



# Cabinet Business Committee

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## Minute of Decision

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### Review of the Cost and Benefits of De-merging Traffic Enforcement from Police

On 30 July 2007, the Cabinet Business Committee, having been authorised by the Prime Minister with Power to Act:

- 1 **noted** that as part of the 2005 Confidence and Supply Agreement with New Zealand First, the government undertook to evaluate the costs and benefits of de-merging traffic enforcement from Police;
- 2 **noted** that the State Services Commission has undertaken a review of the costs and benefits of de-merging traffic enforcement from Police;
- 3 **noted** that the State Services Commission supports the status quo, i.e., traffic enforcement should remain an integrated function of the New Zealand Police;
- 4 **noted** that the State Services Commission considers that a 'traffic unit' option within Police carries similar risks and disadvantages to a complete de-merger;
- 5 **agreed** to retain the status quo of traffic enforcement as a function of Police;
- 6 **invited** the Minister of Police to engage with the New Zealand Police regarding the development of options to minimise negative public perceptions resulting from traffic enforcement;
- 7 **noted** that the Minister of State Services intends to release the State Services Commission's report, together with the summary of stakeholders' comments and the NZIER report, in the week commencing 30 July 2007.

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Hon Dr Michael Cullen  
Hon Jim Anderton  
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Hon Pete Hodgson  
Hon Parekura Horomia  
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Hon David Parker  
Hon Nanaia Mahuta

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Minister for ACC  
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