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Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations

Proactive release – Oral Item: Update on Pressures on the 2019/20 Treaty Settlement Work Programme

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Cabinet Māori Crown Relations: Te Arawhiti Committee

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Oral Item: Update on Pressures on the 2019/20 Treaty Settlement Work Programme

Portfolio **Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations**

On 27 August 2019, the Cabinet Māori Crown Relations: Te Arawhiti Committee (MCR):

- 1 **noted** that there are:
 - 1.1 five Treaty of Waitangi historical claims settlement negotiations not yet commenced;
 - 1.2 14 groups that have previously negotiated but declined Crown offers for settlement;
- 2 **noted** that the Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations intends to continue negotiating with those that have not yet settled, but that departmental resourcing may delay this;
- 3 **noted** that there is increased litigation, for which the Waitangi Tribunal can make binding recommendations; s9(2)(f)(iv)

- 5 **directed** officials from Te Arawhiti to report back to MCR with advice on the overall picture of settlements yet to be completed and the financial implications, including from potential binding recommendations.

Rachel Clarke
Committee Secretary

Present:
Hon Kelvin Davis (Chair)
Hon Andrew Little
Hon Nanaia Mahuta
Hon Willie Jackson

Officials present from:
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Officials Committee for MCR

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