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COVID-19 Ministerial Group: Power to Act

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Cabinet

Minute of Decision

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Additional Item: COVID-19 Ministerial Group: Power to Act

Portfolio **Prime Minister**

On 30 August 2021, Cabinet:

- 1 **noted** that on 17 August 2021, in response to the detection of a community case in Auckland, Cabinet authorised a group of Ministers (the Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister for COVID-19 Response and Associate Minister of Health) to take decisions on the Alert Level 4 settings and activation of the Wage Subsidy Scheme and Resurgence Support Payment Scheme [CAB-21-MIN-0324];
- 2 **noted** that this group has been superseded by the COVID-19 Ministerial Group (CMG) established by the Prime Minister (comprising the Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister, Hon Kelvin Davis, Hon Chris Hipkins, Hon Andrew Little, Hon Kris Faafoi, Hon Peeni Henare, Hon Dr Ayesha Verrall and Hon Aupito William Sio);
- 3 **confirmed** that CMG (and the Cabinet Business Committee (CBC) if required) has ongoing Power to Act to take decisions on the government's response to the August 2021 COVID-19 outbreak, and on the response to any future COVID-19 outbreaks when CMG is activated by the Prime Minister;
- 4 **noted** that significant policy issues relating to the response to COVID-19 outbreaks, including proposed changes in alert levels, will be referred to Cabinet for consideration.

Michael Webster
Secretary of the Cabinet