



Proactive Release

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Government's Quarterly Plan - Progress reports for Quarter 4, 2025

The following documents have been included in this release:

Title of document: Government's Quarterly Plan Update as at 28 October 2025

Title of paper: Government's Quarterly Plan Update for the Cabinet Meeting of 10 November 2025 (CAB-25-SUB-0396)

Title of minute: Quarterly Plan Update as at 10 November 2025 (CAB-25-MIN-0396)

Title of document: Government's Quarterly Plan Update for the 24 November 2025

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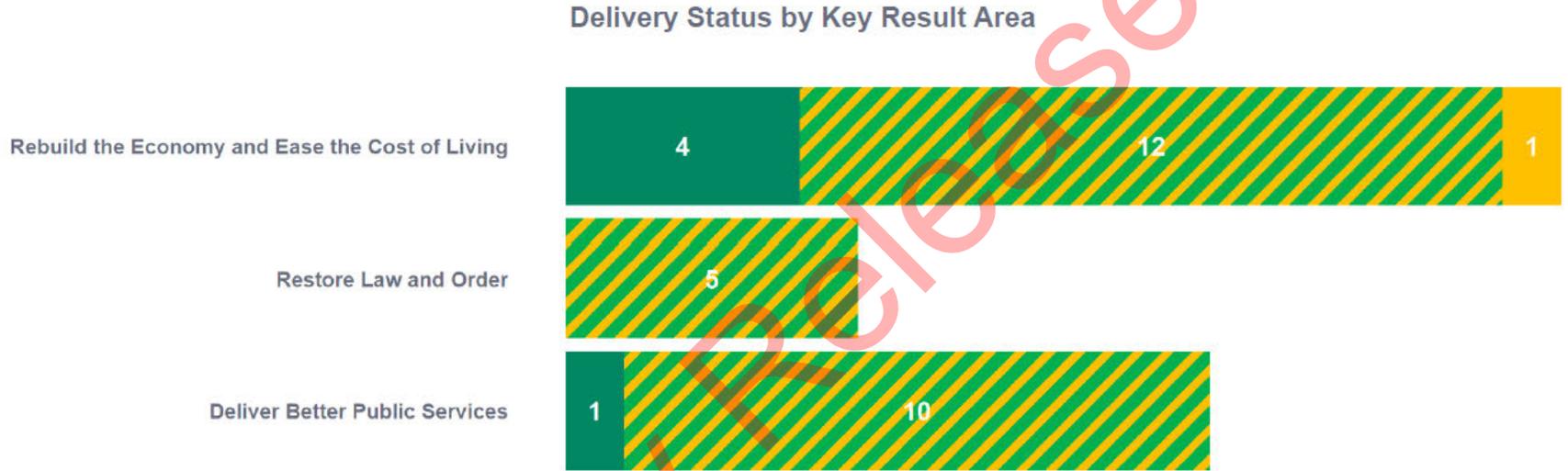
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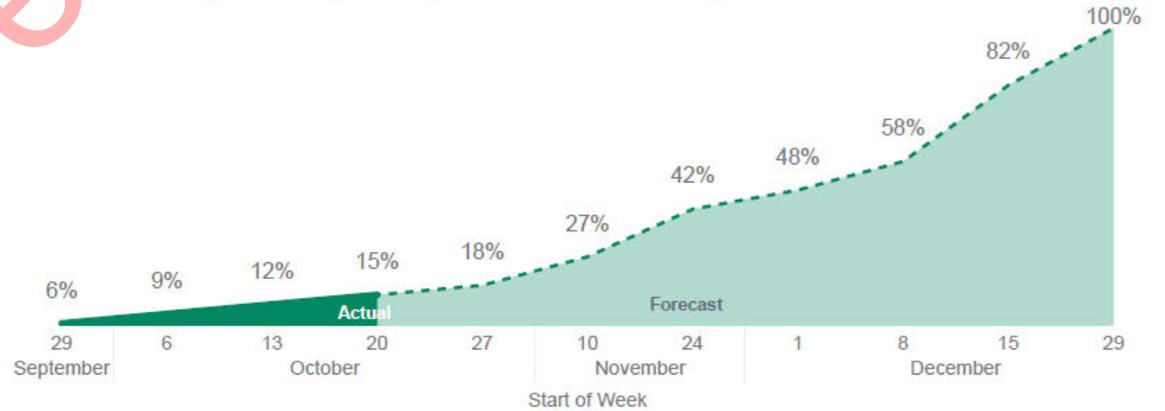
Government's Quarterly Plan Update as at 28 October 2025



Summary

29% through the quarter (as at 28 October 2025).
 15% (5 actions out of 33) are marked as completed

Action Completion by Date (Actual vs Forecast)



Future Papers	Action	Lead Portfolio	Committee	Date
Approval of the final Tertiary Education Strategy	26	Universities / Vocational Education	SOU	5 November
Crimes Amendment Bill: Approval for Introduction	19	Justice	LEG	6 November
Education and Training (System Reform) Amendment Bill: Approval for Introduction	31	Education	LEG	6 or 13 November
Arms Bill: Approval for Introduction and further policy approvals	18	Associate Justice	LEG	13 November
A rate capping model for New Zealand	9	Local Government	CBC	24 November
Strengthen responses to public disorder	20	Justice	s9(2)(f)(iv)	
Tackling Transnational, Serious and Organised Crime	22	Police/Customs	SOU	3 December
Introduction of the Commerce Amendment Bill	11	Commerce and Consumer Affairs	LEG	4 December
Introduction of Bills to the House, research and innovation/Treaty matters	1	TBC	TBC	TBC
Infrastructure Funding and Financing Amendment Bill: Approval for Introduction	4	Housing	LEG	TBC

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Rebuild the Economy and Ease the Cost of Living							
#	Commitment	Lead Portfolio	Lead Minister	Action	Due Month	Delivery Update	Delivery Status
1.	Introduce new planning legislation to replace the RMA.	RMA Reform	Hon Chris Bishop	Introduce the Natural Environment and Planning Bills.	Dec	Bill drafting is well advanced, and early engagement across government is underway ahead of formal consultation on the Cabinet paper seeking approval to introduce the legislation.	
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	Hon Chris Bishop	Pass the Fast-track Approvals Amendment Bill.	Dec	The Fast-track Approvals Amendment Bill Cabinet package has been provided to lead Ministers for agreement to commence Ministerial and departmental consultation, which is anticipated to commence shortly.	
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	Hon Chris Bishop / Hon Chris Penk	Pass the Building and Construction (Small Stand-alone Dwellings) Amendment Bill.	Dec	The Building and Construction (Small Stand-alone Dwellings) Amendment Bill has completed the Committee of the whole House stage and is on track to complete the remaining Parliamentary stages before the end of the quarter.	
4.	Introduce legislation to amend the Infrastructure Funding and Financing Act.	Infrastructure	Hon Chris Bishop	Introduce legislation to amend the Infrastructure Funding and Financing Act.	Dec	A draft Cabinet paper: "Infrastructure Funding and Financing Amendment Bill: Approval for Introduction" has been approved by the Minister. Ministerial consultation on the Cabinet paper and draft Bill is expected to commence within the next fortnight.	
5.	Publish the Government's priorities for Budget 2026 in the Budget Policy Statement.	Finance	Hon Nicola Willis	Publish the Budget Policy Statement.	Dec	The Minister will consult Cabinet on the priorities for Budget 2026 by 8 December. The Budget Policy Statement will be published on 16 December.	

