



Proactive release of material relating to establishing a new National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA)

The material in this proactive release includes briefings, aides memoire and Cabinet material directly related to establishing a new National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), as itemised below. Documents relating to consultation undertaken with local government representatives have not been included in this release.

This material has been proactively released by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, on behalf of Hon Peeni Henare, Minister of Civil Defence.

Date	Item
02/05/19	Cabinet Paper: Delivering Better Responses to Emergencies: National Structures
15/04/19	Cabinet Minute of Decision: 2019 Budget Package: Vote Prime Minister and Cabinet
09/05/19	Cabinet Government Administration and Expenditure Review Committee Minute of Decision Delivering Better Responses to Emergencies: National Structures
27/03/18	Preliminary Advice on the TAG's recommendations
26/06/18	Current thinking on the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to support your meeting with SSC and DPMC
26/10/18	Delivering Better Responses to Emergencies: National Structures
23/11/18	Advice on the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA)
21/02/19	Final National Structures Cabinet Paper
28/02/19	Final National Structures Cabinet Paper Redraft
28/03/19	Letter to the Prime Minister and the Minister of Finance following Budget Bilateral
8/05/19	Cabinet Paper on National Structures for the Emergency Management System
12/03/19	Budget 2019 Initiatives and Prioritisation Submissions
12/10/18	Progress on Implementing the Emergency Management System Reforms
16/11/18	Status Update on the Emergency Management System Reforms Programme
30/11/18	Status Update on the Emergency Management System Reforms Programme
14/12/18	Status Update on the Emergency Management System Reforms Programme
30/01/19	Status Update on the Emergency Management System Reforms Programme

13/02/19	Status Update on the Emergency Management System Reforms Programme
27/02/19	Status Update on the Emergency Management System Reforms Programme
13/03/19	Status Update on the Emergency Management System Reforms Programme
10/04/19	Status Update on the Emergency Management System Reforms Programme
9/05/19	Status Update on the Emergency Management System Reforms Programme
22/05/19	Status Update on the Emergency Management System Reforms Programme

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- 9(2)(g)(i): to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinion; and
- 9(2)(h), to maintain legal professional privilege.

The following items are not included in this release:

Item	Withholding grounds
Cabinet paper: Delivering better responses to emergencies: National Structures (2 March 2019)	Withheld in full under 9(2)(f)(iv)
Aide-Memoire: Cabinet paper on National Structures for the Emergency Management System (5 March 2019)	Withheld in full under 9(2)(f)(iv) and 9(2)(g)(i)
Budget bid: Delivering better responses to emergencies: Establishing a new national emergency management agency	Withheld in full under 9(2)(f)(iv)



Briefing

PROGRESS ON IMPLEMENTING THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM REFORMS

To: Hon Kris Faa'foi, Minister of Civil Defence

Date	12/10/2018	Priority	
Deadline	15/10/2018	Briefing Number	1819NSP/037

Purpose

This paper provides an update on the work underway to implement the Government's decisions in response to the Technical Advisory Group's (TAG) report *Better Responses to Natural Disasters and Other Emergencies*.

Recommendations

It is recommended that you:

1. **Discuss** the attached report with officials from the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) on 15 October 2018.

 Karen Jones Executive Director Strategy, Governance, and Engagement
12/10/2018

Hon Kris Faa'foi Minister of Civil Defence
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Minister's office comments:

- Noted
- Seen
- Approved
- Needs change
- Withdrawn
- Not seen by Minister
- Overtaken by events
- Referred to

PROGRESS ON IMPLEMENTING THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM REFORMS

Purpose

1. This paper provides an update on the work underway to implement the Government's decisions in response to the Technical Advisory Group's (TAG) report *Better Responses to Natural Disasters and Other Emergencies*.

Background

2. In August 2018, the Government responded to the recommendations set out in the TAG's report. The Government's decisions set out a significant programme of work and change for the emergency management sector. Much of this work is being led by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC), involving stakeholders from across the system.
3. You have asked for a regular meeting and report about the programme to ensure that you have visibility of the various strands of work. This is the first report and the first meeting is on 15 October 2018.

DPMC has set up a programme to oversee this work

4. DPMC has established the Emergency Management System Reforms Programme to oversee the work to implement the Government's recent decisions. This will allow DPMC to keep oversight of the programme as a whole and to focus on the outcomes and change sought by this programme of work as well as the delivery of individual outputs.
5. There are a number of workstreams within the programme. They are:

Workstream	Projects
Policy work	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• National structures Cabinet paper – NEMA and lead agencies• Out of scope
Out of scope	

6. DPMC has appointed a programme manager who will start in late October. Her first task will be to put together a programme plan. Through this process, the workstreams may change slightly.

Good progress is being made across the programme

7. The table below summarises progress in each of these workstreams.

Workstream	Due	Status	Progress
Policy work			
National structures	Cabinet in Nov 2018		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A policy paper has been drafted for discussion within DMPC and with SSC. We discussed NEMA and lead agencies with government agency chief executives at the Hazard Risk Board (HRB) meeting on 17 September. Further engagement with agencies is planned. This further engagement could result in the Cabinet paper not making GOV on 6 November 2018, which would mean going to GOV on 4 December 2018. This could affect potential budget bids, which are due by 14 December 2018.
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