



Cabinet Economic Development Committee

Minute of Decision

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The Role of Digital Platforms in the Taxation of the Gig and Sharing Economy: Release of Discussion Document

Portfolio Revenue

On 2 March 2022, the Cabinet Economic Development Committee:

- 1 **noted** that the government's tax policy work programme currently includes an item on the taxation of the gig and sharing economy;
- 2 **noted** that the discussion document *The Role of Digital Platforms in the Taxation of the Gig and Sharing Economy: A Government Discussion Document* (the discussion document), attached to the submission under DEV-22-SUB-0018, seeks feedback on three main areas of the tax system:
 - 2.1 improving Inland Revenue's visibility of sellers' income information;
 - 2.2 how GST should apply to sales made through digital platforms in the gig and sharing economy;
 - 2.3 other opportunities to reduce compliance costs for sellers on digital platforms in the gig and sharing economy;
- 3 **agreed** to the release of the discussion document, subject to any minor, editorial or technical changes that may be authorised by the Minister of Revenue;
- 4 **authorised** the Minister of Revenue to determine the date of release of the officials' issues paper;
- 5 **noted** that the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) was separately considering issues relating to contractors and employment status, which may have implications for the gig economy;
- 6 **directed** Inland Revenue and MBIE to work together to ensure that any overlaps between their respective workstreams are identified and managed appropriately.

Janine Harvey
Committee Secretary

Present: (see over)

Present:

Hon Grant Robertson (Chair)
Hon Carmel Sepuloni
Hon David Parker
Hon Poto Williams
Hon Stuart Nash
Hon Kris Faafoi
Hon Willie Jackson
Hon Michael Wood
Hon Dr David Clark
Hon Dr Ayesha Verrall
Hon Meka Whaitiri
Hon Phil Twyford
Dr Deborah Russell MP

Officials present from:

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Officials Committee for DEV