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6.	Outline next steps of Going For Growth agenda in two pillars: Promoting Global Trade and Investment, and Innovation, Technology and Science.	Economic Growth	Hon Nicola Willis	Public release of the two pillars: Promoting Trade and Investment, and Innovation, Technology and Science which include an update on activity in these areas.	Nov	<p>The draft chapter for the Innovation, Technology and Science pillar is on track to be released in early November. It is being finalised during the week of 20 October for Ministerial feedback by 28 October. Supporting communications packs and event arrangements for the release event are also being finalised and are on track.</p> <p>The draft chapter for the Promoting Global Trade and Investment pillar is on track to be completed by early November for Ministerial review and feedback in mid-November, and public release in late November.</p>	
7.	Pass legislation to enable Time of Use charging in our major cities.	Transport	Hon Chris Bishop	Pass the Land Transport Management (Time of Use Charging) Amendment Bill.	Nov	The Second Reading for the Land Transport Management (Time of Use Charging) Amendment Bill began on 15 October. The debate was interrupted, and the Bill is fifth on the Order Paper as at 21 October.	
8.	Launch the Community Housing Provider Loan Guarantee Scheme to reduce borrowing costs for housing providers.	Housing	Hon Chris Bishop	Launch the Community Housing Provider Loan Guarantee Scheme.	Oct	The action is complete. The Community Housing Provider Loan Guarantee Scheme was launched by the Ministers of Housing and Finance on 1 October.	
9.	Take policy decisions to introduce rate caps.	Local Government	Hon Simon Watts	Take policy decisions.	Dec	A draft Cabinet paper: "A rate capping model for New Zealand" has been provided to the Minister for approval. The paper is targeted for consideration by CBC on 24 November, followed by Cabinet confirmation on 1 December.	
10.	Pass the Regulatory Standards Bill.	Regulation	Hon David Seymour	Pass the Regulatory Standards Bill.	Dec	Timing of the passage of the Regulatory Standards Bill is subject to the legislative programme confirmed by the Leader of the House. The Bill requires the Second Reading, Committee of the whole House, and Third Reading stages to be completed for enactment.	

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12.	Publish the Defence Industry Strategy.	Defence	Hon Judith Collins KC	Publish the Defence Industry Strategy.	Oct	The action is complete. The Defence Industry Strategy was published on 3 October and announced by the Minister on the same day.	
13.	Introduce legislation to focus the earthquake prone building system on high-risk buildings.	Building and Construction	Hon Chris Penk	Introduce the Building (Earthquake-prone Buildings) Amendment Bill	Dec	Drafting instructions have been issued and a draft Bill is being prepared. Timeframes are tight for delivery by the end of the quarter and progress will be monitored over the next period.	
14.	Sign contracts for and publicly detail the Government's ferry solution for Cook Strait.	Rail	Rt Hon Winston Peters	Ship building contracts for the Government's Ferry solution for Cook Strait are signed and a public announcement is made.	Dec	Ferry Holdings Limited (FHL) is in the final stage of ship contract negotiations. Shareholding Ministers will receive advice recommending approval of contracts on 6 November, ahead of meeting with FHL board members on 12 November. The Minister is expected to announce the contracts have been signed on 19 November.	
15.	Begin the hospitality sector review.	Regulation	Hon David Seymour	Release of the Terms of Reference for the hospitality sector review.	Oct	The action is complete. The hospitality sector review was announced by the Minister on 15 October and the Terms of Reference document was published on the same day.	
16.	Pass the Hauraki Gulf Marine Protection Bill to establish new marine protected areas.	Conservation	Hon Tama Potaka	Pass the Hauraki Gulf Marine Protection Bill.	Oct	The action is complete. The Hauraki Gulf / Tikapa Moana Marine Protection Bill passed its Third Reading on 7 October.	

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17.	Confirm the first events that will be funded by the \$50 million Events Attraction and one-off Events Boost packages.	Tourism and Hospitality	Hon Louise Upston	Determine the first investments that will be funded by the Events Attraction Package and Events Boost Fund.	Dec	<p>An advisory panel has been appointed to provide strategic guidance for the Events Attraction Package. The MBIE secretariat has curated a long list of investment opportunities, which the panel will now shortlist for the due diligence phase.</p> <p>The first tranche of 71 applications for the Events Boost Fund have been assessed by an independent panel. Advice recommending \$6.18m across 19 events is currently with the Minister for approval. The remaining 127 applications will be submitted to the Minister for decision by 31 October.</p>	

Restore Law and Order							
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18.	Introduce legislation for the Arms Act and refer to Select Committee.	Associate Justice	Hon Nicole McKee	Introduce legislation.	Nov	A draft Bill and Cabinet paper: "Arms Bill: Approval for Introduction and further policy approvals" will be considered by the Minister on 20 October prior to Ministerial Consultation planned between 24 and 31 October. The Bill is scheduled to be introduced into the House on 17 November, with a first reading on 18 November. It will then be referred to Select Committee.	
19.	Introduce legislation to strengthen consequences for crime in the Crimes Act, including new citizens' arrest powers.	Justice	Hon Paul Goldsmith	Introduce legislation.	Nov	A draft Bill and Cabinet paper: "Crimes Amendment Bill: Approval for Introduction" are currently out for agency and Ministerial consultation. The Bill is scheduled to be considered by LEG on 6 November, confirmed by Cabinet on 10 November, and introduced to the House on 11 November.	

