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Decisions relating to addressing inequity in some previous Lake Alice Child and Adolescent Unit settlements

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These documents have been proactively released:

- Addressing inequity in some previous Lake Alice Child and Adolescent Unit settlements and additional funding for historic abuse claims, Cabinet Paper;
- SOU-24-MIN-0123, Cabinet Social Outcomes Committee Minute, 16 October 2024;
- CAB-24-MIN-0402, Cabinet Minute, 21 October 2024.

Summary of redactions:

- Section 9(2)(g)(i) - to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions:
  - Paragraph 21 – Cabinet Paper – Addressing inequity in some previous Lake Alice Child and Adolescent Unit settlements and additional funding for historic abuse claims

## **Addressing inequity in some previous Lake Alice Child and Adolescent Unit settlements and additional funding for historic abuse claims**

### **Proposal**

- 1 This paper seeks agreement to:
  - 1.1 the proposed approach to addressing a parity issue in some previous Lake Alice Hospital Child and Adolescent Unit (Lake Alice) settlements to address recommendation 18 of the Abuse in Care Royal Commission of Inquiry's (the Royal Commission's) final report at a cost of up to \$1.97 million; and
  - 1.2 additional Crown funding of \$700,000 for the Ministry of Health to pay recent historic claims for redress for abuse at Lake Alice.
- 2 The proposal to address inequity in some previous Lake Alice settlements was endorsed by the Ministerial Group for the Crown Response to the Abuse in Care Inquiry (the Ministerial Group) at its July 2024 meeting.

### **Relation to government priorities**

- 3 This paper progresses the Government's response to the Royal Commission.

### **Executive Summary**

- 4 The Crown has been settling claims for historic abuse at Lake Alice since 2001. To date, 203 claims have been settled with an average payment of approximately \$70,000 with a further ten claims in progress. The Royal Commission has estimated that up to 362 children and young people may have been at Lake Alice. The Royal Commission found that many of these children or young people were not mentally ill and should not have been detained at the unit.
- 5 A first settlement between the Crown and a group of Lake Alice survivors (the first-round settlement) took place in 2001. This consisted of a group settlement of \$6.5 million to 95 survivors represented by law firm Grant Cameron & Associates (now GCA Lawyers). Prior to receiving their individual payments, the law firm deducted approximately 40 per cent in legal fees from the total settlement. Based on a 40 per cent deduction, the average payment to a Lake Alice survivor in the first round is estimated to be \$41,000 compared to an average of \$70,000 for later claimants where the Crown met legal costs.

- 6 The Royal Commission recommended the Government appoint an independent person to review and resolve a parity issue in previous settlements with Lake Alice survivors where legal costs were deducted from their settlement, to give parity with subsequent settlements. Given that the facts in relation to the first round are well established, I do not believe it is necessary or fiscally responsible to appoint an independent person in relation to this matter. Instead, I recommend that Cabinet agree to a direct process administered by the Ministry of Health. This would resolve a longstanding inequity faced by the survivors.
- 7 In addition, since the tabling of the Royal Commission's final report on 24 July 2024 a further eight people have made claims with the Ministry of Health for redress for historic abuse at Lake Alice, in addition to the two claims already in progress. Given recent savings initiatives, reductions in baseline funding, and other demands on the appropriation used to fund Lake Alice claims, the Ministry of Health has advised it cannot continue to pay claims related to abuse at Lake Alice without additional funding.
- 8 The costs associated with proposals in this paper cannot be met within existing baselines. Out-of-cycle funding from the between-Budget-contingency is sought.

