



Proactive Release

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Government's Quarterly Plan - Progress reports for Quarter 3, 2025

The following documents have been included in this release:

Title of paper: Government's Quarterly Plan Update for Quarter 3 for the Cabinet Meeting of 21 July (CAB-25-SUB-0241 refers)

Title of minute: Quarterly Plan Update as at 21 July 2025 (CAB-25-MIN-0241 refers)

Title of paper: Government's Quarterly Plan Update for Quarter 3 for the Cabinet Meeting of 11 August (CAB-25-SUB-0265 refers)

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Title of document: Government's Quarterly Plan Update for Quarter 3 as at 25 August

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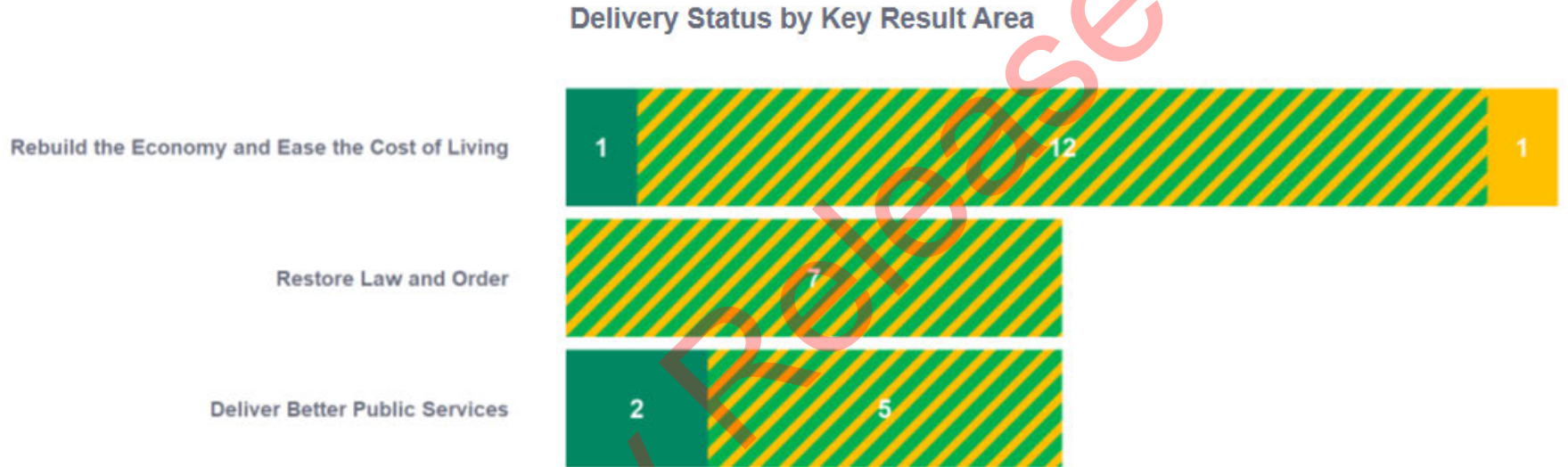
Title of document: Government's Quarterly Plan - Final Progress Report for Quarter 3 2025

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Government's Quarterly Plan Update for Quarter 3 for the Cabinet Meeting of 21 July



Summary

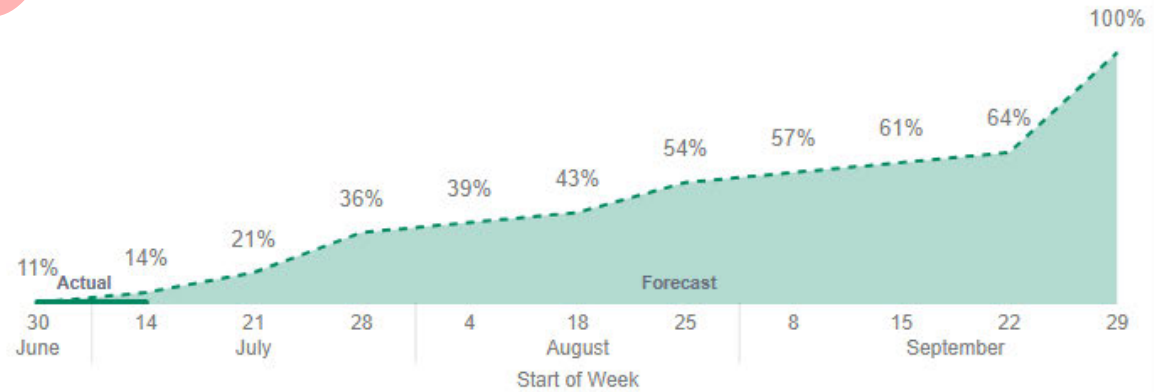
23% through the quarter (as at Cabinet 21 July 2025).

11% (3 actions out of 28) are marked as completed






1 further action may complete ahead of the Cabinet meeting on 21 July which would result in 14% (4 actions out of 28) marked as completed.





A further 7 actions (25%) are currently forecasting to complete ahead of the next report which will go to the 11 August Cabinet meeting.




Action Completion by Date (Actual vs Forecast)








Future Papers	Action	Lead Portfolio	Committee	Date
Improving Retail Grocery Competition: Next Steps	1	Commerce and Consumer Affairs	ECO	16 July
Anti-Social Road Use Legislation Amendment Bill: Approval for Introduction	16	Transport, Police	LEG	17 July
Skilled Migrant Category: Proposals for Change	12	Immigration	ECO	30 July
Approval of drafted amendments to the Resource Management (Consenting and Other System Changes) Amendment Bill	9	RMA Reform	LEG	31 July
Local Government (Auckland Council) (Transport Governance) Amendment Bill: Approval for Introduction	11	Transport	LEG	21 August
Review of seismic risk management in existing buildings	7	Building and Construction	ECO	TBC
Housing Investment Strategy – delivering the right houses in the right places, for the right people	10	Housing	ECO	10 September
Customer and Product Data (Banking and other Deposit-Taking) Regulations 2025 and Customer and Product Data (General Requirements) Regulations 2025	3	Commerce and Consumer Affairs	LEG	11 September
Amendments to the Policing Act 2008	18	Police	SOU	17 September
Tightening Benefit Eligibility for 18- and 19-year-olds	28	Social Development and Employment	SOU	17 September (TBC)
Customs and Excise (Border Security) Amendment Bill – policy decisions	21	Customs	FPS	TBC




Rebuild the Economy and Ease the Cost of Living							
#	Commitment	Lead Portfolio	Lead Minister	Action	Due Month	Delivery Update	Delivery Status
1.	Announce next steps to improve supermarket competition.	Commerce and Consumer Affairs	Hon Nicola Willis	Announce next steps to improve supermarket competition following Cabinet decisions on the Government's response to the Grocery sector Request for Information.	July	A draft Cabinet paper: "Improving Grocery Retail Competition: Next Steps" is due for consideration by ECO on 16 July followed by Cabinet confirmation on 21 July.	
2.	Repeal the ban on offshore oil and gas exploration.	Resources	Hon Shane Jones	Pass the Crown Minerals Amendment Bill.	Aug	Cabinet has approved the release of the Amendment Paper for the Crown Minerals Amendment Bill. The Bill is scheduled for the Committee of the whole House and Third Reading stages in the last sitting week of July.	
3.	Take Cabinet decisions to approve regulations enabling open banking.	Commerce and Consumer Affairs	Hon Scott Simpson	Take Cabinet decisions.	Sept	MBIE is working with PCO on draft regulations and are aiming to provide a draft Cabinet paper: "Customer and Product Data (Banking and other Deposit-Taking) Regulations 2025 and Customer and Product Data (General Requirements) Regulations 2025" to the Minister during the week of 11 August.	
4.	Pass legislation to ratify the New Zealand – United Arab Emirates Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement.	Trade & Investment	Hon Todd McClay	Pass the New Zealand - United Arab Emirates Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement Legislation Amendment Bill.	July	The New Zealand – United Arab Emirates Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement Legislation Amendment Bill has progressed through its Second Reading and the Committee of the whole House and is expected to progress to its Third Reading on 23 July before being submitted for Royal Assent. Entry into force is expected to occur in the first week of August.	
5.	Launch a one-off Major Events fund to further boost international visitor numbers and drive economic growth.	Tourism	Hon Louise Upston	Minister to open the one-off Major Events fund to applicants.	Sept	The Minister received a paper seeking approval for the fund's criteria and funding parameters during the week commencing 14 July. Officials will commence the operational design phase once decisions are made.	