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21.	Pass legislation to make stalking an illegal and jailable offence.	Justice	Hon Paul Goldsmith	Pass the Crimes Legislation (Stalking and Harassment) Amendment Bill.	Dec	The Crimes Legislation (Stalking and Harassment) Amendment Bill is awaiting its final stages in the House.	
22.	Release an updated Transnational, Serious, and Organised Crime Strategy and Action Plan.	Customs / Police	Hon Casey Costello	Release an updated Transnational, Serious, and Organised Crime Strategy and Action Plan.	Dec	Consultation on a draft Transnational, Serious and Organised Crime Cabinet Paper, Strategy and Action Plan is expected to take place between 7 and 21 November. The papers are expected to be considered by SOU on 3 December.	

Deliver Better Public Services							
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23.	End contracted emergency housing in Rotorua.	Associate Housing	Hon Tama Potaka	End contracted emergency housing in Rotorua.	Dec	The Ministry currently has contracts remaining with two motel sites and are on track to exit one by 15 November and one by 15 December.	
24.	Begin construction on a new medical school at the University of Waikato.	Universities / Health	Hon Dr Shane Reti / Hon Simeon Brown	Sod-turning ceremony completed to mark the beginning of construction on a new medical school at the University of Waikato.	Dec	The Ministers of Health, Universities, and Finance will consider and sign off the first Approval to Deliver by 28 November to enable the release of Crown funding for the construction of on-campus facilities at the University of Waikato to commence. Construction will commence on 5 December with the Ministers of Health and Universities confirmed in attendance to mark the occasion.	

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25.	Progress legislation to support the timeliness, efficiency, integrity and resilience of the electoral system, and ban prisoner voting.	Justice	Hon Paul Goldsmith	Progress the Electoral Matters Amendment Bill.	Dec	The Electoral Amendment Bill is currently before the Justice Committee and due to be reported back to the House by 1 December.	
26.	Issue a new Tertiary Education Strategy focussed on innovation and productivity.	Universities / Vocational Education	Hon Dr Shane Reti / Hon Penny Simmonds	Gazette and publish the new Tertiary Education Strategy.	Nov	Targeted consultation with the tertiary sector and industry stakeholders was completed on 30 September, and the updated Tertiary Education Strategy was provided to Ministers for their feedback on 15 October. Ministerial consultation is expected to start on 22 October.	
27.	Publish Health NZ's ten-year Digital Investment Plan.	Health	Hon Simeon Brown	Publish public facing version of Health NZ's ten-year Digital Investment Plan.	Dec	Health NZ has completed a draft Digital Investment Plan. A draft Cabinet paper: "Health Digital Investment Plan to put patients first" was considered by ECO on 22 October, for Cabinet confirmation on 28 October.	
28.	Roll out a boost to diagnostic services, ensuring timely, quality testing for New Zealanders.	Health	Hon Simeon Brown	Regional plans, additional resourcing and outsourcing in place to achieve the 30 June 2026 activity uplift of 75,000 additional scans and wait time improvements.	Dec	Key delivery over the last period includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional radiology boost delivery plans have been developed to deliver on activity uplift for CT, MRI and Colonoscopies. 13 additional Radiology Registered Medical Officer (RMO) trainees and 13 echo sonographer trainees have been identified, who will start their training in January 2026 to help grow workforce locally for the future. Two new state of the art Photon counting CT machines have been installed; one each in Christchurch and Kenepuru. Also, there was confirmation of Health NZ's commitment to purchase 32 new and replacement CT, SPECT and MRI machines over the next 3 years. Canterbury and Nelson have been selected for AI pilot sites to test head, chest and fracture detection. 	

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29.	Make additional investments through the Social Investment Fund to improve the lives of vulnerable New Zealanders.	Social Investment	Hon Nicola Willis	Announce final decisions for Round One of the New Investments pathway.	Nov	The Registration of Interest process for Round One of the New Investments Pathway was open from 25 August to 23 September. Shortlisted organisations have been requested to provide a full proposal by the end of October. Community feedback on the shortlisted initiatives is open from 14-28 October via the SIA website. Decisions on successful initiatives will be announced by the Minister by the end of November.	
30.	Make the new assessment tool (SMART) available for familiarisation.	Education	Hon Erica Stanford	The familiarisation site for Student Monitoring and Reporting Tool (SMART) will be available to the sector.	Nov	Items used as part of the tool, which will enable tests to be undertaken, are being developed and will be shown to selected schools from 3-7 November. Item trialling of SMART will be conducted between 10 and 21 November and the familiarisation site is on track for availability to the sector before the end of the term.	
31.	Introduce legislation to establish the New Zealand School Property Agency.	Education	Hon Erica Stanford	Introduce legislation to establish the New Zealand School Property Agency.	Nov	A draft Bill and Cabinet paper: "Education and Training (System Reform) Amendment Bill: Approval for Introduction" is currently out for departmental consultation. The Bill and draft Cabinet paper are targeted to be considered by LEG on 6 or 13 November.	
32.	Release the finalised English and Maths curriculum for Years 0-10.	Education	Hon Erica Stanford	The final curriculum content for Years 0-10 English and Te Reo Rangatira and Years 0-10 Mathematics and Statistics and Pāngarau is available in preparation for use from Term 1 2026.	Oct	The action is complete. The final curriculum content was released on 20 October, following an announcement by the Minister on the same day.	
33.	Release the curriculum draft for Years 0-10 in other learning areas.	Education	Hon Erica Stanford	Remainder of the Years 0-10 draft learning areas are available for familiarisation.	Oct	The draft Years 0-10 curriculum content across all learning areas and wahanga ako will be released from 28 October.	

Government's Quarterly Plan Update for the Cabinet Meeting of 10 November 2025



Summary

43% through the quarter (as at 10 November 2025).

18% (6 actions out of 33) have been completed - an increase of 1 since the previous report.

12 Actions (36%) currently have an anticipated end date in the final 3 weeks of the quarter.

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Planning Bill and Natural Environment Bill: Approval for Introduction	1	RMA Reform	LEG	20 November
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32.	Release the finalised English and Maths curriculum for Years 0-10.	Education	Hon Erica Stanford	The final curriculum content for Years 0-10 English and Te Reo Rangatira and Years 0-10 Mathematics and Statistics and Pāngarau is available in preparation for use from Term 1 2026.	Oct	The action is complete. The final curriculum content was released on 20 October, following an announcement by the Minister on the same day.	
33.	Release the curriculum draft for Years 0-10 in other learning areas.	Education	Hon Erica Stanford	Remainder of the Years 0-10 draft learning areas are available for familiarisation.	Oct	The draft Years 0-10 curriculum content across all learning areas of the New Zealand Curriculum was released on 28 October, following an announcement by the Minister on the same day. The draft Years 0-10 curriculum content across the wananga ako of Te Marautanga o Aotearoa is being finalised and will be available shortly.	



