim to mitigate winter pressure;
- 3        **noted** that winter planning is ongoing and operational details will be finalised in the final, detailed winter Preparedness Plan in May 2023;
- 4        **noted** that the Minister of Health intends to seek Cabinet approval of the following over March to May 2023, which will impact health system preparedness in winter 2023 and beyond:
  - 4.1      Strategic Framework for Managing COVID-19;
  - 4.2      COVID-19 Plan 2023/24 and release of funding from COVID-19 contingency fund;
  - 4.3      Proposed measures to manage COVID-19 from April through to end of May 2023 (regular review).

Rachel Clarke  
Committee Secretary

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**Present:**

Hon Carmel Sepuloni (Chair)  
Hon Grant Robertson  
Hon Dr Megan Woods  
Hon Dr Ayesha Verrall  
Hon Kiri Allan  
Hon Peeni Henare  
Hon Priyanca Radhakrishnan  
Hon Barbara Edmonds  
Hon Meka Whaitiri  
Hon Willow-Jean Prime  
Hon Rino Tirikatene

**Officials present from:**

Office of the Prime Minister  
Office of the Chair  
Officials' Committee for SWC