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6.	Publish the first standards allowing the use of more high-quality overseas building products in New Zealand.	Building and Construction	Hon Chris Penk	Publication of Building Product Specifications by MBIE.	July	Following conclusion of the public consultation on the draft Building Product Specifications on 23 June, MBIE are analysing submissions and expect to publish the Building Product Specifications document during the week commencing 28 July.	
7.	Take Cabinet policy decisions on changes to earthquake prone building requirements.	Building and Construction	Hon Chris Penk	Take Cabinet decisions.	Sept	Departmental consultation on the draft Cabinet paper: "Review of seismic risk management in existing buildings" will commence on 21 July, with feedback to be incorporated in the week commencing 28 July. A first draft for the Minister's consideration and Ministerial consultation will be submitted from early August.	
8.	Pass the Public Works (Critical Infrastructure) Amendment Bill to streamline the land acquisition process for major infrastructure projects.	Land Information	Rt Hon Chris Penk	Pass the Public Works (Critical Infrastructure) Amendment Bill.	Aug	The Public Works (Critical Infrastructure) Amendment Bill is expected to be reported back from the Select Committee on 7 August. The Departmental Report from Land Information New Zealand has been considered by the Committee.	
9.	Pass the Resource Management (Consenting and Other System Changes) Amendment Bill to provide resource management system improvements and enable housing growth in our largest cities.	RMA Reform	Rt Hon Chris Bishop	Pass the Resource Management (Consenting and Other System Changes) Amendment Bill.	Aug	The Minister has received a draft Cabinet paper: "Approval of drafted amendments to the Resource Management (Consenting and Other System Changes) Amendment Bill", which is due to be considered by LEG on 31 July. PCO has provided a first draft of the Bill which is currently on track to be debated at the Committee of the whole House in the week of 11 August. The drafted amendments are complex but can feasibly be refined and completed for August enactment. The action will be closely monitored over the next reporting period as delivery will be affected if the current amendments are significantly altered or added to.	






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10.	Take Cabinet decisions on the first Housing Investment Strategy to improve value for money from Government investment in the housing system.	Housing	Rt Hon Chris Bishop	Take Cabinet decisions.	s9(2)(f)(iv)		
11.	Introduce legislation on Auckland Transport to strengthen governance and planning arrangements.	Transport	Rt Hon Chris Bishop	Introduce the Local Government (Auckland Council) (Transport Governance) Amendment Bill.	Sept	Legislation for the Local Government (Auckland Council) (Transport Governance) Amendment Bill is being drafted by PCO and includes delegated decisions that require final Cabinet confirmation. A draft Cabinet paper is intended for Ministerial consultation from 30 July to 6 August 2025 and subject to satisfactory drafting, the paper is on track for consideration by LEG on 21 August followed by Cabinet confirmation on 25 August. Introduction is intended by 26 August.	
12.	Take decisions on the Skilled Migrant Category visa to attract and retain skilled and experienced trades and technicians.	Immigration	Hon Erica Stanford	Take Cabinet decisions.	Aug	A draft Cabinet paper: "Skilled Migrant Category: Proposals for Change" has been sent for Ministerial consultation and is targeted for consideration by ECO on 30 July.	
13.	Establish two new Public Research Organisations (Institute for Bioeconomy Science and Institute for Earth Science).	Science, Innovation and Technology	Hon Dr Shane Reti	Create the New Zealand Institute for Bioeconomy Science by amalgamating AgResearch, Manaaki Whenua, Plant & Food Research, and Scion; and create the New Zealand Institute for Earth Science by amalgamating NIWA and GNS.	July	The action is complete. The Minister announced the establishment of the New Zealand Institute for Bioeconomy Science and the New Zealand Institute for Earth Science on 1 July.	

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14.	Finalise Export Exemptions Regulations under the Food Act.	Food Safety	Hon Andrew Hoggard	Take Cabinet decisions.	Sept	MPI has consulted with agencies on a draft Cabinet paper for consideration at LEG. Advice has been drafted for the Minister on a further proposed change to the labelling exemptions. Drafting of the Export Exemptions Regulations is nearing completion.	

Restore Law and Order							
#	Commitment	Lead Portfolio	Lead Minister	Action	Due Month	Delivery Update	Delivery Status
15.	Progress legislation to make stalking an illegal and jailable offence.	Justice	Hon Paul Goldsmith	Progress the Crimes Legislation (Stalking and Harassment) Amendment Bill through to Committee of the whole House stage.	Sept	The Crimes Legislation (Stalking and Harassment) Amendment Bill is currently awaiting its Second Reading and is anticipated to reach the Committee of the whole House stage by the end of the quarter.	
16.	Introduce legislation to deter anti-social road use.	Transport	Rt Hon Chris Bishop	Introduce legislation to deter anti-social road use.	Sept	Ministerial and departmental consultation on the LEG package for the Anti-Social Road Use Amendment Bill was completed on 8 July, with no substantive comments received. The paper and draft Bill are on track for consideration by LEG on 17 July.	
17.	Introduce legislation to support the timeliness, efficiency, integrity and resilience of the electoral system, and introduce a ban on prisoner voting.	Justice	Hon Paul Goldsmith	Introduce the Electoral Matters Legislation Amendment Bill.	July	The Minister has written to the House Business Committee seeking approval to introduce the Electoral Matters Legislation Amendment Bill as an omnibus Bill. Subject to approval, the Minister expects to introduce the Bill in the week commencing either 14 or 21 July.	
18.	Take Cabinet decisions on legislation to affirm Police's authority to collect, use and retain information about individuals in public places for lawful policing purposes.	Police	Hon Mark Mitchell	Take Cabinet decisions.	Sept	Detailed policy development is progressing in preparation for Cabinet decisions. Targeted agency consultation on an early draft Cabinet paper: "Amendments to the Policing Act 2008" and accompanying Risk Impact Statement is due to occur 16-25 July and the paper is on track for consideration by SOU on 17 September.	

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19.	Start delivery of rehabilitation and reintegration services to remand prisoners.	Corrections	Hon Mark Mitchell	Delivery of first new rehabilitation and reintegration services to remand prisoners.	Sept	Corrections has received Joint Ministers' approval for drawdown of tagged contingency funding provided in Budget 2024 (but not available until the 2025/26 financial year). Engagement with sites and unions is ongoing in relation to implementation, with a number of sites already preparing for the delivery of additional services.	
20.	Progress legislation to specifically criminalise foreign interference and strengthen espionage offences.	Justice	Hon Paul Goldsmith	Pass the Crimes (Countering Foreign Interference) Amendment Bill.	Sept	The Crimes (Countering Foreign Interference) Amendment Bill is currently awaiting its Second Reading and is anticipated to reach the Committee of the whole House and Third Reading stages by the end of the quarter.	
21.	Take Cabinet decisions to strengthen border and supply chain security.	Customs	Hon Casey Costello	Take Cabinet decisions.	July	A draft Cabinet paper that proposes a set of targeted changes to the Customs and Excise Act 2018 to strengthen Customs' ability to combat border security threats and improve supply chain security, was scheduled to be considered by FPS on 15 July; however, this has been delayed to allow for wider conversations around strengthening border security to progress.	

Deliver Better Public Services							
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22.	Start delivery of an additional 21,000 elective procedures like hip replacements and cataract surgery in 2025/26.	Health	Hon Simeon Brown	Issue statements of work to 60 private providers to deliver surgery at consistent national rates.	July	The action is complete. On 2 July, the Minister announced the issuing of statements of work to 60 private providers to deliver surgery at consistent national rates.	
23.	Open expression of interest for 120 nurse practitioner training places, as part of the Primary Care Action Plan.	Health	Hon Simeon Brown	Expressions of interest for nurse practitioner training are open.	July	An online expression of interest form is being developed to establish interest and readiness for nurse practitioner training. The EOI is expected to be online by 31 July.	