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Quarterly Plan Update as at 10 November 2025

Portfolio **Prime Minister**

On 10 November 2025, Cabinet **noted** the Quarterly Plan update attached under CAB-25-SUB-0396.

Rachel Hayward
Secretary of the Cabinet

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Government's Quarterly Plan Update for the 24 November 2025



Delivery Status by Key Result Area



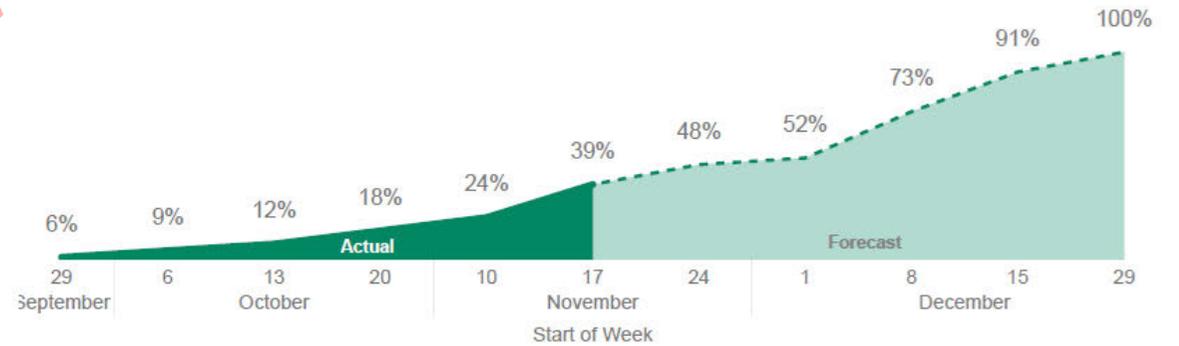
Summary

57% through the quarter (as at 24 November 2025).

39% (13 actions out of 33) have been completed - an increase of 7 actions since the previous report.

10 Actions (30%) currently have an anticipated end date in the final 3 weeks of the quarter.

Action Completion by Date (Actual vs Forecast)



Future Papers	Action	Lead Portfolio	Committee	Date
Planning Bill and Natural Environment Bill: Approval for Introduction	1	RMA Reform	CBC	24 November
Strengthen responses to public disorder	20	Justice	s9(2)(f)(iv)	
Tackling Transnational, Serious and Organised Crime	22	Police/Customs	SOU	3 December
Introduction of the Commerce Amendment Bill	11	Commerce and Consumer Affairs	LEG	4 December
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Rebuild the Economy and Ease the Cost of Living							
#	Commitment	Lead Portfolio	Lead Minister	Action	Due Month	Delivery Update	Delivery Status
1.	Introduce new planning legislation to replace the RMA.	RMA Reform	Hon Chris Bishop	Introduce the Natural Environment and Planning Bills.	Dec	Ministerial and agency consultation has been completed on the Cabinet paper: "Planning Bill and Natural Environment Bill: Approval for Introduction" and associated draft Bills. The paper and Bills are targeted for consideration by CBC on 24 November and confirmation by Cabinet on 1 December.	
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	Hon Chris Bishop	Pass the Fast-track Approvals Amendment Bill.	Dec	The Fast-track Approvals Amendment Bill had its First Reading on 6 November and was referred to the Environment Committee. The Committee called for public submissions on 7 November, with a closing date of 17 November. The Committee is expected to report the Bill back to the House by 5 December.	
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	Hon Chris Bishop / Hon Chris Penk	Pass the Building and Construction (Small Stand-alone Dwellings) Amendment Bill.	Dec	The action is complete. The Building and Construction (Small Stand-alone Dwellings) Amendment Bill passed its Third Reading on 22 October.	
4.	Introduce legislation to amend the Infrastructure Funding and Financing Act.	Infrastructure	Hon Chris Bishop	Introduce legislation to amend the Infrastructure Funding and Financing Act.	Dec	The Infrastructure Funding and Financing Amendment Bill and associated Cabinet paper were considered by LEG on 13 November and confirmed by Cabinet on 17 November. Introduction of the Bill is expected shortly.	
5.	Publish the Government's priorities for Budget 2026 in the Budget Policy Statement.	Finance	Hon Nicola Willis	Publish the Budget Policy Statement.	Dec	The Minister will consult Cabinet on the priorities for Budget 2026 by 8 December. The Budget Policy Statement will be published on 16 December.	

Rebuild the Economy and Ease the Cost of Living							
#	Commitment	Lead Portfolio	Lead Minister	Action	Due Month	Delivery Update	Delivery Status
6.	Outline next steps of Going For Growth agenda in two pillars: Promoting Global Trade and Investment, and Innovation, Technology and Science.	Economic Growth	Hon Nicola Willis	Public release of the two pillars: Promoting Trade and Investment, and Innovation, Technology and Science which include an update on activity in these areas.	Nov	The updated Innovation, Technology and Science pillar was released by the Ministers of Economic Growth and Science, Innovation and Technology on 4 November. The release of the updated Promoting Global Trade and Investment pillar remains on track for 27 November. Planning is underway to hold a media stand-up at a business in Auckland to put a spotlight on the Government's work to support exporters as the 'hero' announcement alongside the pillar release. Final changes are being made to the updated pillar document and communications material is being finalised to support Ministers.	
7.	Pass legislation to enable Time of Use charging in our major cities.	Transport	Hon Chris Bishop	Pass the Land Transport Management (Time of Use Charging) Amendment Bill.	Nov	The action is complete. The Land Transport Management (Time of Use Charging) Amendment Bill passed its Third Reading on 11 November.	
8.	Launch the Community Housing Provider Loan Guarantee Scheme to reduce borrowing costs for housing providers.	Housing	Hon Chris Bishop	Launch the Community Housing Provider Loan Guarantee Scheme.	Oct	The action is complete. The Community Housing Provider Loan Guarantee Scheme was launched by the Ministers of Housing and Finance on 1 October.	
9.	Take policy decisions to introduce rate caps.	Local Government	Hon Simon Watts	Take policy decisions.	Nov	The action is complete. The Cabinet paper: "A rates target model for New Zealand" was considered by ECO on 12 November and confirmed by Cabinet on 17 November.	
10.	Pass the Regulatory Standards Bill.	Regulation	Hon David Seymour	Pass the Regulatory Standards Bill.	Dec	The action is complete. The Regulatory Standards Bill passed its Third Reading on 13 November.	