## Background

- 9 Cabinet recently endorsed the Government's approach to responding to the Royal Commission's final report, *Whanaketia: Through pain and trauma, from darkness to light* [SOU-MIN-24-0118]. That paper noted that 14 recommendations in the final report could be completed on or before 12 November 2024, which included recommendation 18 to address a parity issue in previous Lake Alice settlements.
- 10 The Royal Commission's final report recommended the Government should:
  - 10.1 appoint an independent person to promptly review all Lake Alice settlements and advise whether any further payments to claimants who have previously settled are necessary to ensure parity in light of the District Court decision in 2005 regarding the deduction of money from second round claimants for legal costs; and
  - 10.2 ensure that any payments to claimants who have not yet settled are, as a minimum, equitable in light of the review.
- 11 The recommendation relates to the first-round settlement between the Crown and a group of Lake Alice survivors. This consisted of a group settlement of \$6.5 million to 95 survivors represented by law firm Grant Cameron & Associates (now GCA Lawyers). Individual claimants then received a portion of the settlement using a process determined by retired (and now deceased) High Court judge, Sir Rodney Gallen based on survivors' experiences at Lake Alice.
- 12 Prior to survivors receiving their individual payments, Grant Cameron & Associates deducted approximately 40 per cent in legal fees from the total settlement (which totalled around \$2.6 million). Information on what each claimant received is confidentially held by Grant Cameron & Associates, but based on a 40 per cent deduction from the total settlement the average payment to a Lake Alice survivor in the first round is estimated to be \$41,000.

- 13 The Crown initially followed the same 'approach' to a second settlement process, whereby individual payments were determined, and a percentage was nominally deducted for legal costs. However, this was subject to successful legal challenge (the 2005 District Court decision referred to in the Royal Commission recommendation above), and the Crown subsequently made the decision to repay legal fees deducted from round two claimants.
- 14 A Lake Alice settlement update to Cabinet in 2009 [SOC (09) 107 refers] noted that 68 out of 90 round two claimants had claimed the 'top up' payment for legal fees, leaving 22 outstanding. At that time, Cabinet also agreed to settle any further (new) Lake Alice claims on the same basis as round two and with no deductions for legal costs. No further funding was appropriated at this time, and both future (new) claims and top ups for any outstanding round two claimants were to be met from the non-departmental Legal Expenses appropriation in Vote Health.
- 15 The District Court only made a ruling on the second-round process. This means the average payment to Lake Alice survivors in the round two process (and beyond) of approximately \$70,000 is considerably higher than the \$41,000 average payment made to those in the first group. This inequity continues to be raised by the affected survivors and, as noted above, the Royal Commission in its final report.
- 16 The Ministry of Health continues to operate the second-round process, in accordance with a 2009 Cabinet decision [CAB Min (09) 41/4 refers], for any new claims. To date, 203 claims have been settled and ten claims are currently in progress.
- 17 The proposals discussed in this paper are separate to the ongoing work on a redress package for survivors of torture at Lake Alice. A paper which seeks agreement on the Crown's approach to torture-specific redress is expected to be considered by Cabinet at a later date.

### **Resolving equity issues in previous Lake Alice settlements**

- 18 I do not consider it necessary or fiscally responsible to commission and fund an independent review of Lake Alice settlements as recommended by the Royal Commission, given the facts of the matter in relation to the first round of settlements are already well established. In addition, the ongoing Lake Alice claims process (operated by the Ministry of Health) continues to use the payment framework created by Sir Rodney, which has been used to determine payments for all settled Lake Alice claimants to date. As the ongoing process does not make any deductions for legal fees, new Lake Alice settlements are made in a way that is consistent with settlements under the second-round process.
- 19 Instead, to address the inequity in some previous Lake Alice settlements, and the Royal Commission's recommendation, I propose that Cabinet agree to make payments of amounts equal to the legal fees deducted at the time of settlement available to the Lake Alice survivors who were part of the first settlement in 2001 and who lodge a claim with the Ministry of Health for reimbursement. The proposed payments will be made on an *ex-gratia* basis, meaning they are exempt from being treated as cash assets or income for tax or benefit purposes.

20 To access the legal fees reimbursement, first round survivors would need to contact the Ministry of Health's claims service. The Ministry can quickly confirm an applicant's eligibility as they hold all the names of the first-round claimants. Survivors would need to provide information on what money they received and/or what was deducted from their payment by Grant Cameron & Associates. If an eligible survivor is unable to produce this documentation, it is proposed they sign a waiver which authorises the Ministry of Health to request the necessary information from GCA Lawyers on their behalf.

