

UNISCS: Cabinet paper releasing Sapere's report and providing official's work programme to 2021

Reason for this briefing	<p>This briefing provides a draft Cabinet paper (attached as Appendix 1) informing Cabinet of Ministers' decision to release Sapere's report (plus working papers) on the Upper North Island Supply Chain Strategy (UNISCS) along with two separate reports on stakeholder and Treaty partner engagement.</p> <p>The paper also notifies Cabinet that officials will deliver policy advice on the implications of the findings from Sapere's work in at least six months.</p>
Action required	Review the attached Cabinet paper and agree to submit to Cabinet Economic Development Committee (DEV).
Deadline	As soon as practicable.
Reason for deadline	Please note the final Cabinet DEV Committee meeting prior to the general election is Wednesday 5 August 2020.

Contact for telephone discussion (if required)

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MINISTERS' COMMENTS:

Date:	26 June 2020	Briefing number:	OC200517 (MoT) T2020/2149 (TSY)
Attention:	<p>Hon Grant Robertson (Minister of Finance)</p> <p>Hon Phil Twyford (Minister of Transport)</p> <p>Hon Shane Jones (Minister for Regional Economic Development)</p> <p>CC: Rt Hon Winston Peters Deputy Prime Minister</p>	Security level:	In-Confidence

Purpose of report

1. The purpose of this briefing is to provide you with a draft Cabinet paper (attached as **Appendix 1**) notifying Cabinet:
 - 1.1. of UNISCS Ministers' decision to release Sapere's report and the associated working papers, as well as two separate reports on stakeholder and Treaty partner engagement
 - 1.2. that officials expect to deliver policy advice on the implications of the findings from Sapere's work in at least six months.

Background

2. Officials from the Ministry of Transport, the Treasury and the Provincial Development Unit, provided a briefing to UNISCS Ministers and Rt Hon Winston Peters on 11 June 2020 (OC200517 refers). This briefing noted the impact of COVID-19 on the work programme, provided Ministers with the Sapere report, informed Ministers of the perspective gained from stakeholder engagement via two reports, and presented four options to progress this work.
3. Officials understand that agreement has been reached on two options presented in the 11 June 2020 briefing, and that you wish to inform Cabinet of your decision to:
 - 3.1. publically release the Sapere and stakeholder engagement reports after Cabinet is informed
 - 3.2. defer substantive decisions on port relocation and direct officials to complete policy work.
4. Officials will work with Ministers' offices to develop a communications plan for the release of these reports, as well as the release of the working papers that informed Sapere's report, which is noted in the attached draft Cabinet paper. We plan to notify the Working Group alongside the cornerstone partners, Treaty partners and other stakeholders.
5. We previously advised that, once the COVID-19 response and recovery work is complete, officials would have capacity to return to UNISCS work. However, while we cannot predict workloads with any certainty at this stage, we do not envisage officials being able to provide the policy advice for at least six months.

Recommendations

6. The recommendations are that you:

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| (a) | approve the attached draft Cabinet and submit to Cabinet Economic Development Committee (DEV) | Yes/No |
| (b) | note that officials will work with the your offices on a communications plan for the release of these reports. This will include draft media material as well as a proposed approach to inform stakeholders, Treaty partners and the Working Group. | |

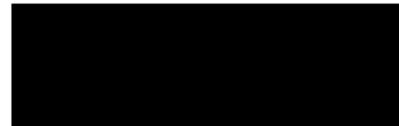
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Appendix 1: Draft Cabinet paper