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11.	Introduce the Commerce Amendment Bill to improve New Zealand's economy-wide competition settings.	Commerce and Consumer Affairs	Hon Scott Simpson	Introduce the Commerce Amendment Bill.	Dec	MBIE is working with PCO to draft the Commerce Amendment Bill, with agency and Ministerial consultation (as well as Bill of Rights Act vetting) planned between 17-26 November. The final draft of the Bill is targeted for consideration by LEG on 4 December, followed by Cabinet confirmation on 8 December.	
12.	Publish the Defence Industry Strategy.	Defence	Hon Judith Collins KC	Publish the Defence Industry Strategy.	Oct	The action is complete. The Defence Industry Strategy was published on 3 October and announced by the Minister on the same day.	
13.	Introduce legislation to focus the earthquake prone building system on high-risk buildings.	Building and Construction	Hon Chris Penk	Introduce the Building (Earthquake-prone Buildings) Amendment Bill	Dec	A draft Bill has been prepared and is currently being consulted on. The Bill and associated Cabinet paper: "Building (Earthquake-prone Buildings) Amendment Bill: Approval for Introduction" is targeted for consideration by LEG on 11 December.	
14.	Sign contracts for and publicly detail the Government's ferry solution for Cook Strait.	Rail	Rt Hon Winston Peters	Ship building contracts for the Government's Ferry solution for Cook Strait are signed and a public announcement is made.	Dec	The action is complete. On 15 November, Ferry Holdings Limited (FHL) signed contracts for two new rail-enabled ferries with Guangzhou Shipyard International (GSI), which is the largest modern integrated shipbuilding enterprise in Southern China. Each ferry will be 200 metres in length, 28 metres in width, have capacity for 1530 passengers, and 2.4 kilometres of lanes for trucks and 40 rail wagons. The ferries will enter service in 2029. The Minister announced the contracts' signing on 19 November.	
15.	Begin the hospitality sector review.	Regulation	Hon David Seymour	Release of the Terms of Reference for the hospitality sector review.	Oct	The action is complete. The hospitality sector review was announced by the Minister on 15 October and the Terms of Reference document was published on the same day.	
16.	Pass the Hauraki Gulf Marine Protection Bill to establish new marine protected areas.	Conservation	Hon Tama Potaka	Pass the Hauraki Gulf Marine Protection Bill.	Oct	The action is complete. The Hauraki Gulf / Tikapa Moana Marine Protection Bill passed its Third Reading on 7 October.	

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17.	Confirm the first events that will be funded by the \$50 million Events Attraction and one-off Events Boost packages.	Tourism and Hospitality	Hon Louise Upston	Determine the first investments that will be funded by the Events Attraction Package and Events Boost Fund.	Dec	The Events Attraction Package advisory panel has reviewed the shortlist and is considering an initial tranche of events to recommend for investment. The Minister has now approved Events Boost Fund investment towards 27 events and is considering the remaining recommendations.	

Restore Law and Order							
#	Commitment	Lead Portfolio	Lead Minister	Action	Due Month	Delivery Update	Delivery Status
18.	Introduce legislation for the Arms Act and refer to Select Committee.	Associate Justice	Hon Nicole McKee	Introduce legislation.	Nov	A draft Cabinet paper: "Arms Bill: Approval for Introduction and further policy approvals" and draft Bill are on track for consideration by LEG on 4 December followed by Cabinet confirmation on 8 December. The Bill is scheduled to be introduced to the House on 8 December with the First Reading that week. It will then be referred to Select Committee.	
19.	Introduce legislation to strengthen consequences for crime in the Crimes Act, including new citizens' arrest powers.	Justice	Hon Paul Goldsmith	Introduce legislation.	Nov	The Cabinet paper: "Crimes Amendment Bill: Approval for Introduction" was confirmed by Cabinet on 10 November and the Bill is now awaiting introduction to the House.	
20.	Take Cabinet policy decisions on options to provide more tools to address anti-social behaviour.	Justice	Hon Paul Goldsmith	Take Cabinet decisions.	Dec	s9(2)(f)(iv)	
21.	Pass legislation to make stalking an illegal and jailable offence.	Justice	Hon Paul Goldsmith	Pass the Crimes Legislation (Stalking and Harassment) Amendment Bill.	Dec	The action is complete. The Crimes Legislation (Stalking and Harassment) Amendment Bill passed its Third Reading on 19 November.	

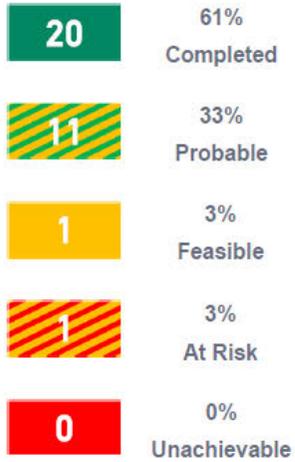
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22.	Release an updated Transnational, Serious, and Organised Crime Strategy and Action Plan.	Customs / Police	Hon Casey Costello	Release an updated Transnational, Serious, and Organised Crime Strategy and Action Plan.	Dec	Consultation is underway on a draft Transnational, Serious and Organised Crime Cabinet Paper, Strategy and Action Plan. The papers are expected to be considered by SOU on 3 December.	

Deliver Better Public Services							
#	Commitment	Lead Portfolio	Lead Minister	Action	Due Month	Delivery Update	Delivery Status
23.	End contracted emergency housing in Rotorua.	Associate Housing	Hon Tama Potaka	End contracted emergency housing in Rotorua.	Dec	The Ministry of Housing and Urban Development has a lease remaining with one motel (until 15 December), however all clients have now exited.	
24.	Begin construction on a new medical school at the University of Waikato.	Universities / Health	Hon Dr Shane Reti / Hon Simeon Brown	Sod-turning ceremony completed to mark the beginning of construction on a new medical school at the University of Waikato.	Dec	The Ministers of Health, Universities, and Finance have now received the first Approval to Deliver and will need to consider and sign it by 28 November to enable the release of Crown funding for the construction of on-campus facilities at the University of Waikato to commence. Construction will start on 5 December with the Ministers of Health and Universities confirmed in attendance to mark the occasion.	
25.	Progress legislation to support the timeliness, efficiency, integrity and resilience of the electoral system, and ban prisoner voting.	Justice	Hon Paul Goldsmith	Progress the Electoral Matters Amendment Bill.	Dec	The Justice Committee is on track to report the Electoral Amendment Bill back to the House before the 1 December deadline.	
26.	Issue a new Tertiary Education Strategy focussed on innovation and productivity.	Universities / Vocational Education	Hon Dr Shane Reti / Hon Penny Simmonds	Gazette and publish the new Tertiary Education Strategy.	Nov	The Tertiary Education Strategy was approved by Cabinet on 10 November. Ministers are considering timing for publication and gazetting of the strategy, which will likely be early December.	