21 s9(2)(g)(i) [REDACTED]

22 It is unknown how many of the 95 survivors from the first settlement round are still alive or might come forward to seek a repayment, but it is likely to be up to 70. This estimate considers mortality rates for people in the same age group and the additional factors at play with the Lake Alice cohort (such as having long-term medical conditions or impairments). Direct contact with all survivors will be difficult since personal details were held by the law firm and are now 23 years out of date. Furthermore, when the Crown's sought to repay round two claimants in 2005, the Ministry of Health was unable to locate around 25 per cent of the claimants due to people moving or not responding to communication. Communications by the Crown Response Unit and the Ministry of Health would be made to raise awareness about the payments through Lake Alice survivor networks.

23 I do not propose to extend the offer of legal fees reimbursement to the next-of-kin or estates of round one claimants who have passed away and do not propose to adjust amounts deducted for inflation. This is consistent with the process that was undertaken following the 2005 District Court decision, which resulted in non-inflation adjusted reimbursement being offered to living round two claimants only.

24 I propose that survivors from the first settlement round can initiate a claim for the legal fees reimbursement until 30 June 2025. Setting a cut-off date for initiating claims encourages those who might make a claim to come forward and supports providing these repayments in a smooth and efficient way for survivors. This also provides certainty in terms of how long the process needs to be resourced. Communications about this announcement will need to clearly explain the time-limited nature of the payments to mitigate the risk of survivors being unaware of the need to apply by 30 June. Lake Alice survivors are a well-connected group and so the Crown Response Unit will also work to raise awareness of the legal fee repayments through Lake Alice survivor networks.

**Additional funds for Ministry of Health-administered historic claims for abuse at Lake Alice**

25 The Ministry of Health has been administering historic claims for redress for abuse at Lake Alice on behalf of the Crown since 2009. While these claims may include

activity that has since been acknowledged to be torture, such as unmodified ECT and paraldehyde injections as punishment, they also cover much broader abuse such as severe sexual and physical abuse.

- 26 I have been advised that claims for abuse at Lake Alice were initially funded by appropriations from 2000. In 2009, Cabinet agreed to continue to settle any new Lake Alice claims out of the Ministry of Health's Legal Expenses non-departmental appropriation in Vote Health. This was on the expectation that the Lake Alice settlement process was nearing its end, and that future liability for settlements was deemed to be small and could therefore be settled out of the Legal Expenses appropriation. However, since this decision, 12 further claims have been settled and there are another 10 currently in process. If all of these claims proceed, this represents an additional \$700,000 cost based on the average claim payment of \$70,000. Given recent savings initiatives, reductions in baseline funding, and other demands on the legal expenses appropriation, the Ministry of Health has advised that additional funding will be required to pay these claims.
- 27 The 2009 Cabinet decision which established the ongoing Lake Alice settlement process also did not set an end date for receiving claims from round two claimants for top up payments. Round two claimants who have not claimed their legal fee top-up payment can still do so, and a top-up payment was claimed as recently as 2021. While the ongoing fiscal risk from the outstanding round two top ups is small, because our goal is to ensure parity across Lake Alice settlements, it is important to ensure alignment across all aspects of the Lake Alice process.
- 28 I therefore propose that a claim for any outstanding top up payments for survivors who were part of the second-round of settlements can also be initiated until 30 June 2025, at which point both the first and second-round top-up payments will be closed to bring this long running matter to an end.

### **Cost-of-living implications**

- 29 The proposals in this paper have no cost-of-living implications.

### **Financial implications**

- 30 The proposed reimbursement of legal fees to be made available to the 95 Lake Alice survivors who settled in the first group settlement has a total estimated cost of \$2.6 million. I am seeking funding to make up to 70 reimbursements and for claims' administration, which requires approximately \$1.970 million in total.
- 31 A further funding request would be needed if more than 70 claimants came forward, or if reimbursements required for the 70 claimants are above the average expected repayment of \$27,000. New funding is required as there is no longer any appropriation for payment of Lake Alice claims, and the Legal Expenses appropriation (non-departmental expenditure) under Vote Health that current settlements are funded from is under significant pressure, and does not have sufficient funding to continue to pay these historic claims. The Crown Response Unit has no baseline funding for redress payments and so has no ability to reprioritise.