Deliver Better Public Services							
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24.	Implement the largest-ever annual funding increase for GP clinics, to help more Kiwis access the primary care they need faster.	Health	Hon Simeon Brown	All payment system changes to be in place by end of August 2025.	Aug	Health NZ has reached agreement related to the annual uplift and additional (enhanced) capitation allocation, as part of the Primary Health Organisation services' agreement negotiations. A contract variation has been prepared and payments will be made to practices from 1 July.	
25.	Implement the first prototypes for the expansion of Urgent and Unplanned care rollout for rural and remote areas.	Associate Health	Hon Matt Doocey	Implement a range of urgent and after-hours care service improvements in six prototype locations.	Sept	A detailed project plan was endorsed by the Rural and Remote Prototype Steering Group on 3 July. Letters of Agreement between Health NZ and each of the six prototype providers are on track to be finalised by 31 July. The first group of clinicians will complete training in the use of Point of Care Ultrasound by 30 September and Health NZ has started early negotiation with pharmacies in two rural locations to deliver on-call dispensing services.	
26.	Provide the Government's response to the Education Review Office's report into NCEA Level 1.	Education	Hon Erica Stanford	Take Cabinet decisions on government response to ERO's report into NCEA Level 1.	July	The action is complete. The Cabinet paper: "Proposal to Replace NCEA: Release of Discussion Document" was considered by SOU on 27 June and confirmed by Cabinet on 30 June. Public consultation will commence on 21 July.	
27.	Introduce the Education and Training (Early Childhood Education Reform) Amendment Bill to give effect to the ECE Regulation Sector Review.	Associate Education	Hon David Seymour	Introduce the Education and Training (Early Childhood Education Reform) Amendment Bill.	July	Ministerial and agency consultation is underway on a draft Cabinet paper: "Approval to introduce the Education and Training (Early Childhood Education Reform) Amendment Bill". Drafting of the Bill is also underway.	
28.	Take key policy decisions to tighten benefits eligibility for 18/19-year-olds.	Social Development	Hon Louise Upston	Take Cabinet decisions on policy design to tighten benefits eligibility for 18/19-year-olds.	Sept	Policy work to support Cabinet decisions is underway. A Cabinet paper: "Tightening Benefit Eligibility for 18- and 19-year-olds" will be considered by SOU in September.	



Cabinet

Minute of Decision

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Quarterly Plan Update as at 21 July 2025

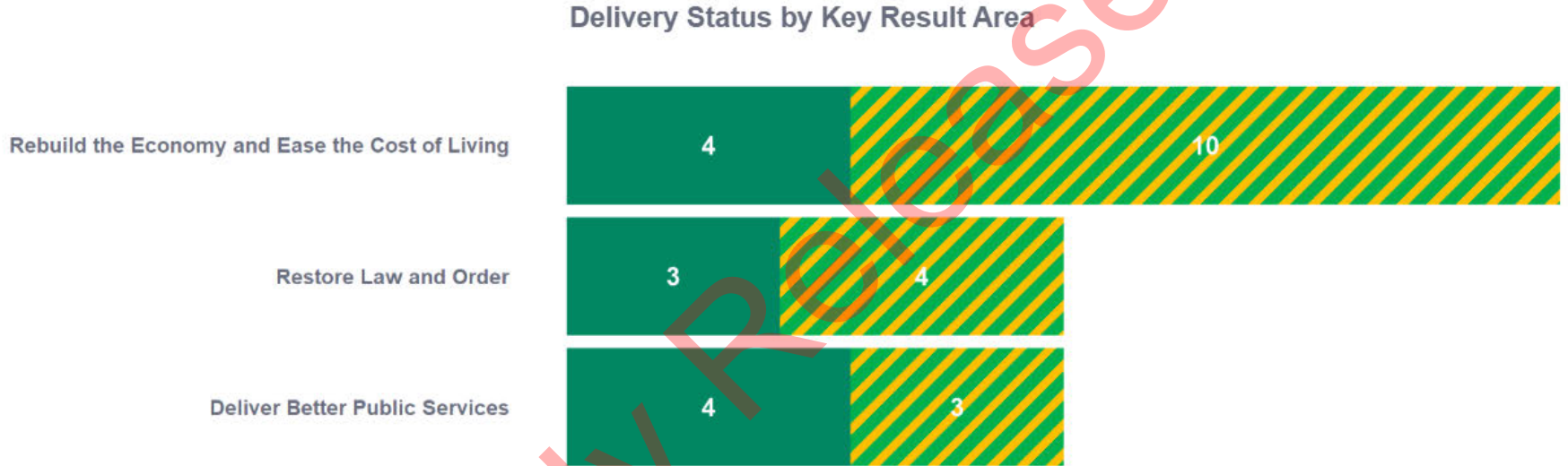
Portfolio **Prime Minister**

On 21 July 2025, Cabinet **noted** the update on the Government’s action plan for Quarter Three, attached under CAB-25-SUB-0241, and the next steps in a number of key work programmes.

Rachel Hayward
Secretary of the Cabinet

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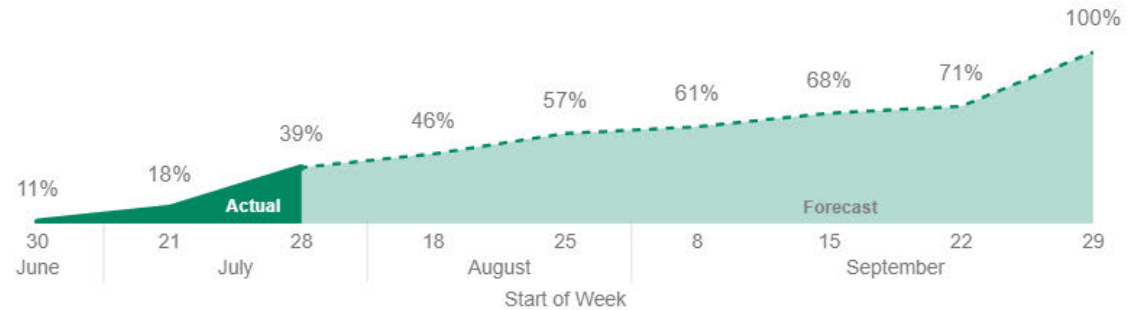
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45% through the quarter (as at Cabinet 11 August 2025).






39% (11 actions out of 28) are marked as completed.





9 Actions (32%) are currently forecasting to complete in the last 2 weeks of the quarter.





Action Completion by Date (Actual vs Forecast)














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Improving the earthquake prone building system	7	Building and Construction	ECO	September (TBC)
Reducing regulatory barriers to improve supermarket competition and Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 technical amendments	1	Commerce and Consumer Affairs	ECO	August / September (TBC)




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2.	Repeal the ban on offshore oil and gas exploration.	Resources	Hon Shane Jones	Pass the Crown Minerals Amendment Bill.	Aug	The action is complete. The Crown Minerals Amendment Bill was recommitted to Committee of the whole House on 29 July and passed its Third Reading on 31 July.	
3.	Take Cabinet decisions to approve regulations enabling open banking.	Commerce and Consumer Affairs	Hon Scott Simpson	Take Cabinet decisions.	Sept	MBIE is working with PCO on draft regulations and are aiming to provide a draft Cabinet paper: "Customer and Product Data (Banking and other Deposit-Taking) Regulations 2025 and Customer and Product Data (General Requirements) Regulations 2025" to the Minister during the week of 11 August.	
4.	Pass legislation to ratify the New Zealand – United Arab Emirates Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement.	Trade & Investment	Hon Todd McClay	Pass the New Zealand - United Arab Emirates Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement Legislation Amendment Bill.	July	The action is complete. The New Zealand – United Arab Emirates Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement Legislation Amendment Act passed its Third Reading on 22 July and has been granted Royal Assent. Entry into Force is expected to occur in late August following agreement with the UAE.	
5.	Launch a one-off Major Events fund to further boost international visitor numbers and drive economic growth.	Tourism	Hon Louise Upston	Minister to open the one-off Major Events fund to applicants.	Sept	The Minister considered a paper, which sought approval for the Fund's purpose, criteria, and funding parameters. The Minister authorised officials to prepare a final briefing to seek approval for the Fund's key operational elements. A subsequent paper has been submitted to the Minister for consideration.	