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27.	Publish Health NZ's ten-year Digital Investment Plan.	Health	Hon Simeon Brown	Publish public facing version of Health NZ's ten-year Digital Investment Plan.	Dec	Cabinet confirmed the Digital Investment Plan on 20 October. It is anticipated that the Minister of Health will announce the plan on 25 November, and for it to be published on the same day.	
28.	Roll out a boost to diagnostic services, ensuring timely, quality testing for New Zealanders.	Health	Hon Simeon Brown	Regional plans, additional resourcing and outsourcing in place to achieve the 30 June 2026 activity uplift of 75,000 additional scans and wait time improvements.	Dec	<p>The following actions have been completed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional radiology boost delivery plans have been developed to deliver on activity uplift for CT, MRI and Colonoscopies, and; Two new state of the art Photon counting CT machines have been installed; one each in Christchurch and Kenepuru. Public facing diagnostic indicators dashboard launched. <p>Other areas of delivery remain on track for completion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 13 additional Radiology Registered Medical Officer (RMO) trainees and 13 echo sonographer trainees have been identified to start training in January 2026 to help grow workforce locally for the future. Health NZ's commitment to purchase 32 new and replacement CT, SPECT and MRI machines over the next 3 years has been confirmed. Canterbury and Nelson have been selected for AI pilot sites to test head, chest and fracture detection. Auckland Metro and Canterbury to be pilot sites for Implementation of Radiologist Flight deck. Roll out of FIT for symptomatic to Hawkes Bay, Counties Manukau and Waitemata with additional sites to come over the next quarter. 	
29.	Make additional investments through the Social Investment Fund to improve the lives of vulnerable New Zealanders.	Social Investment	Hon Nicola Willis	Announce final decisions for Round One of the New Investments pathway.	Nov	The action is complete. Final decisions for round one of the New Investments pathway were announced by the Minister on 22 November.	

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Government's Quarterly Plan Update for the Cabinet Meeting of 8 December 2025



Rebuild the Economy and Ease the Cost of Living

Delivery Status by Key Result Area



Summary

71% through the quarter (as at 8 December 2025).

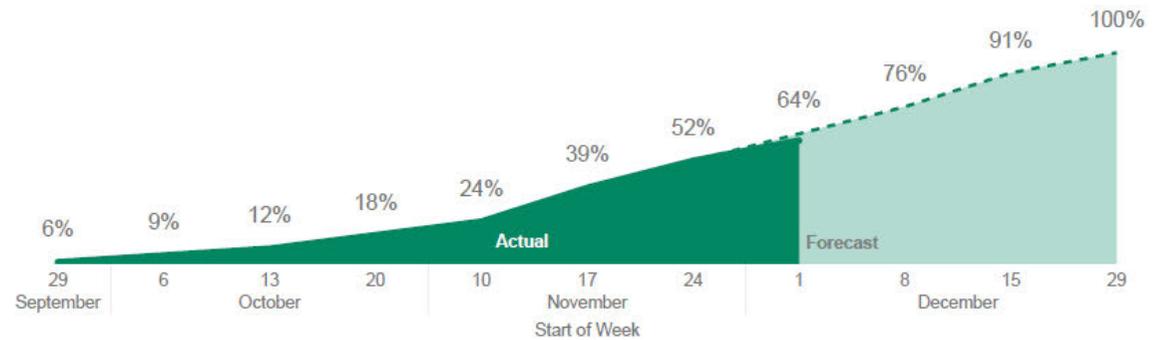
61% (20 actions out of 33) have been completed - an increase of 7 since the previous report.

1 more action is anticipated to complete ahead of Cabinet on 8 December which will bring to total completed to 64% (21 actions out of 33) - an increase of 8 since the previous report.

2 actions have signalled risks for completion by the end of the quarter and will be closely monitored over the next period

8 Actions (24%) currently have an anticipated end date in the final 3 weeks of the quarter.

Action Completion by Date (Actual vs Forecast)



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5.	Publish the Government's priorities for Budget 2026 in the Budget Policy Statement.	Finance	Hon Nicola Willis	Publish the Budget Policy Statement.	Dec	The Minister will consult Cabinet on the priorities for Budget 2026 by 8 December. The Budget Policy Statement will be published on 16 December.	
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12.	Publish the Defence Industry Strategy.	Defence	Hon Judith Collins KC	Publish the Defence Industry Strategy.	Oct	The action is complete. The Defence Industry Strategy was published on 3 October and announced by the Minister on the same day.	
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Restore Law and Order							
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22.	Release an updated Transnational, Serious, and Organised Crime Strategy and Action Plan.	Customs / Police	Hon Casey Costello	Release an updated Transnational, Serious, and Organised Crime Strategy and Action Plan.	Dec	The Cabinet paper: "Tackling Transnational, Serious and Organised Crime", Strategy, and Action Plan are set to be considered by SOU on 3 December, followed by Cabinet confirmation on 8 December.	

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24.	Begin construction on a new medical school at the University of Waikato.	Universities / Health	Hon Dr Shane Reti / Hon Simeon Brown	Sod-turning ceremony completed to mark the beginning of construction on a new medical school at the University of Waikato.	Dec	The Ministers of Health, Universities, and Finance have signed the first Approval to Deliver and a consequent funding agreement has been signed between the Ministry of Health and the University of Waikato. This will enable the release of Crown funding for the construction of on-campus facilities at the University of Waikato to commence. Construction will start on 5 December with the Prime Minister and Ministers of Health and Universities confirmed in attendance to mark the occasion.	
25.	Progress legislation to support the timeliness, efficiency, integrity and resilience of the electoral system, and ban prisoner voting.	Justice	Hon Paul Goldsmith	Progress the Electoral Matters Amendment Bill.	Dec	The Justice Committee reported back on the Electoral Amendment Bill, with some amendments. The Bill is expected to complete the remaining House stages by 18 December.	
26.	Issue a new Tertiary Education Strategy focussed on innovation and productivity.	Universities / Vocational Education	Hon Dr Shane Reti / Hon Penny Simmonds	Gazette and publish the new Tertiary Education Strategy.	Nov	The action is complete. The Tertiary Education Strategy was published and gazetted on 2 December.	
27.	Publish Health NZ's ten-year Digital Investment Plan.	Health	Hon Simeon Brown	Publish public facing version of Health NZ's ten-year Digital Investment Plan.	Dec	The action is complete. The Minister announced the Digital Investment Plan on 25 November, and it was published on the same day.	