- 32 An application to seek out-of-cycle funding has been pre-approved by the Minister of Finance. The application seeks agreement to a tagged contingency of a total of up to \$2.670 million to enable the provision of legal fees reimbursements for up to 70 eligible survivors, processing the ten recent claims for historic abuse at Lake Alice, and the administration of the claims process. The tagged contingency would be jointly drawn down by the Minister of Finance, Minister of Health, and Lead Co-ordination Minister for the Crown Response.
- 33 I propose Cabinet agrees to the out-of-cycle funding request of \$2.670 million and the funding sought be charged against the between-Budget contingency established as part of Budget 24.
- 34 This is in addition to the up to \$2.964 million tagged operating contingency established in September 2024 to increase the capability and capacity of the Crown Response Office and appoint a Functional Chief Executive (FCE) [CAB-24-MIN-0331 refers]. To date none of this contingency has been drawn down but this is expected in the coming weeks with the appointment of the FCE.
- 35 This brings the total of additional funding to date to respond to the Royal Commission to up to \$5.634 million.

### **Legislative implications**

- 36 The proposals in this paper have no legislative implications. Impact analysis is not required as there is no proposal to amend, repeal or introduce legislation.

### **Population implications**

- 37 The Lake Alice survivors represent a specific cohort. They are men and women aged in their late 50s to late 60s, and include both Māori and Pacific peoples, and disabled people. As a specific cohort there are no broader population implications with the recommendations set out in this paper.

### **Human rights**

- 38 The proposals in this paper are consistent with the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 and Human Rights Act 1993.

### **Use of external resources**

- 39 No external resources have been used in preparing the advice in this paper.

### **Consultation**

- 40 An earlier version of this paper was developed by the Crown Response Unit. ACC, Crown Law Office, Department of Corrections, Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Justice, Ministry for Pacific Peoples, Ministry of Social Development, Ministry for Women, New Zealand Police, Oranga Tamariki – Ministry for Children, Public Service Commission, Te Puni Kōkiri, Treasury and Whaikaha – Ministry of Disabled People were consulted. The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet was informed.

## Communications

- 41 Consideration is still being given as to whether to make the announcement regarding settlement inequities as part of the national apology on 12 November 2024 or at an earlier date. Known Lake Alice Unit survivors and Lake Alice survivor groups will be notified directly at the appropriate time. Proactive communications will also be made at an appropriate time via press release and other channels.

## Proactive release

- 42 This paper will be published on the Crown Response Unit's website at an appropriate time.

## Recommendations

I recommend that the Committee:

- 1 **note** the Crown has been settling historic claims for abuse related to the Lake Alice Hospital Child and Adolescent Unit (Lake Alice) since 2001;
- 2 **note** the Abuse in Care Royal Commission of Inquiry (the Royal Commission) has estimated that up to 362 children and young people may have been at Lake Alice;
- 3 **note** that to date 203 claims for abuse at Lake Alice have been settled by the Ministry of Health, with the intent of an average claim payment of \$70,000, and a further ten claims are in progress;
- 4 **note** a group settlement of \$6.500 million was reached with 95 Lake Alice survivors in a first (2001) round of legal settlements;
- 5 **note** legal fees of approximately 40 per cent were deducted by the representing law firm Grant Cameron & Associates (now GCA Lawyers) of an estimated total amount of \$2.600 million;
- 6 **note** following a decision of the District Court in 2005, in a second-round settlement process and when settling subsequent individual claims the Crown has met legal costs, creating an inequity with the first round claimants;
- 7 **note** the Royal Commission recommended the appointment of an independent person to promptly review all Lake Alice settlements and advise whether any further payments to claimants who have previously settled are necessary to ensure parity in light of the District Court decision in 2005 regarding the deduction of money from second round claimants for legal costs;
- 8 **note** I do not believe it is necessary or fiscally responsible to appoint and fund an independent review given the facts of the inequities related to the first round of settlements are well established;
- 9 **agree** payments of amounts equal to the legal fees deducted at the time of settlement should be made to the Lake Alice survivors who were part of the first