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7.	Take Cabinet policy decisions on changes to earthquake prone building requirements.	Building and Construction	Hon Chris Penk	Take Cabinet decisions.	Sept	Ministerial consultation on a draft Cabinet paper: "Improving the earthquake prone building system" commenced on 5 August with view to making policy decisions in early September followed by an announcement in mid-September.	
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11.	Introduce legislation on Auckland Transport to strengthen governance and planning arrangements.	Transport	Rt Hon Chris Bishop	Introduce the Local Government (Auckland Council) (Transport Governance) Amendment Bill.	Sept	Legislation for the Local Government (Auckland Council) (Transport Governance) Amendment Bill is being drafted by PCO and includes delegated decisions that require final Cabinet confirmation. Ministerial consultation on a draft Cabinet paper is underway, over the period 4 August to 11 August. The paper is on track for consideration by LEG on 21 August followed by Cabinet confirmation on 25 August. Introduction is intended by the end of August.	
12.	Take decisions on the Skilled Migrant Category visa to attract and retain skilled and experienced trades and technicians.	Immigration	Hon Erica Stanford	Take Cabinet decisions.	Aug	A draft Cabinet paper: "Skilled Migrant Category: Proposals for Change" was sent for Ministerial consultation and is targeted for consideration by ECO on 13 August.	
13.	Establish two new Public Research Organisations (Institute for Bioeconomy Science and Institute for Earth Science).	Science, Innovation and Technology	Hon Dr Shane Reti	Create the New Zealand Institute for Bioeconomy Science by amalgamating AgResearch, Manaaki Whenua, Plant & Food Research, and Scion; and create the New Zealand Institute for Earth Science by amalgamating NIWA and GNS.	July	The action is complete. The Minister announced the establishment of the New Zealand Institute for Bioeconomy Science and the New Zealand Institute for Earth Science on 1 July.	
14.	Finalise Export Exemptions Regulations under the Food Act.	Food Safety	Hon Andrew Hoggard	Take Cabinet decisions.	Sept	A draft Cabinet paper: "Food Export Exemptions Regulations under the Food Act 2014" has been circulated for Ministerial consultation and is planned for consideration by LEG on 14 August, followed by Cabinet confirmation on 18 August.	

Restore Law and Order							
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15.	Progress legislation to make stalking an illegal and jailable offence.	Justice	Hon Paul Goldsmith	Progress the Crimes Legislation (Stalking and Harassment) Amendment Bill through to Committee of the whole House stage.	Sept	The Crimes Legislation (Stalking and Harassment) Amendment Bill has passed its Second Reading and is awaiting its final stages.	
16.	Introduce legislation to deter anti-social road use.	Transport	Rt Hon Chris Bishop	Introduce legislation to deter anti-social road use.	Sept	The action is complete. The Anti-Social Road Use Legislation Amendment Bill was introduced to Parliament on 29 July.	
17.	Introduce legislation to support the timeliness, efficiency, integrity and resilience of the electoral system, and introduce a ban on prisoner voting.	Justice	Hon Paul Goldsmith	Introduce the Electoral Matters Legislation Amendment Bill.	July	The action is complete. The Electoral Matters Legislation Amendment Bill and Constitution Amendment Bill were Introduced to Parliament on 24 July and completed their First Readings on 29 July.	
18.	Take Cabinet decisions on legislation to affirm Police's authority to collect, use and retain information about individuals in public places for lawful policing purposes.	Police	Hon Mark Mitchell	Take Cabinet decisions.	Sept	Agencies are currently being consulted on a draft Cabinet paper: "Amendments to the Policing Act 2008", and associated draft RIS, with feedback due by 15 August. Ministerial consultation is due to occur between 25 August and 5 September. The policy approvals paper remains on track for consideration by SOU on 17 September.	
19.	Start delivery of rehabilitation and reintegration services to remand prisoners.	Corrections	Hon Mark Mitchell	Delivery of first new rehabilitation and reintegration services to remand prisoners.	Sept	Corrections has received Joint Ministers' approval for drawdown of tagged contingency funding provided in Budget 2024 (but not available until the 2025/26 financial year). Engagement with sites and unions is ongoing in relation to implementation, with sites determining which services should be prioritised for implementation. Internal recruitment activities have begun at one site.	
20.	Progress legislation to specifically criminalise foreign interference and strengthen espionage offences.	Justice	Hon Paul Goldsmith	Pass the Crimes (Countering Foreign Interference) Amendment Bill.	Sept	The Second Reading of the Crimes (Countering Foreign Interference) Amendment Bill started on 24 July and was interrupted. The Bill is anticipated to reach the Committee of the whole House and Third Reading stages by the end of the quarter.	

Restore Law and Order							
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21.	Take Cabinet decisions to strengthen border and supply chain security.	Customs	Hon Casey Costello	Take Cabinet decisions.	July	The action is complete. A Cabinet paper proposing a set of targeted changes to the Customs and Excise Act 2018 to strengthen Customs' ability to combat border security threats and improve supply chain security, was considered by ECO on 23 July and confirmed by Cabinet on 28 July.	
Deliver Better Public Services							
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22.	Start delivery of an additional 21,000 elective procedures like hip replacements and cataract surgery in 2025/26.	Health	Hon Simeon Brown	Issue statements of work to 60 private providers to deliver surgery at consistent national rates.	July	The action is complete. On 2 July, the Minister announced the issuing of statements of work to 60 private providers to deliver surgery at consistent national rates.	
23.	Open expression of interest for 120 nurse practitioner training places, as part of the Primary Care Action Plan.	Health	Hon Simeon Brown	Expressions of interest for nurse practitioner training are open.	July	The action is complete. An online expression of interest form to establish interest and readiness for the Nurse Practitioner Primary Care programme was released on 31 July and will remain open until 31 August.	
24.	Implement the largest-ever annual funding increase for GP clinics, to help more Kiwis access the primary care they need faster.	Health	Hon Simeon Brown	All payment system changes to be in place by end of August 2025.	Aug	Capitation payments (including enhanced capitation) to the sector have begun from 1 July. Payment system changes are being progressed and will be in place for the August capitation payments.	
25.	Implement the first prototypes for the expansion of Urgent and Unplanned care rollout for rural and remote areas.	Associate Health	Hon Matt Doocey	Implement a range of urgent and after-hours care service improvements in six prototype locations.	Sept	Letters of Agreement between Health NZ and each of the six prototype providers, which set out detailed deliverables in each location including purchasing equipment, training and peer support for clinicians to enable improved access to diagnostics, were sent on 21 July, ahead of the 31 July due date. Health NZ is working with relevant labs to ensure providers have the support required to safely implement enhanced access to diagnostic tests.	

Deliver Better Public Services							
#	Commitment	Lead Portfolio	Lead Minister	Action	Due Month	Delivery Update	Delivery Status
26.	Provide the Government's response to the Education Review Office's report into NCEA Level 1.	Education	Hon Erica Stanford	Take Cabinet decisions on government response to ERO's report into NCEA Level 1.	July	The action is complete. The Cabinet paper: "Proposal to Replace NCEA: Release of Discussion Document" was considered by SOU on 27 June and confirmed by Cabinet on 30 June. Public consultation commenced on 4 August and closes 15 September.	
27.	Introduce the Education and Training (Early Childhood Education Reform) Amendment Bill to give effect to the ECE Regulation Sector Review.	Associate Education	Hon David Seymour	Introduce the Education and Training (Early Childhood Education Reform) Amendment Bill.	July	The action is complete. The Education and Training (Early Childhood Education Reform) Amendment Bill was Introduced to Parliament on 28 July and received its First Reading on 31 July.	
28.	Take key policy decisions to tighten benefits eligibility for 18/19-year-olds.	Social Development	Hon Louise Upston	Take Cabinet decisions on policy design to tighten benefits eligibility for 18/19-year-olds.	Sept	Policy work to support Cabinet decisions is progressing. A Cabinet paper: "Tightening Benefit Eligibility for 18- and 19-year-olds" will be considered by SOU in September.	