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29.	Make additional investments through the Social Investment Fund to improve the lives of vulnerable New Zealanders.	Social Investment	Hon Nicola Willis	Announce final decisions for Round One of the New Investments pathway.	Nov	The action is complete. Final decisions for round one of the New Investments pathway were announced by the Minister on 24 November.	

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Quarterly Plan Update as at 8 December 2025

Portfolio **Prime Minister**

On 8 December 2025, Cabinet **noted** the Quarterly Plan update attached under CAB 25-SUB-0444.

Rachel Hayward
Secretary of the Cabinet

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Government's Quarterly Plan – Final Progress Report for Quarter 4 2025

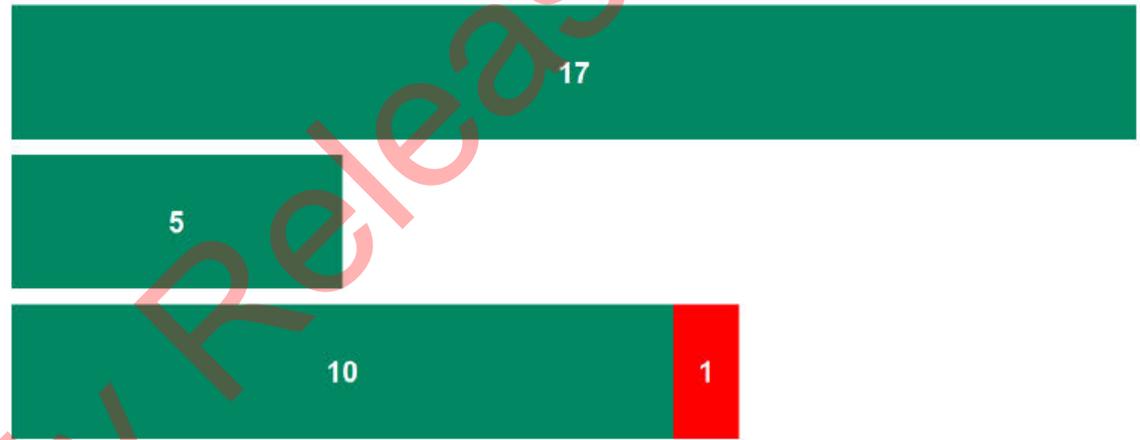


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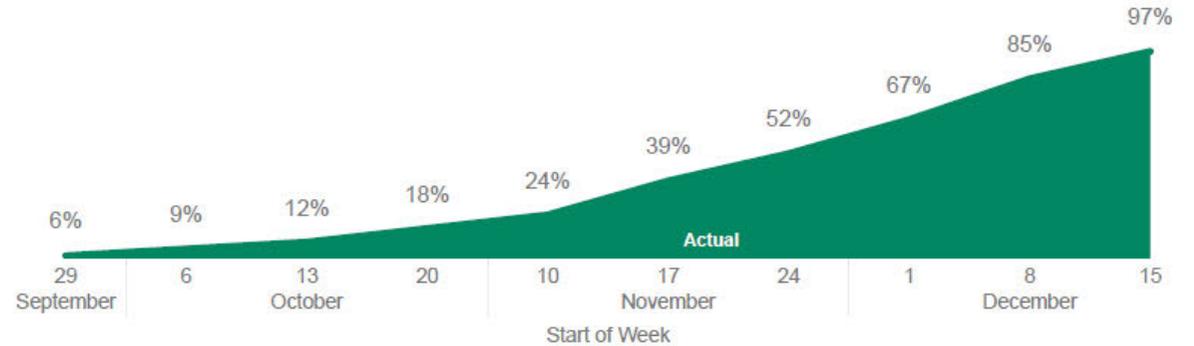
Summary

97% (32 actions out of 33) have been achieved in the Q4 plan.

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Action Completion by Date



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1.	Introduce new planning legislation to replace the RMA.	RMA Reform	Hon Chris Bishop	Introduce the Natural Environment and Planning Bills.	Dec	The action is complete. The Natural Environment and Planning Bills were introduced to the House on 9 December.	
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	Hon Chris Bishop	Pass the Fast-track Approvals Amendment Bill.	Dec	The action is complete. The Fast-track Approvals Amendment Bill passed its Third Reading on 10 December.	
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	Hon Chris Bishop / Hon Chris Penk	Pass the Building and Construction (Small Stand-alone Dwellings) Amendment Bill.	Dec	The action is complete. The Building and Construction (Small Stand-alone Dwellings) Amendment Bill passed its Third Reading on 22 October.	
4.	Introduce legislation to amend the Infrastructure Funding and Financing Act.	Infrastructure	Hon Chris Bishop	Introduce legislation to amend the Infrastructure Funding and Financing Act.	Dec	The action is complete. The Infrastructure Funding and Financing Amendment Bill was introduced to the House on 26 November.	
5.	Publish the Government's priorities for Budget 2026 in the Budget Policy Statement.	Finance	Hon Nicola Willis	Publish the Budget Policy Statement.	Dec	The action is complete. The Treasury published the Budget Policy Statement on 16 December.	
6.	Outline next steps of Going For Growth agenda in two pillars: Promoting Global Trade and Investment, and Innovation, Technology and Science.	Economic Growth	Hon Nicola Willis	Public release of the two pillars: Promoting Trade and Investment, and Innovation, Technology and Science which include an update on activity in these areas.	Nov	The action is complete. The updated Innovation, Technology and Science pillar was released on 4 November, and the updated Promoting Global Trade and Investment pillar was released on 27 November.	
7.	Pass legislation to enable Time of Use charging in our major cities.	Transport	Hon Chris Bishop	Pass the Land Transport Management (Time of Use Charging) Amendment Bill.	Nov	The action is complete. The Land Transport Management (Time of Use Charging) Amendment Bill passed its Third Reading on 11 November.	

