



Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee

Summary

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Endorsement of the BreastScreen Aotearoa Critical Infrastructure Replacement Business Case

Portfolio Associate Health (Hon Willow-Jean Prime)

Purpose This paper seeks endorsement of the business case for the replacement of critical Information and Communication Technology (ICT) infrastructure for the national breast screening programme.

Previous Decisions As part of Budget 2021, Cabinet agreed to funding of up to \$55.600 million over four years for the replacement of critical ICT infrastructure for the national breast screening programme [CAB-21-MIN-0116.14].

Proposal s 9(2)(c), s 9(2)(e)
s 9(2)(c), s 9(2)(e) [redacted] ICT is a critical enabler for the breast screening programme. Among other things, the proposed replacement will provide a breast screening population register, which will equip the programme to better reach women who are eligible for breast screening but not currently screened.

The business case is attached as **Appendix One**.

Internal quality assurance for the project will be provided by the National Public Health Service Technology Portfolio Board, and independent assurance by an All of Government Consultancy Services panel member.

Impact Analysis Not applicable.

Financial Implications None from this paper. Budget 2021 approved a total of up to \$55.600 million over four years for the critical BreastScreen Aotearoa ICT infrastructure replacement project. Phase one (design and development) is expected to cost \$5.353 million, and phase two (Implementation and ongoing costs) is expected to cost \$50.247 million over four years.

Legislative Implications None from this paper.

Timing Matters Phase one is underway and on-track. The ICT go-live date is expected to be March 2024. The full timeline is outlined in the diagram on **page 6**.

Communications The Associate Minister announced the investment on 9 May 2021. Te Whatu Ora is developing a detailed communication plan to support the next stages of communication and sector engagement.

Consultation Paper prepared by MoH. The Treasury, DMPC (Prime Minister), TPK (Whānau Ora), Women, Pacific Peoples, MSD (Seniors), Ethnic Communities, Disabled People, and the Māori Health Authority were consulted.

The Minister indicates that all SWC members were consulted, and that discussion will occur with the government caucus.

The Associate Minister of Health (Hon Willow-Jean Prime) recommends that the Committee:

- 1 note that Aotearoa New Zealand provides free breast screening (digital mammography) each year to around 270,000 asymptomatic women aged 45 to 69, through BreastScreen Aotearoa;
- 2 note that mammography delivered through an organised screening programme can reduce mortality from breast cancer in women screened, by 30 percent;
- 3 note that in Budget 2021, Cabinet agreed to funding of up to \$55.600 million over four years for the replacement of critical Information and Communication Technology (ICT) infrastructure for the national breast screening programme [CAB-21-MIN-0116.14];
- 4 note that \$5.353 million has been appropriated for Phase One of the replacement of critical ICT infrastructure, comprised of \$3.165 million capital expenditure and \$2.188 million operating expenditure, to support the design activities and the development of an implementation business case;
- 5 note that:
 - 5.1 \$50.247 million of implementation funding over four years is set aside in the *BreastScreen Aotearoa Critical Infrastructure Replacement - Contingency* in Budget 2021, based on the indicative costs for Phase Two, comprised of \$22.565 million capital expenditure and \$27.682 million operating expenditure, and
 - 5.2 the costs will be further refined as part of the implementation business case;
 - 5.3 work to date indicates that costs, including a risk contingency, are expected to fall within the tagged contingency amount;
- 6 note that the Minister of Health and Minister of Finance are authorised to draw down funding from the tagged contingency referred to in paragraph 3, subject to Cabinet approval of the detailed business case;
- 7 endorse the Critical Infrastructure Replacement Business case, attached to the submission under SWC-23-SUB-0021, which sets out the justification for investing in the replacement of critical ICT infrastructure that supports the national breast screening programme.

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