Proactively Reviewed



Cabinet

Minute of Decision

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Quarterly Plan Update as at 11 August 2025

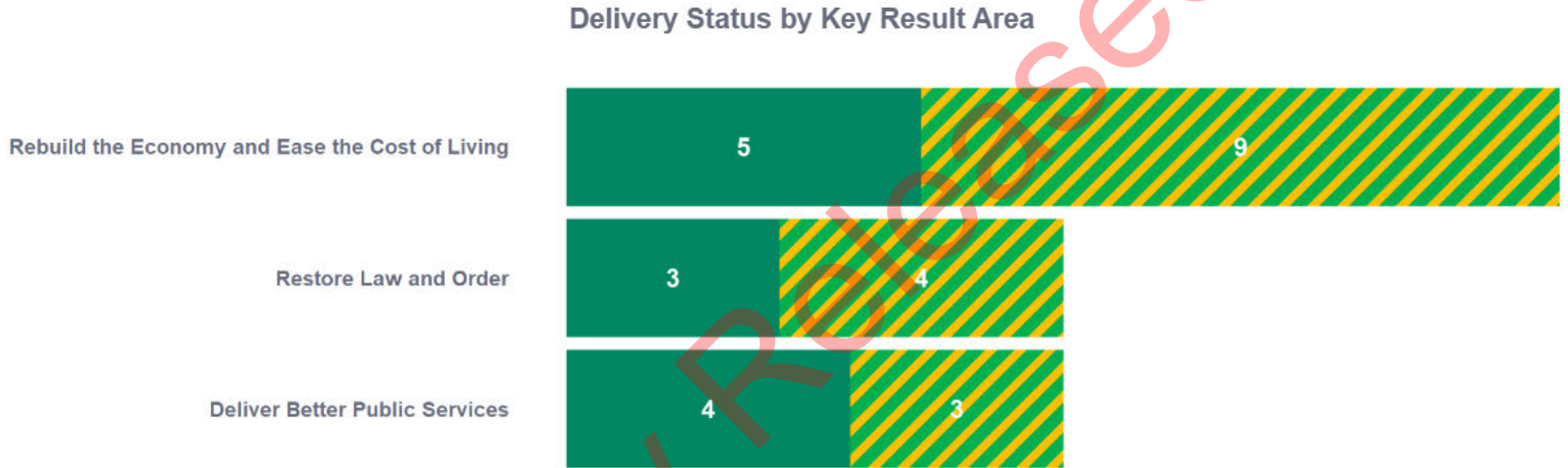
Portfolio **Prime Minister**

On 11 August 2025, Cabinet **noted** the update on the Government's action plan for Quarter Three, attached under CAB-25-SUB-0265.

Rachel Hayward
Secretary of the Cabinet

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Government's Quarterly Plan Update for Quarter 3 as at 25 August



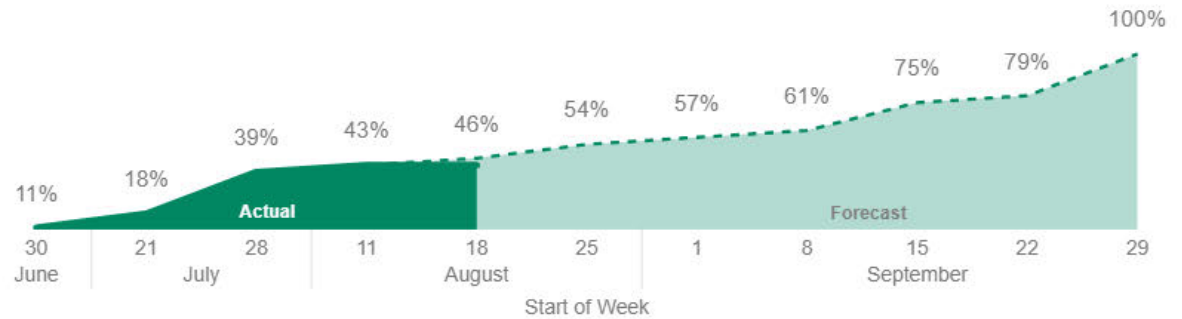
Summary

69% through the quarter (as at 25 August 2025).






43% (12 actions out of 28) are marked as completed - an increase of 1 action since the previous report.





7 actions (25%) are currently forecasting to complete in the last 2 weeks of the quarter.





Action Completion by Date (Actual vs Forecast)










Future Papers	Action	Lead Portfolio	Committee	Date
Food (Exemption of Food for Export) Regulations 2025	14	Food Safety	LEG	21 August
Local Government (Auckland Council) (Transport Governance) Amendment Bill: Approval for Introduction	11	Transport	LEG	21 August
Reducing regulatory barriers to improve supermarket competition and Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 technical amendments	1	Commerce and Consumer Affairs	CAB	25 August
Improving the earthquake prone building system	7	Building and Construction	ECO	10 September
Housing Investment Strategy – delivering the right houses in the right places, for the right people	10	Housing	ECO	10 September
Tightening access to Jobseeker Support and Emergency Benefit for 18- and 19-year-olds	28	Social Development and Employment	SOU	10 September
Amendments to the Policing Act 2008	18	Police	SOU	17 September
Customer and Product Data (Banking and other Deposit-Taking) Regulations 2025 and Customer and Product Data (General Requirements) Regulations 2025	3	Commerce and Consumer Affairs	LEG	18 September




Rebuild the Economy and Ease the Cost of Living							
#	Commitment	Lead Portfolio	Lead Minister	Action	Due Month	Delivery Update	Delivery Status
1.	Announce next steps to improve supermarket competition.	Commerce and Consumer Affairs	Hon Nicola Willis	Announce next steps to improve supermarket competition following Cabinet decisions on the Government's response to the Grocery sector Request for Information.	July	Cabinet considered the paper "Improving Grocery Retail Competition: Next Steps" on 21 July. Further policy decisions, focused on addressing regulatory barriers will be sought at Cabinet on 25 August. These decisions will inform a public announcement on next steps.	
2.	Repeal the ban on offshore oil and gas exploration.	Resources	Hon Shane Jones	Pass the Crown Minerals Amendment Bill.	Aug	The action is complete. The Crown Minerals Amendment Bill was recommitted to Committee of the whole House on 29 July and passed its Third Reading on 31 July.	
3.	Take Cabinet decisions to approve regulations enabling open banking.	Commerce and Consumer Affairs	Hon Scott Simpson	Take Cabinet decisions.	Sept	MBIE released draft regulations for two weeks of public consultation on 15 August and is aiming to provide a draft Cabinet paper: "Customer and Product Data (Banking and other Deposit-Taking) Regulations 2025 and Customer and Product Data (General Requirements) Regulations 2025 to the Minister on 2 September.	
4.	Pass legislation to ratify the New Zealand – United Arab Emirates Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement.	Trade & Investment	Hon Todd McClay	Pass the New Zealand - United Arab Emirates Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement Legislation Amendment Bill.	July	The action is complete. The New Zealand – United Arab Emirates Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement Legislation Amendment Act passed its Third Reading on 22 July and has been granted Royal Assent. Entry into Force is expected to occur in late August following agreement with the UAE.	
5.	Launch a one-off Major Events fund to further boost international visitor numbers and drive economic growth.	Tourism	Hon Louise Upston	Minister to open the one-off Major Events fund to applicants.	Sept	The Minister has approved a paper confirming key operational elements of the Fund. Officials are progressing the development of Fund policy and parameters at the Minister's direction, alongside a range of materials to enable effective operationalisation of the Events Boost Fund.	





