



## **Proactive Release**

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### **Quarter Four (2025) Plan**

The following documents have been included in this release:

**Title of paper: Quarter Four (2025) Plan** (CAB-25-SUB-0339 refers)

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Office of the Prime Minister

Chair, Cabinet

## **QUARTER FOUR (2025) PLAN**

### **Proposal**

1. This paper agrees the Coalition Government's plan for Quarter Four of 2025 to continue to focus our efforts and signal the improvements we intend to deliver for New Zealanders.

### **Quarter Four Plan**

2. To advance our shared work programme, we have agreed to identify a set of actions that will be delivered in each quarter (CAB-24-MIN-0079). Our government continues to ensure that efforts are focussed on our priority areas by agreeing a plan with specific actions, proposed dates, and regular reporting.
3. I am asking Cabinet to agree to a proposed Quarter Four Plan (Q4 Plan) set out in the Appendix. It will run from 1 October to 31 December 2025. As with our other quarterly plans it includes the key next steps and lead portfolio for commitments across our three priority areas: rebuilding the economy and easing the cost of living, restoring law and order, and delivering better public services.

### **Implementation**

4. As with the previous quarterly plans, the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC), in consultation with ministers and agencies, will report regularly to Cabinet on progress against the actions. There will continue to be more frequent reporting to me on an exception basis where there are concerns about delivery. DPMC will continue to convene the agencies responsible for delivering the quarterly plans to ensure traction and alignment between ministers and the public service.

### **Implications**

5. This paper has no direct financial or legislative implications. Any financial implications associated with delivering these commitments will need to be managed through our usual fiscal sustainability and Budget processes, to avoid further pressure on our constrained fiscal position. Agencies responsible for the delivery of the commitments will need to provide reprioritisation, delivery and phasing options. Legislative implications, and regulatory impact analysis will be considered as part of the policy development process for each of the commitments.

### **Consultation and communications**

6. DPMC drafted this paper. Departments were consulted on the matters relevant to them. I consulted with ministers responsible for commitments in the Q4 Plan and with coalition partners. No external resources were used in producing this paper.

7. I plan to announce the commitments in the Q4 Plan in the coming days. I intend to proactively release this paper and the Cabinet minute, subject to any necessary redactions, within 30 business days of Cabinet's decisions.

### **Recommendations**

8. The Prime Minister recommends that Cabinet:
  1. Agree to the Coalition Government's Quarter Four Plan to deliver better outcomes for New Zealanders, as set out in the Appendix;
  2. Agree to the lead portfolios and actions for each commitment, as set out in the Appendix;
  3. Note that the Prime Minister intends to announce the decisions in this paper in the coming days.

Authorised for lodgement

Rt Hon Christopher Luxon  
Prime Minister

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Quarterly plan – Q4 2025

#	Rebuilding the economy	Portfolio	Minister
1	Introduce new planning legislation to replace the RMA.	RMA Reform	Bishop
2	Pass the Fast-track Approvals Amendment Bill to improve supermarket competition and further streamline planning approval for regionally and nationally significant projects.	RMA Reform	Bishop
3	Pass legislation to allow granny flats and other small structures up to 70sqm to be built without needing a building consent.	RMA Reform / Building and Construction	Bishop / Penk
4	Introduce legislation to amend the Infrastructure Funding and Financing Act.	Infrastructure	Bishop
5	Publish the Government's priorities for Budget 2026 in the Budget Policy Statement.	Finance	Willis
6	Outline next steps of Going For Growth agenda in two pillars: Promoting Global Trade and Investment, and Innovation, Technology and Science.	Economic Growth	Willis
7	Pass legislation to enable Time of Use charging in our major cities.	Transport	Bishop
8	Launch the Community Housing Provider Loan Guarantee Scheme to reduce borrowing costs for housing providers.	Housing	Bishop
9	Take policy decisions to introduce rate caps.	Local Government	Watts
10	Pass the Regulatory Standards Bill.	Regulation	Seymour
11	Introduce the Commerce Amendment Bill to improve New Zealand's economy-wide competition settings.	Commerce	Simpson
12	Publish the Defence Industry Strategy.	Defence	Collins
13	Introduce legislation to focus the earthquake prone building system on high-risk buildings.	Building and Construction	Penk
14	Sign contracts for and publicly detail the Government's ferry solution for Cook Strait.	Rail	Peters
15	Begin the hospitality sector review.	Regulation	Seymour
16	Pass the Hauraki Gulf Marine Protection Bill to establish new marine protected areas.	Conservation	Potaka
17	Confirm the first events that will be funded by the \$50 million Events Attraction and one-off Events Boost packages.	Tourism and Hospitality	Upston
#	Restoring law and order	Portfolio	Minister
18	Introduce legislation for the Arms Act and refer to Select Committee.	Associate Justice	McKee

19	Introduce legislation to strengthen consequences for crime in the Crimes Act, including new citizens' arrest powers.	Justice	Goldsmith
20	Take Cabinet policy decisions on options to provide more tools to address anti-social behaviour.	Justice	Goldsmith
21	Pass legislation to make stalking an illegal and jailable offence.	Justice	Goldsmith
22	Release an updated Transnational, Serious, and Organised Crime Strategy and Action Plan.	Customs	Costello
#	<b>Delivering better public services</b>	<b>Portfolio</b>	<b>Minister</b>
23	End contracted emergency housing in Rotorua.	Associate Housing	Potaka
24	Begin construction on a new medical school at the University of Waikato.	Universities/Health	Reti/Brown
25	Progress legislation to support the timeliness, efficiency, integrity and resilience of the electoral system, and ban prisoner voting.	Justice	Goldsmith
26	Issue a new Tertiary Education Strategy focussed on innovation and productivity.	Universities / Vocational Education	Reti / Simmonds
27	Publish Health NZ's ten-year Digital Investment Plan.	Health	Brown
28	Roll out a boost to diagnostic services, ensuring timely, quality testing for New Zealanders.	Health	Brown
29	Make additional investments through the Social Investment Fund to improve the lives of vulnerable New Zealanders.	Social Investment	Willis
30	Make the new assessment tool (SMART) available for familiarisation.	Education	Stanford
31	Introduce legislation to establish the New Zealand School Property Agency.	Education	Stanford
32	Release the finalised English and Maths curriculum for Years 0-10.	Education	Stanford
33	Release the curriculum draft for Years 0-10 in other learning areas.	Education	Stanford



# Cabinet

## Minute of Decision

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### Quarter Four (2025) Plan

**Portfolio**                      **Prime Minister**

On 29 September 2025, Cabinet:

- 1        **agreed** to the Coalition Government’s Quarter Four Plan for 2025 (the Q4 Plan) to deliver better outcomes for New Zealanders, as set out in the Appendix to the paper under CAB-25-SUB-0339;
- 2        **agreed** to the lead portfolios and actions for each commitment, as set out in the Appendix;
- 3        **noted** that the Prime Minister intends to announce the commitments outlined in the Q4 Plan.

Diana Hawker  
for Secretary of the Cabinet

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