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From: Ben Temple <ben.temple@regulation.govt.nz>
Sent: Wednesday, 16 October 2024 6:40 pm
To: Stephanie Hill
Subject: RE: [Classification] Draft Cabinet paper for agency review - Waste and Resource Efficiency Work Programme

Hi Steph,

Thanks again for sharing the report. I don't have detailed comments, but have focused on the regulatory analysis (i.e. the rationale for the intervention by govt). I am interested in what MfE thought about the Sapere report, both reactions and feedback – let me know if you are available for a quick chat tomorrow (Thurs).

As a general observation, I expected to see some clearer rationale for why the WMF exists, what problem it solves (in terms of the specific market failure), how large that problem is, whether the problem is reducing over time), and how it addresses the problem. This would make the discussion of benefits and VFM clearer.

I make these high-level comments because I found it a little hard to understand the VFM logic, the counterfactual, and the likely relative magnitudes of quantified and unquantified benefits. In particular, there was little in the report to help evaluate the qualitative benefits, beyond diverted waste to landfill and reduced emissions.

Regarding the problems that the WMF tries to target... some description of why other jurisdictions adopt similar schemes may provide some insight about why those other jurisdictions are unconcerned about crowding out. Should NZ worry about it or not?

These are just initial reactions. Apologies if this sounds like a lot!

Ben

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To: Ben Temple <ben.temple@regulation.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: [Classification] Draft Cabinet paper for agency review - Waste and Resource Efficiency Work Programme

Hi Ben, Sapere thought they should still be able to accommodate your feedback.

Steph

From: Ben Temple <ben.temple@regulation.govt.nz>
Sent: Wednesday, 16 October 2024 2:59 pm
To: Stephanie Hill <Stephanie.Hill@mfe.govt.nz>

Subject: Re: **Classification** Draft Cabinet paper for agency review - Waste and Resource Efficiency Work Programme

Thanks Steph, yes, that would be helpful.

From: Stephanie Hill <Stephanie.Hill@mfe.govt.nz>

Sent: Wednesday, October 16, 2024 2:56 PM

To: Ben Temple <ben.temple@regulation.govt.nz>

Subject: RE: **Classification** Draft Cabinet paper for agency review - Waste and Resource Efficiency Work Programme

Hi Ben, we are meeting with them at 3 so I can mention it then and double check. We provided some quite substantial feedback, which we are going to discuss with them shortly. I suspect they will be seeking a little bit of additional time to work through it. If useful, I can forward you on the feedback we provided.

Steph

From: Ben Temple <ben.temple@regulation.govt.nz>

Sent: Wednesday, 16 October 2024 2:53 pm

To: Stephanie Hill <Stephanie.Hill@mfe.govt.nz>

Subject: RE: **Classification** Draft Cabinet paper for agency review - Waste and Resource Efficiency Work Programme

Kia ora Steph, I'm sorry to be late to get to this. Will close of play tonight be too late for feedback? I hope to read the Sapere report this afternoon...

Ben

From: Stephanie Hill <Stephanie.Hill@mfe.govt.nz>

Sent: Friday, October 11, 2024 3:27 PM

To: Ben Temple <ben.temple@regulation.govt.nz>

Subject: RE: **Classification**]Draft Cabinet paper for agency review - Waste and Resource Efficiency Work Programme

Importance: High

Hi Ben,

I believe I promised you an outline of the Cabinet paper this week, which I have not yet delivered. In the meantime, we have also received the first draft of the Sapere report, so I have attached that with this email. As mentioned it would be great to have your feedback to pass on to Sapere by **midday Wednesday** if possible.

It has been a little difficult to map out without the draft Sapere report and recommendations but broadly this is what I am thinking to include:

Levy framework

The effectiveness of the levy in achieving government priorities is affected by legislative and policy factors, including:

- 1.1 levy investment (what the levy can be spent on, how projects to be funded are chosen);
- 1.2 checks and balances (what systems and processes are in place to ensure central and local government investment is lawful, cost-effective and achieves strategic outcomes);

- 1.3 levy rates and coverage (which sites must pay the levy, and how much they have to pay);
- 1.4 levy distribution (how levy revenue is shared between central and local government, including how it is split between individual councils).