Rebuild the Economy and Ease the Cost of Living							
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6.	Publish the first standards allowing the use of more high-quality overseas building products in New Zealand.	Building and Construction	Hon Chris Penk	Publication of Building Product Specifications by MBIE.	July	The action is complete. The first edition of the Building Product Specifications was published on 28 July.	
7.	Take Cabinet policy decisions on changes to earthquake prone building requirements.	Building and Construction	Hon Chris Penk	Take Cabinet decisions.	Sept	Departmental consultation has finished. Ministerial consultation on the Cabinet paper: "Improving the earthquake prone building system" is expected to commence in the week beginning Monday 18 August with a view to making policy decisions at ECO on 10 September followed by an announcement in mid-September.	
8.	Pass the Public Works (Critical Infrastructure) Amendment Bill to streamline the land acquisition process for major infrastructure projects.	Land Information	Hon Chris Penk	Pass the Public Works (Critical Infrastructure) Amendment Bill.	Aug	The Public Works (Critical Infrastructure) Amendment Bill passed its Second Reading on 14 August and is expected to pass the remaining Parliamentary stages by 21 August. Land Information New Zealand (LINZ) is preparing to implement the amendments brought about by the Bill.	
9.	Pass the Resource Management (Consenting and Other System Changes) Amendment Bill to provide resource management system improvements and enable housing growth in our largest cities.	RMA Reform	Hon Chris Bishop	Pass the Resource Management (Consenting and Other System Changes) Amendment Bill.	Aug	The action is complete. The Resource Management (Consenting and Other System Changes) Amendment Bill passed its Third Reading on 14 August.	
10.	Take Cabinet decisions on the first Housing Investment Strategy to improve value for money from Government investment in the housing system.	Housing	Hon Chris Bishop	Take Cabinet decisions.	s9(2)(f)(iv)		

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11.	Introduce legislation on Auckland Transport to strengthen governance and planning arrangements.	Transport	Hon Chris Bishop	Introduce the Local Government (Auckland Council) (Transport Governance) Amendment Bill.	Sept	The Local Government (Auckland Council) (Transport Governance) Amendment Bill and accompanying Cabinet paper will be considered by LEG on 21 August, followed by Cabinet confirmation on 25 August. It is intended that the Bill is introduced by the end of August.	
12.	Take decisions on the Skilled Migrant Category visa to attract and retain skilled and experienced trades and technicians.	Immigration	Hon Erica Stanford	Take Cabinet decisions.	Aug	The Cabinet paper: "Skilled Migrant Category: Proposals for Change" was deferred by ECO on 13 August. New timeframes for this work, including Cabinet consideration, are being prepared.	
13.	Establish two new Public Research Organisations (Institute for Bioeconomy Science and Institute for Earth Science).	Science, Innovation and Technology	Hon Dr Shane Reti	Create the New Zealand Institute for Bioeconomy Science by amalgamating AgResearch, Manaaki Whenua, Plant & Food Research, and Scion; and create the New Zealand Institute for Earth Science by amalgamating NIWA and GNS.	July	The action is complete. The Minister announced the establishment of the New Zealand Institute for Bioeconomy Science and the New Zealand Institute for Earth Science on 1 July.	
14.	Finalise Export Exemptions Regulations under the Food Act.	Food Safety	Hon Andrew Hoggard	Take Cabinet decisions.	Sept	A Cabinet paper: "Food (Exemption of Food for Export) Regulations 2025" is planned for consideration by LEG on 21 August, followed by Cabinet confirmation on 25 August. Copies of the regulations were lodged with the Cabinet Office on 14 August.	

Restore Law and Order							
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15.	Progress legislation to make stalking an illegal and jailable offence.	Justice	Hon Paul Goldsmith	Progress the Crimes Legislation (Stalking and Harassment) Amendment Bill through to Committee of the whole House stage.	Sept	The Crimes Legislation (Stalking and Harassment) Amendment Bill is awaiting the Committee of the whole House and final stages.	
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19.	Start delivery of rehabilitation and reintegration services to remand prisoners.	Corrections	Hon Mark Mitchell	Delivery of first new rehabilitation and reintegration services to remand prisoners.	Sept	Engagement with sites and unions is ongoing in relation to implementation, with sites determining which services should be prioritised for implementation. These plans will be approved before the end of 2025. Initial recruitment activities have begun at one site to enable the provision of offence-focused rehabilitation (Short Rehabilitation Programme) and skills-based programmes. Delivery of these programmes will start in this quarter. Procurement at two sites is complete for a psycho-educational service to build awareness of the impacts of alcohol and drugs. This service will start in this quarter.	

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21.	Take Cabinet decisions to strengthen border and supply chain security.	Customs	Hon Casey Costello	Take Cabinet decisions.	July	The action is complete. A Cabinet paper proposing a set of targeted changes to the Customs and Excise Act 2018 to strengthen Customs' ability to combat border security threats and improve supply chain security, was considered by ECO on 23 July and confirmed by Cabinet on 28 July.	

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24.	Implement the largest-ever annual funding increase for GP clinics, to help more Kiwis access the primary care they need faster.	Health	Hon Simeon Brown	All payment system changes to be in place by end of August 2025.	Aug	Full capitation payments (including performance-based contingent capitation) continue to be made to the sector. Payment system changes are being progressed and are scheduled to go live on 1 September.	

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25.	Implement the first prototypes for the expansion of Urgent and Unplanned care rollout for rural and remote areas.	Associate Health	Hon Matt Doocey	Implement a range of urgent and after-hours care service improvements in six prototype locations.	Sept	Planning continues with locations on purchasing equipment, training and peer support for clinicians to enable safe and improved access to diagnostics. This includes schedules Point of Care Ultrasound (POCUS) training for clinicians.	
26.	Provide the Government's response to the Education Review Office's report into NCEA Level 1.	Education	Hon Erica Stanford	Take Cabinet decisions on government response to ERO's report into NCEA Level 1.	July	The action is complete. The Cabinet paper: "Proposal to Replace NCEA: Release of Discussion Document" was considered by SOU on 27 June and confirmed by Cabinet on 30 June. Public consultation commenced on 4 August and closes 15 September.	
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28.	Take key policy decisions to tighten benefits eligibility for 18/19-year-olds.	Social Development	Hon Louise Upston	Take Cabinet decisions on policy design to tighten benefits eligibility for 18/19-year-olds.	Sept	Policy work to support Cabinet decisions is underway, with agency and Ministerial consultation scheduled to begin in mid-August. The Cabinet paper: "Tightening access to Jobseeker Support and Emergency Benefit for 18- and 19-year-olds" is due to be considered by SOU on 10 September.	

Government's Quarterly Plan Update for the Cabinet Meeting of 15 September



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Delivery Status by Key Result Area



Summary

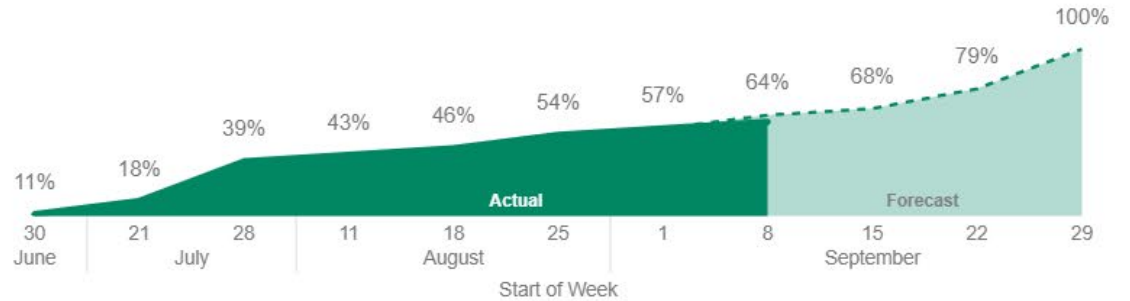
82% through the quarter (as at 15 September 2025).

61% (17 actions out of 28) are marked as completed - an increase of 5 action since the previous report.

2 actions (#3 & #18) have signaled risks for completion within the quarter and will be closely monitored over the next reporting period.







6 actions (21%) are currently forecasting to complete in the last 2 weeks of the quarter.




Action Completion by Date (Actual vs Forecast)











Future Papers	Action	Lead Portfolio	Committee	Date
Improving the earthquake prone building system	7	Building and Construction	ECO	10 September
Skilled Migrant Category: Proposals for Change	12	Immigration	ECO	10 September
Tightening access to Jobseeker Support and Emergency Benefit for 18- and 19-year-olds	28	Social Development and Employment	SOU	17 September
Amendments to the Policing Act 2008	18	Police	SOU	17 September
Housing Investment Strategy – delivering the right houses in the right places, for the right people	10	Housing	CAB	22 September
Customer and Product Data (Banking and other Deposit-Taking) Regulations 2025 and Customer and Product Data (General Requirements) Regulations 2025	3	Commerce and Consumer Affairs	LEG	TBC