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8.	Launch the Community Housing Provider Loan Guarantee Scheme to reduce borrowing costs for housing providers.	Housing	Hon Chris Bishop	Launch the Community Housing Provider Loan Guarantee Scheme.	Oct	The action is complete. The Community Housing Provider Loan Guarantee Scheme was launched by the Ministers of Housing and Finance on 1 October.	
9.	Take policy decisions to introduce rate caps.	Local Government	Hon Simon Watts	Take policy decisions.	Nov	The action is complete. The Cabinet paper: "A rates target model for New Zealand" was considered by ECO on 12 November and confirmed by Cabinet on 17 November.	
10.	Pass the Regulatory Standards Bill.	Regulation	Hon David Seymour	Pass the Regulatory Standards Bill.	Dec	The action is complete. The Regulatory Standards Bill passed its Third Reading on 13 November.	
11.	Introduce the Commerce Amendment Bill to improve New Zealand's economy-wide competition settings.	Commerce and Consumer Affairs	Hon Scott Simpson	Introduce the Commerce Amendment Bill.	Dec	The action is complete. The Commerce (Promoting Competition and Other Matters) Amendment Bill was introduced to the House on 9 December.	
12.	Publish the Defence Industry Strategy.	Defence	Hon Judith Collins KC	Publish the Defence Industry Strategy.	Oct	The action is complete. The Defence Industry Strategy was published on 3 October and announced by the Minister on the same day.	
13.	Introduce legislation to focus the earthquake prone building system on high-risk buildings.	Building and Construction	Hon Chris Penk	Introduce the Building (Earthquake-prone Buildings) Amendment Bill.	Dec	The action is complete. The Building (Earthquake-prone Buildings) Amendment Bill was introduced to the House on 9 December.	
14.	Sign contracts for and publicly detail the Government's ferry solution for Cook Strait.	Rail	Rt Hon Winston Peters	Ship building contracts for the Government's Ferry solution for Cook Strait are signed and a public announcement is made.	Dec	The action is complete. On 15 November, Ferry Holdings Limited (FHL) signed contracts for two new rail-enabled ferries with Guangzhou Shipyard International (GSI). The ferries will enter service in 2029. The Minister announced the contracts' signing on 19 November.	

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15.	Begin the hospitality sector review.	Regulation	Hon David Seymour	Release of the Terms of Reference for the hospitality sector review.	Oct	The action is complete. The hospitality sector review was announced by the Minister on 15 October and the Terms of Reference document was published on the same day.	
16.	Pass the Hauraki Gulf Marine Protection Bill to establish new marine protected areas.	Conservation	Hon Tama Potaka	Pass the Hauraki Gulf Marine Protection Bill.	Oct	The action is complete. The Hauraki Gulf / Tikapa Moana Marine Protection Bill passed its Third Reading on 7 October.	
17.	Confirm the first events that will be funded by the \$50 million Events Attraction and one-off Events Boost packages.	Tourism and Hospitality	Hon Louise Upston	Determine the first investments that will be funded by the Events Attraction Package and Events Boost Fund.	Dec	The action is complete. On 3 December, the Minister announced 20 events and 2 campaigns that will be funded by the Events Attraction Package and Events Boost Fund, with remaining recipients to be announced in the new year.	

Restore Law and Order							
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18.	Introduce legislation for the Arms Act and refer to Select Committee.	Associate Justice	Hon Nicole McKee	Introduce legislation.	Nov	The action is complete. The Arms Bill was introduced to the House on 8 December. The First Reading was completed on 9 December and the Bill was referred to the Justice committee, with a report back date of 9 June 2026.	
19.	Introduce legislation to strengthen consequences for crime in the Crimes Act, including new citizens' arrest powers.	Justice	Hon Paul Goldsmith	Introduce legislation.	Nov	The action is complete. The Crimes Amendment Bill was introduced to the House on 3 December.	
20.	Take Cabinet policy decisions on options to provide more tools to address anti-social behaviour.	Justice	Hon Paul Goldsmith	Take Cabinet decisions.	Dec	s9(2)(f)(iv)	

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21.	Pass legislation to make stalking an illegal and jailable offence.	Justice	Hon Paul Goldsmith	Pass the Crimes Legislation (Stalking and Harassment) Amendment Bill.	Dec	The action is complete. The Crimes Legislation (Stalking and Harassment) Amendment Bill passed its Third Reading on 19 November.	
22.	Release an updated Transnational, Serious, and Organised Crime Strategy and Action Plan.	Customs / Police	Hon Casey Costello	Release an updated Transnational, Serious, and Organised Crime Strategy and Action Plan.	Dec	The action is complete. The Cabinet paper: "Tackling Transnational, Serious and Organised Crime", Strategy, and Action Plan was confirmed by Cabinet on 8 December and the Strategy and Action Plan was released on 19 December.	

Deliver Better Public Services							
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23.	End contracted emergency housing in Rotorua.	Associate Housing	Hon Tama Potaka	End contracted emergency housing in Rotorua.	Dec	The action is complete. The Minister announced the end of contracted emergency housing in Rotorua on 19 November and the final government contract held for emergency housing motels in Rotorua ended on 15 December.	
24.	Begin construction on a new medical school at the University of Waikato.	Universities / Health	Hon Dr Shane Reti / Hon Simeon Brown	Sod-turning ceremony completed to mark the beginning of construction on a new medical school at the University of Waikato.	Dec	The action is complete. On 5 December, the Prime Minister and Ministers of Health and Universities attended a sod-turning ceremony to mark the beginning of construction for the new medical school at the University of Waikato.	
25.	Progress legislation to support the timeliness, efficiency, integrity and resilience of the electoral system, and ban prisoner voting.	Justice	Hon Paul Goldsmith	Progress the Electoral Matters Amendment Bill.	Dec	The action is complete. The Electoral Amendment Bill progressed through the remaining parliamentary stages and had its Third Reading on 16 December.	

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26.	Issue a new Tertiary Education Strategy focussed on innovation and productivity.	Universities / Vocational Education	Hon Dr Shane Reti / Hon Penny Simmonds	Gazette and publish the new Tertiary Education Strategy.	Nov	The action is complete. The Tertiary Education Strategy was published and gazetted on 2 December.	
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29.	Make additional investments through the Social Investment Fund to improve the lives of vulnerable New Zealanders.	Social Investment	Hon Nicola Willis	Announce final decisions for Round One of the New Investments pathway.	Nov	The action is complete. Final decisions for round one of the New Investments pathway were announced by the Minister on 24 November.	

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30.	Make the new assessment tool (SMART) available for familiarisation.	Education	Hon Erica Stanford	The familiarisation site for Student Monitoring and Reporting Tool (SMART) will be available to the sector.	Nov	The action is complete. Introduction of the familiarisation site for Student Monitoring and Reporting Tool (SMART) for selected schools was completed between 3-7 November. Item trialling of the site was completed between 10-28 November, and availability of the site was announced to the sector on 5 December.	
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