To the extent possible, given page limit constraints, I am intending to outline for each of the areas what the current settings are and identify her plans to improve upon them (where relevant). The three main avenues for implementation that I currently have in mind are via the legislative reform work underway; via Budget 25 related decisions; and via internal operational/policy changes (eg as outlined in the KPMG report). Our Minister has some views in relation to the territorial authorities' portion of the levy that she is likely to want to signal here. The recommendation also refers to the market failures surrounding waste disposal that have resulted in the need for a levy. I am not intending to get into this question in much detail but would appreciate your views on this.

Sapere report

Content TBC – depending on how the report presents its findings this may be integrated into the content above or stand-alone. Ideally I think we would respond to each of the report's recommendations, with a focus on any that could help improve performance.

KPMG report

I am intending to summarise the main findings (as laid out in the executive summary) in table format and then note something along the lines that 'I have directed officials to implement the recommendations of the report as appropriate. Recommendations in relation to appropriate funding levels for back-office functions associated with the levy will be addressed through Budget 2025 processes.' The KPMG findings are fairly operational so I think this is appropriate (ie at this stage I am not planning to seek specific recs related to them - I am just double-checking this with colleagues from the investment and waste operations work areas though, if there are specific KPMG recommendations that we either want to draw attention to or, potentially, that we are unlikely to implement).

Hope you have a good weekend

Steph

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Subject: RE: Classification Draft Cabinet paper for agency review - Waste and Resource Efficiency Work Programme

Hi Steph, yes appreciate an early look at a Cab paper and let me know if you want us to review the Sapere report contribute to feedback. Thanks for the update! Ben

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Subject: RE: Classification Draft Cabinet paper for agency review - Waste and Resource Efficiency Work Programme

Thanks Ben, I am the contact for the other levy work, along with Tim Allen. We are expecting a draft report from Sapere on the 11th and will need to get feedback to them by the 16th so turnaround will be tight sorry. They are scheduled to provide us the final report on the 18th so it is tight for them also.

I can send you an outline of the Cabinet paper next week to discuss, and/or we could catch up to talk it through if you like.

Cheers
Steph

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Subject: RE: Classification]Draft Cabinet paper for agency review - Waste and Resource Efficiency Work Programme

Hi again – apologies, I now realise I had already responded last week to confirm no comments on the Waste and Resource Efficiency work programme Cabinet paper. Sorry for confusion.

The other request is still live though, so grateful if you could let me know when useful (or who is contact) for an update on the waste levy work, some time next week perhaps.

Thanks,

Ben

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Subject: RE: Classification]Draft Cabinet paper for agency review - Waste and Resource Efficiency Work Programme

Kia ora Helen, Steph. We didn't have feedback on this paper, but I failed to let you know.. sorry about that. Hope you received helpful feedback from agencies.

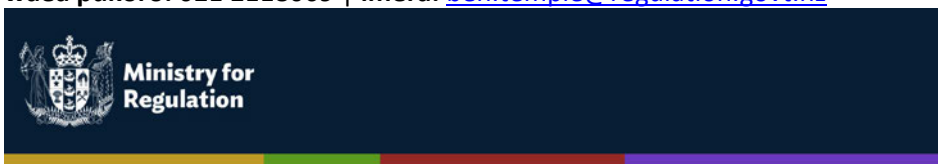
I was wondering if there is an update on the waste minimisation levy work? Just thinking about the October report back. Appreciate there was external work contracted and I recall it was expected to be completed over the next couple of weeks for consideration in November. Let me know if previous plan holds, i.e. to share a paper for agency feedback around 22/10.

Let me know if there is anything we can do to support..

Cheers!

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Kia ora koutou

Please find attached a draft Cabinet paper plus 2 appendices on the **Waste and Resource Efficiency Work Programme**. My colleague Steph shared an earlier version with you. This is an amended version. Stephanie is on leave now until 30th September so please send your comments to me.

I would appreciate agency feedback by **COP Monday 23 September** if possible. Please contact me if you'd like to respond but will need more time.

If I haven't reached the most relevant person/people in your agency, please forward this email on, and cc me. Let me know if you think another agency not on the email would be interested in this Cabinet paper.

Ngā mihi nui

Helen

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