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1.	Announce next steps to improve supermarket competition.	Commerce and Consumer Affairs	Hon Nicola Willis	Announce next steps to improve supermarket competition following Cabinet decisions on the Government's response to the Grocery sector Request for Information.	July	The action is complete. On 25 August, Cabinet considered the paper: "Reducing Regulatory Barriers to Improve Supermarket Competition and Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 Technical Amendments". On 27 August, the Minister announced changes to remove barriers to entry and speed up the development of grocery developments to improve competition.	
2.	Repeal the ban on offshore oil and gas exploration.	Resources	Hon Shane Jones	Pass the Crown Minerals Amendment Bill.	Aug	The action is complete. The Crown Minerals Amendment Bill was recommitted to Committee of the whole House on 29 July and passed its Third Reading on 31 July.	
3.	Take Cabinet decisions to approve regulations enabling open banking.	Commerce and Consumer Affairs	Hon Scott Simpson	Take Cabinet decisions.	Sept	MBIE consulted on draft regulations on 15 August, which require additional drafting to address compliance issues identified. MBIE is exploring options for seeking Cabinet decisions on the regulations but this might not be possible in the required timeframe. Timelines are tight for completion within the quarter and progress will be closely monitored.	
4.	Pass legislation to ratify the New Zealand – United Arab Emirates Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement.	Trade & Investment	Hon Todd McClay	Pass the New Zealand - United Arab Emirates Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement Legislation Amendment Bill.	July	The action is complete. The New Zealand – United Arab Emirates Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement Legislation Amendment Act passed its Third Reading on 22 July and has been granted Royal Assent. Entry into Force is expected to occur in late August following agreement with the UAE.	
5.	Launch a one-off Major Events fund to further boost international visitor numbers and drive economic growth.	Tourism	Hon Louise Upston	Minister to open the one-off Major Events fund to applicants.	Sept	Officials have finalised all necessary processes, systems, and supporting documentation to enable the fund to open to applicants following a Ministerial announcement within the week.	
6.	Publish the first standards allowing the use of more high-quality overseas building products in New Zealand.	Building and Construction	Hon Chris Penk	Publication of Building Product Specifications by MBIE.	July	The action is complete. The first edition of the Building Product Specifications was published on 28 July.	



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7.	Take Cabinet policy decisions on changes to earthquake prone building requirements.	Building and Construction	Hon Chris Penk	Take Cabinet decisions.	Sept	Ministerial consultation on the Cabinet paper: "Improving the earthquake prone building system" concluded on 3 September. The final paper will be considered by ECO on 10 September, followed by Cabinet confirmation on 15 September and an announcement in late September.	
8.	Pass the Public Works (Critical Infrastructure) Amendment Bill to streamline the land acquisition process for major infrastructure projects.	Land Information	Hon Chris Penk	Pass the Public Works (Critical Infrastructure) Amendment Bill.	Aug	The action is complete. The Public Works (Critical Infrastructure) Amendment Bill reached Royal Assent on 26 August and the amendments took effect on 27 August. Land Information New Zealand (LINZ) is implementing the amendments brought about by the Bill.	
9.	Pass the Resource Management (Consenting and Other System Changes) Amendment Bill to provide resource management system improvements and enable housing growth in our largest cities.	RMA Reform	Hon Chris Bishop	Pass the Resource Management (Consenting and Other System Changes) Amendment Bill.	Aug	The action is complete. The Resource Management (Consenting and Other System Changes) Amendment Bill passed its Third Reading on 14 August.	
10.	Take Cabinet decisions on the first Housing Investment Strategy to improve value for money from Government investment in the housing system.	Housing	Hon Chris Bishop	Take Cabinet decisions.	s9(2)(f)(iv)		

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11.	Introduce legislation on Auckland Transport to strengthen governance and planning arrangements.	Transport	Hon Chris Bishop	Introduce the Local Government (Auckland Council) (Transport Governance) Amendment Bill.	Sept	The action is complete. Cabinet approved the Local Government (Auckland Council) (Transport Governance) Amendment Bill for introduction and agreed that Government propose to refer the Bill to the Transport and Infrastructure Committee for consideration. The Bill was introduced on 5 September and the First Reading is scheduled for the week commencing 15 September.	
12.	Take decisions on the Skilled Migrant Category visa to attract and retain skilled and experienced trades and technicians.	Immigration	Hon Erica Stanford	Take Cabinet decisions.	Aug	The Cabinet paper: "Skilled Migrant Category: Proposals for Change" will be considered by ECO on 10 September and is intended to go for Cabinet confirmation on 15 September.	
13.	Establish two new Public Research Organisations (Institute for Bioeconomy Science and Institute for Earth Science).	Science, Innovation and Technology	Hon Dr Shane Reti	Create the New Zealand Institute for Bioeconomy Science by amalgamating AgResearch, Manaaki Whenua, Plant & Food Research, and Scion; and create the New Zealand Institute for Earth Science by amalgamating NIWA and GNS.	July	The action is complete. The Minister announced the establishment of the New Zealand Institute for Bioeconomy Science and the New Zealand Institute for Earth Science on 1 July.	
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18.	Take Cabinet decisions on legislation to affirm Police's authority to collect, use and retain information about individuals in public places for lawful policing purposes.	Police	Hon Mark Mitchell	Take Cabinet decisions.	Sept	Ministerial consultation was completed between 25 August and 5 September on the draft Cabinet paper: "Amendments to the Policing Act 2008" and associated Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS). Feedback is currently being considered as part of finalising these documents. Policy approvals will be sought by SOU on 17 September and Cabinet on 22 September. Timelines are tight for completion within the quarter and progress will be closely monitored.	

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19.	Start delivery of rehabilitation and reintegration services to remand prisoners.	Corrections	Hon Mark Mitchell	Delivery of first new rehabilitation and reintegration services to remand prisoners.	Sept	<p>Engagement with sites and unions is ongoing in relation to implementation, with sites determining which services should be prioritised for implementation. These plans will be approved before the end of 2025.</p> <p>Suitability and eligibility assessments to confirm participants for the Short Rehabilitation Programme have begun at two sites. This will enable delivery of offence-focused rehabilitation to a small number of remand prisoners in September.</p> <p>Procurement at two sites is complete for a psycho-educational service to build awareness of the impacts of alcohol and drugs. This service is planned to start in September.</p> <p>A small cohort of remand prisoners has begun a skills-based programme at one prison. This is focused on managing thinking, emotions, and whanau.</p>	
20.	Progress legislation to specifically criminalise foreign interference and strengthen espionage offences.	Justice	Hon Paul Goldsmith	Pass the Crimes (Countering Foreign Interference) Amendment Bill.	Sept	The Crimes (Countering Foreign Interference) Amendment Bill is awaiting completion of the Second Reading and all remaining stages.	
21.	Take Cabinet decisions to strengthen border and supply chain security.	Customs	Hon Casey Costello	Take Cabinet decisions.	July	The action is complete. A Cabinet paper proposing a set of targeted changes to the Customs and Excise Act 2018, to strengthen Customs' ability to combat border security threats and improve supply chain security, was considered by ECO on 23 July and confirmed by Cabinet on 28 July.	

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22.	Start delivery of an additional 21,000 elective procedures like hip replacements and cataract surgery in 2025/26.	Health	Hon Simeon Brown	Issue statements of work to 60 private providers to deliver surgery at consistent national rates.	July	The action is complete. On 2 July, the Minister announced the issuing of statements of work to 60 private providers to deliver surgery at consistent national rates.	
23.	Open expression of interest for 120 nurse practitioner training places, as part of the Primary Care Action Plan.	Health	Hon Simeon Brown	Expressions of interest for nurse practitioner training are open.	July	The action is complete. An online expression of interest form to establish interest and readiness for the Nurse Practitioner Primary Care programme was released on 31 July and remained open until 31 August.	
24.	Implement the largest-ever annual funding increase for GP clinics, to help more Kiwis access the primary care they need faster.	Health	Hon Simeon Brown	All payment system changes to be in place by end of August 2025.	Aug	The action is complete. Full capitation payments (including performance-based contingent capitation) are being made to the sector.	
25.	Implement the first prototypes for the expansion of Urgent and Unplanned care rollout for rural and remote areas.	Associate Health	Hon Matt Dooney	Implement a range of urgent and after-hours care service improvements in six prototype locations.	Sept	<p>Prototype sites are in the process of purchasing Point of Care Ultrasound (POCUS) equipment. 18 clinicians have registered for POCUS training and are ready to participate in an online clinical and peer support programme for a further 6 months.</p> <p>Discussions are underway with laboratories to ascertain their capacity to support high quality, nationally consistent Point of Care tests across rural and remote urgent care services.</p> <p>Contracts for trial on-call pharmacy services in two locations are being drafted. These services will improve communities' access to medicines after hours.</p>	
26.	Provide the Government's response to the Education Review Office's report into NCEA Level 1.	Education	Hon Erica Stanford	Take Cabinet decisions on government response to ERO's report into NCEA Level 1.	July	The action is complete. The Cabinet paper: "Proposal to Replace NCEA: Release of Discussion Document" was considered by SOU on 27 June and confirmed by Cabinet on 30 June. Public consultation commenced on 4 August and closes 15 September.	

