



Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee

Minute of Decision

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Supporting a Bid to Host the World Federation of the Deaf Congress 2023

Portfolio Disability Issues

On 12 December 2018, the Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee:

- 1 **noted** that Deaf Aotearoa has proposed that New Zealand host the World Federation of the Deaf Congress (the Congress) in 2023;
- 2 **noted** that hosting the Congress would provide a number of benefits to the Deaf community and further improve New Zealand's international reputation in this area;
- 3 **agreed** to support a bid by Deaf Aotearoa to host the Congress in New Zealand;
- 4 **noted** that Deaf Aotearoa has indicated that, while they are able to absorb a significant proportion of the expenses to host the Congress, they cannot risk bidding without knowledge of financial support from government for the full cost;
- 5 **noted** that a large proportion of the costs provided by the government will be recoverable through Congress registrations;
- 6 **noted** that, should the bid be successful, the Ministry of Social Development, in consultation with key agencies, will consider options for funding and provide advice to relevant Ministers who will report back to Cabinet with the final proposal;
- 7 **authorised** the Minister for Disability Issues to write to Deaf Aotearoa indicating government support for a bid to host the Congress in 2023.

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Committee Secretary

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Present:

Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern
Rt Hon Winston Peters
Hon Kelvin Davis
Hon Grant Robertson
Hon Chris Hipkins
Hon Andrew Little
Hon Carmel Sepuloni (Chair)
Hon Dr David Clark
Hon Nanaia Mahuta
Hon Jenny Salesa
Hon Tracey Martin
Hon Peeni Henare
Hon Aupito William Sio
Hon Julie Anne Genter
Michael Wood, MP
Jan Logie, MP

Officials present from:

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Minister for Disability Issues