



Cabinet Legislation Committee

Minute of Decision

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Three Strikes Legislation Repeal Bill: Approval for Introduction

Portfolio **Justice**

On 23 September 2021, the Cabinet Legislation Committee:

- 1 **noted** that the Three Strikes Legislation Repeal Bill holds a category 3 priority on the 2021 Legislation Programme;
- 2 **noted** that the Bill repeals sections from the Sentencing Act 2002 and the Parole Act 2002 that created what is commonly known as the three strikes law;
- 3 **approved** the Three Strikes Legislation Repeal Bill [PCO 23281/13.0] for introduction, subject to the final approval of the government caucus and sufficient support in the House of Representatives;
- 4 **agreed** that the Bill be introduced into the House on the first available date after Cabinet approval;
- 5 **agreed** that the government propose that the Bill be:
 - 5.1 referred to the Justice Committee for consideration, noting the Committee will be asked to consider whether (and if so, how) the Bill should apply to individuals who have already been sentenced under the law [CAB-21-MIN-0230];
 - 5.2 enacted by 1 July 2022.

Rebecca Davies
Committee Secretary

Present:

Hon Grant Robertson
Hon Chris Hipkins (Chair)
Hon David Parker
Hon Poto Williams
Hon Damien O'Connor
Hon Stuart Nash
Hon Kris Faafoi
Hon Willie Jackson
Hon Michael Wood
Hon Kiri Allan
Hon Dr David Clark
Hon Ayesha Verrall
Hon James Shaw
Keiran McAnulty, MP (Senior Government Whip)

Officials present from:

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Officials Committee for LEG