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27.	Introduce the Education and Training (Early Childhood Education Reform) Amendment Bill to give effect to the ECE Regulation Sector Review.	Associate Education	Hon David Seymour	Introduce the Education and Training (Early Childhood Education Reform) Amendment Bill.	July	The action is complete. The Education and Training (Early Childhood Education Reform) Amendment Bill was introduced to Parliament on 28 July and received its First Reading on 31 July.	
28.	Take key policy decisions to tighten benefits eligibility for 18/19-year-olds.	Social Development	Hon Louise Upston	Take Cabinet decisions on policy design to tighten benefits eligibility for 18/19-year-olds.	Sept	Policy work to support Cabinet decisions is underway, with agency and Ministerial consultation scheduled to begin in early September. The Cabinet paper: "Tightening access to Jobseeker Support and Emergency Benefit for 18- and 19-year-olds" is due to be considered by SOU on 17 September.	

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Quarterly Plan Update as at 15 September 2025

Portfolio **Prime Minister**

On 15 September 2025, Cabinet **noted** the update on the Government's action plan for Quarter Three, attached under CAB-25-SUB-0312.

Rachel Hayward
Secretary of the Cabinet

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Government's Quarterly Plan - Final Progress Report for Quarter 3 2025

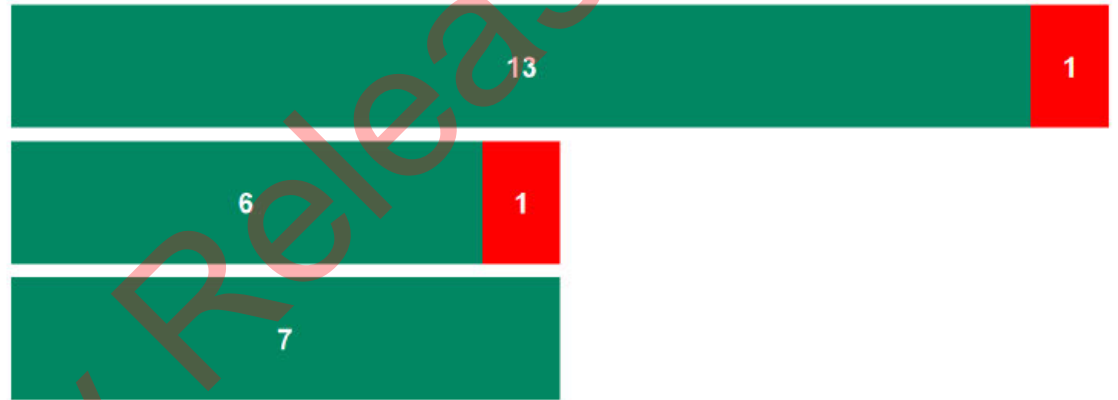


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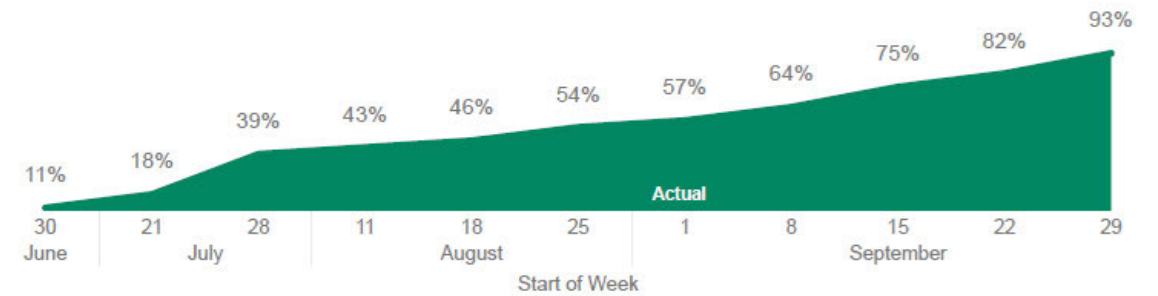
93% (26 actions out of 28) have been achieved in the Q3 plan.







2 actions were not completed during the quarter:





* Action 3 - Take Cabinet decisions to approve regulations enabling open banking was partially completed with further time required to complete additional drafting required to address identified compliance issues.




* Action 20 - Progress legislation to specifically criminalise foreign interference and strengthen espionage offences. While progress on the Second Reading of The Crimes (Countering Foreign Interference) Amendment Bill was made during the quarter, the Bill is awaiting completion of its Second Reading and remaining stages.



Action Completion by Date













Rebuild the Economy and Ease the Cost of Living							
#	Commitment	Lead Portfolio	Lead Minister	Action	Due Month	Delivery Update	Delivery Status
1.	Announce next steps to improve supermarket competition.	Commerce and Consumer Affairs	Hon Nicola Willis	Announce next steps to improve supermarket competition following Cabinet decisions on the Government's response to the Grocery sector Request for Information.	July	The action is complete. On 25 August, Cabinet considered the paper: "Reducing Regulatory Barriers to Improve Supermarket Competition and Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 Technical Amendments". On 27 August, the Minister announced changes to remove barriers to entry and speed up the development of grocery developments to improve competition.	
2.	Repeal the ban on offshore oil and gas exploration.	Resources	Hon Shane Jones	Pass the Crown Minerals Amendment Bill.	Aug	The action is complete. The Crown Minerals Amendment Bill passed its Third Reading on 31 July.	
3.	Take Cabinet decisions to approve regulations enabling open banking.	Commerce and Consumer Affairs	Hon Scott Simpson	Take Cabinet decisions.	Sept	The action was partially completed. Further time was required to complete the additional drafting required to address identified compliance issues. The open banking regulations are now planned to be considered by ECO on 8 October.	
4.	Pass legislation to ratify the New Zealand – United Arab Emirates Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement.	Trade & Investment	Hon Todd McClay	Pass the New Zealand - United Arab Emirates Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement Legislation Amendment Bill.	July	The action is complete. The New Zealand – United Arab Emirates Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement Legislation Amendment Act passed its Third Reading on 22 July.	
5.	Launch a one-off Major Events fund to further boost international visitor numbers and drive economic growth.	Tourism	Hon Louise Upston	Minister to open the one-off Major Events fund to applicants.	Sept	The action is complete. The Minister announced the launch of the Events Boost fund on 14 September and the fund opened for applications from 15 September.	
6.	Publish the first standards allowing the use of more high-quality overseas building products in New Zealand.	Building and Construction	Hon Chris Penk	Publication of Building Product Specifications by MBIE.	July	The action is complete. The first edition of the Building Product Specifications was published on 28 July.	



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7.	Take Cabinet policy decisions on changes to earthquake prone building requirements.	Building and Construction	Hon Chris Penk	Take Cabinet decisions.	Sept	The action is complete. The Cabinet paper: "Focusing the Earthquake-prone Building System" was considered by ECO on 10 September and confirmed by Cabinet on 15 September.	
8.	Pass the Public Works (Critical Infrastructure) Amendment Bill to streamline the land acquisition process for major infrastructure projects.	Land Information	Hon Chris Penk	Pass the Public Works (Critical Infrastructure) Amendment Bill.	Aug	The action is complete. The Public Works (Critical Infrastructure) Amendment Bill reached Royal Assent on 26 August and the amendments took effect on 27 August.	
9.	Pass the Resource Management (Consenting and Other System Changes) Amendment Bill to provide resource management system improvements and enable housing growth in our largest cities.	RMA Reform	Hon Chris Bishop	Pass the Resource Management (Consenting and Other System Changes) Amendment Bill.	Aug	The action is complete. The Resource Management (Consenting and Other System Changes) Amendment Bill passed its Third Reading on 14 August.	
10.	Take Cabinet decisions on the first Housing Investment Strategy to improve value for money from Government investment in the housing system.	Housing	Hon Chris Bishop	Take Cabinet decisions.	s9(2)(f)(iv)		
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