



Adaptation Framework: Final materials for 15 October Ministers' meeting

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Sub Security level: In-Confidence

MfE priority: Urgent

Actions sought from Ministers		
Name and position	Action sought	Response by
To Hon Simon WATTS Minister of Climate Change	Agree to updated meeting materials for the 15 October Ministers' meeting	14 October

Actions for Minister's office staff

Forward the appended meeting papers to: Ministers Willis, Bishop, Mitchell, Brown and Jones, and Parliamentary Under-Secretary Court.

Return the signed briefing to the Ministry for the Environment (ministerials@mfe.govt.nz).

Appendices and attachments

1. Annotated agenda for 15 October meeting
2. Paper 1 Adaptation framework meeting - IRG proposed approach
3. Paper 2 Adaptation framework meeting - FEC summary
4. Paper 3 Adaptation framework meeting - adaptation framework and related government workstreams
5. Proposed talking points and Q+A

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Minister's comments

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Key messages

1. This briefing provides you with final materials for your 15 October meeting with Ministers Willis, Bishop, Brown, Mitchell and Jones, and Parliamentary Under-Secretary Court, and the Adaptation Framework Independent Reference Group (IRG).
2. As noted in our previous briefing to you on 2 October [BRF-5375 refers], the purpose of this meeting is to discuss the adaptation framework work programme, including what decisions need to be made following the completion of the Finance and Expenditure Committee (FEC) inquiry into climate adaptation, any key risks and issues, and how this work can be supported by related work in your portfolios.
3. We have updated the meeting materials based on your feedback. Materials to forward to attending Ministers include:
 - i Annotated agenda for 15 October meeting (Appendix 1)
 - ii Paper 1 Adaptation framework meeting - IRG proposed approach (Appendix 2)
 - iii Paper 2 Adaptation framework meeting - FEC summary (Appendix 3)
 - iv Paper 3 Adaptation framework meeting - adaptation framework and related government workstreams (Appendix 4)
4. Talking points and back pocket Q+A for the Ministers meeting are also attached as Appendix 5.
5. Following the Ministers' meeting, we will provide a draft Cabinet paper seeking agreement to the Government responses to the FEC inquiry into climate adaptation, the Climate Change Commission's progress report on the National Adaptation Plan.

Recommendations

We recommend that you:

- a. **agree** to updated meeting materials in appendices 1-4

☒ Yes | No

- b. **forward** the appendices 1-4 to Ministers Willis, Bishop, Brown, Mitchell and Jones, and Parliamentary Under-Secretary Court by 14 October

☒ Yes | No

Signatures



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Minister of Climate Change

Date 13/10/24.

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Purpose

1. This briefing provides you with final materials for your 15 October meeting on the adaptation framework

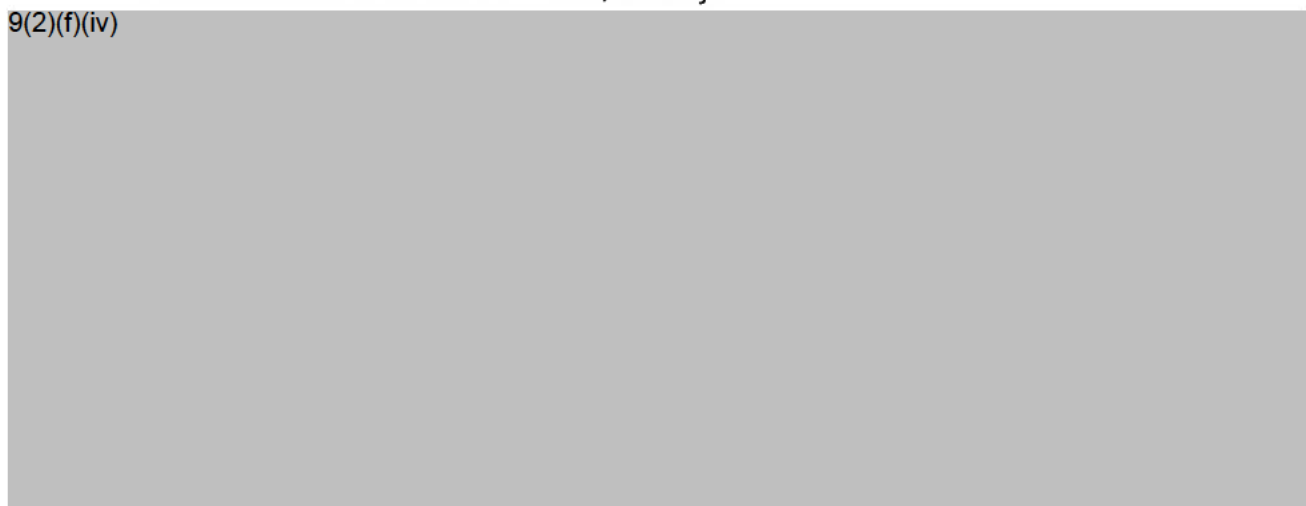
Background

2. On 15 October you are meeting with Ministers Willis, Bishop, Mitchell, Brown and Jones, Parliamentary Under-Secretary Court and the IRG to discuss the adaptation framework work programme. This will focus primarily on the advice of the IRG, and provide opportunity to discuss any key risks and issues, and how this work can be supported by related work in your portfolio
3. On 7 October we discussed the scope of a November Cabinet paper with you. You confirmed your preference for a high-level paper that is focused on seeking agreement to the Government responses for the FEC and Climate Change Commission's (CCC) reports, as well as indicate next steps for the development of adaptation framework. We provide a draft of this paper to you next week.

Meeting materials

4. You received draft materials for the 15 October meeting on 2 October [BRF-5375 refers]. This included an annotated agenda, a summary of the FEC recommendations and IRG's advice and a figure showing how the adaptation framework relates to other government work programmes.
5. Officials have updated the annotated agenda (Appendix 1) based on your feedback to include the 4 pillars of the adaptation framework and update the approach to reach final policy decisions in Quarters 1 and 2 next year.
6. The summary of IRG's proposed approach (Appendix 2) has also been updated based on your written feedback on BRF-5375, namely:

9(2)(f)(iv)



4.2 Codified approach of relocation assistance post-event for houses declining from significant to zero, with flexibility to adjust to prevailing economic conditions	There needs to be reference to the hierarchy of options, before getting to managed retreat.	Update to show relocation as last resort. Updated to: <i>Where relocation is identified as the most cost-effective option for houses after an extreme weather event, there is a codified approach of Crown assistance which declines from significant to zero over time, with flexibility to adjust to prevailing economic conditions.</i>
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7. Other materials attached to support the meeting include:

- i Appendix 3 outlines a summary of the FEC recommendations. This remains unchanged from the last version you reviewed [BRF-5375 refers].
- ii Appendix 4 provides an updated version of how the adaptation framework relates to other government work programmes following agency feedback.
- iii Appendix 5 provides talking points for the meeting on the 15 October and back pocket Q+A.

Next steps

- 8. Officials will send you a draft version of the Cabinet paper attaching the proposed Government responses to the FEC and CCC reports on 17 October for your feedback.
- 9. The Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet have advised that the Government responses should be approved by the Cabinet Legislation Committee (LEG) which is on 14 October rather than Cabinet Economic Policy Committee.

Table 2: Updated timeframes for Cabinet paper 1	
Date	Milestone
17 October	Draft Cabinet paper to your office for feedback. If you are comfortable with this paper, you could begin Ministerial consultation early
Week of 21 and 28 October	Ministerial consultation (minimum requirement of 5 working days)
7 November	Lodge Cabinet paper
14 November	LEG Committee meeting
18 November	Cabinet