



# Cabinet

## Minute of Decision

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### Additional Item: Immigration New Zealand Processes in Response to COVID-19: Update

**Portfolio**                      **Immigration**

On 6 April 2020, Cabinet:

- 1        **noted** the advice of the Minister of Immigration that in view of the COVID-19 situation he has decided to defer:
  - 1.1      the opening of registrations for the Pacific Access Category and Samoa Quota ballots until further notice;
  - 1.2      the capped working holiday schemes scheduled to open in the next six months;
  - 1.3      draws from the pool of those who have expressed interest under the Skilled Migrant and Parent categories, until further notice;
- 2        **noted** that the Minister has requested officials to undertake work on the immigration policy settings in the COVID-19 recovery period.

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Secretary of the Cabinet