- settlement in 2001 to address the parity issue, with those survivors needing to lodge a claim for reimbursement with the Ministry of Health;
- 10 **agree** the payments described in recommendation 9 will be made on an *ex-gratia* basis and are exempt from being treated as cash assets or income for tax or benefit purposes;
- 11 **agree** the payments described in recommendation 9 will only be available to individual survivors who were part of the first-round settlement, not their next-of-kin or estates;
- 12 **agree** that payments will not be adjusted for inflation;
- 13 **agree** that claims for the payments described in recommendation 9 must be initiated by 30 June 2025;
- 14 **note** that where a claimant has been confirmed as being part of the first-round settlement but is unable to confirm the details of the legal fees deducted from their settlement, the Ministry of Health will request that they sign a waiver to enable the Ministry to request the information from GCA Lawyers;
- 15 **agree** the Crown will not make any further payments to GCA Lawyers in relation to this matter;
- 16 **note** the Ministry of Health exhausted appropriations to settle historic claims of abuse at Lake Alice over a decade ago and that further reprioritisation from within Vote Health's baselines is no longer possible given recent savings initiatives, reductions in baseline funding, and other demands on the Legal Expenses appropriation (which has been used to date);
- 17 **agree** to provide funding of up to \$1.970 million to enable the provision of legal fees repayments described in recommendation 9 for up to 70 eligible survivors (of a total of 95 round one claimants) and administer the claims process;
- 18 **note** that a further funding request would be needed if more than 70 eligible claims were made, or if reimbursements payments are required for 70 claimants above the average expected repayment of \$27,000;
- 19 **agree** to fund the Ministry of Health for up to \$700,000 to settle the current 10 historic claims in progress for abuse at Lake Alice;
- 20 **agree** that claims for any outstanding top up payments for second-round claimants must also be initiated by 30 June 2025;
- 21 **agree** to establish a new tagged operating contingency of the following amount to provide the payments equal to the legal fees deducted from Lake Alice survivors in 2001, Ministry of Health claims administration costs, and additional funding for historic claims:

	\$m – increase/(decrease)			
	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28
Lake Alice Unit legal fees reimbursement and historic claims	2.670	-	-	-

- Tagged Operating Contingency				
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- 22 **authorise** the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Health, and the Lead Coordination Minister jointly to draw down the tagged operating funding in recommendation 21 above (establishing any new appropriations as necessary);
- 23 **agree** the tagged operating contingency in recommendation 21 be charged against the between-Budget-contingency established as part of Budget 24;
- 24 **agree** the expiry date for the tagged operating contingency in recommendation 21 above will be 30 July 2025;
- 25 **note** that funding available in the between-Budget contingency for 2024/25 has been fully exhausted, however, funding remains for the rest of the forecast period; and
- 26 **note** that any costs in the 2024/25 year outlined in recommendation 21 will have an adverse impact on the 2024/25 operating balance.

Authorised for lodgement

Hon Erica Stanford

Lead Coordination Minister for the Government's Response to the Royal Commission's Report into Historical Abuse in State Care and in the Care of Faith-based Institutions

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# Cabinet Social Outcomes Committee

## Minute of Decision

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### Addressing Inequity in Some Previous Lake Alice Child and Adolescent Unit Settlements and Additional Funding for Historic Abuse Claims

**Portfolio** Government's Response to the Royal Commission's Report into Historical Abuse in State Care and in the Care of Faith-based Institutions

On 16 October 2024, the Cabinet Social Outcomes Committee:

#### Background

- 1 **noted** that the Crown has been settling historic claims for abuse related to the Lake Alice Hospital Child and Adolescent Unit (Lake Alice) since 2001;
- 2 **noted** that the Royal Commission of Inquiry into Historical Abuse in State Care and in the Care of Faith-based Institutions (the Royal Commission) has estimated that up to 362 children and young people may have been at Lake Alice;
- 3 **noted** that to date, 203 claims for abuse at Lake Alice have been settled by the Ministry of Health, with the intent of an average claim payment of \$70,000, and that a further ten claims are in progress;
- 4 **noted** that a group settlement of \$6.500 million was reached with 95 Lake Alice survivors in a first (2001) round of legal settlements;
- 5 **noted** that legal fees of approximately 40 percent were deducted by the representing law firm, Grant Cameron & Associates (now GCA Lawyers), amounting to an estimated total amount of \$2.600 million;
- 6 **noted** that following a decision of the District Court in 2005, in a second-round settlement process, and when settling subsequent individual claims, the Crown has met legal costs, creating an inequity with the first round claimants;
- 7 **noted** that the Royal Commission recommended the appointment of an independent person to promptly review all Lake Alice settlements and advise whether any further payments to claimants who have previously settled are necessary to ensure parity in light of the District Court decision in 2005 regarding the deduction of money from second-round claimants for legal costs;

- 8 **noted** that the Lead Coordination Minister for the Government's Response to the Royal Commission's Report into Historical Abuse in State Care and in the Care of Faith-based Institutions (the Lead Coordination Minister) does not believe it is necessary or fiscally responsible to appoint and fund an independent review, given that the facts of the inequities related to the first round of settlements are well established;
- 9 **agreed** that payments of amounts equal to the legal fees deducted at the time of settlement should be made to the Lake Alice survivors who were part of the first settlement in 2001 to address the parity issue, with those survivors needing to lodge a claim for reimbursement with the Ministry of Health;
- 10 **agreed** that the payments described in paragraph 9 above (the payments) will be made on an *ex-gratia* basis, and will be exempt from being treated as cash assets or income for tax or benefit purposes;
- 11 **agreed** that the payments will only be available to individual survivors who were part of the first-round settlement, not their next-of-kin or estates;
- 12 **agreed** that the payments will not be adjusted for inflation;
- 13 **agreed** that claims for the payments must be initiated by 30 June 2025;
- 14 **noted** that where a claimant has been confirmed as being part of the first-round settlement but is unable to confirm the details of the legal fees deducted from their settlement, the Ministry of Health will request that they sign a waiver to enable the Ministry to request the information from GCA Lawyers;
- 15 **agreed** that the Crown will not make any further payments to GCA Lawyers in relation to this matter;

### Financial implications

- 16 **noted** that the Ministry of Health exhausted appropriations to settle historic claims of abuse at Lake Alice over a decade ago, and that further reprioritisation from within Vote Health's baselines is no longer possible given recent savings initiatives, reductions in baseline funding, and other demands on the Legal Expenses appropriation (which has been used to date);
- 17 **agreed** to provide funding of up to \$1.970 million to enable the provision of legal fees repayments described in paragraph 9 above for up to 70 eligible survivors (of a total of 95 round one claimants) and administer the claims process;
- 18 **noted** that a further funding request would be needed if more than 70 eligible claims were made, or if reimbursement payments are required for 70 claimants above the average expected repayment of \$27,000;
- 19 **agreed** to fund the Ministry of Health for up to \$700,000 to settle the current 10 historic claims in progress for abuse at Lake Alice;
- 20 **agreed** that claims for any outstanding top-up payments for second-round claimants must also be initiated by 30 June 2025;

- 21 **agreed** to establish a new tagged operating contingency of the following amount to provide the payments equal to the legal fees deducted from Lake Alice survivors in 2001, Ministry of Health claims administration costs, and additional funding for historic claims:

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Lake Alice Unit legal fees reimbursement and historic claims	2.670	-	-	-
Tagged Operating Contingency				

- 22 **authorised** the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Health, and the Lead Coordination Minister jointly to draw down the tagged operating funding in paragraph 21 above (establishing any new appropriations as necessary);
- 23 **agreed** that the tagged operating contingency in paragraph 21 above be charged against the between-Budget-contingency established as part of Budget 2024;
- 24 **agreed** that the expiry date for the tagged operating contingency in paragraph 21 above will be 30 July 2025;
- 25 **noted** that funding available in the between-Budget contingency for 2024/25 has been fully exhausted, however funding remains for the rest of the forecast period;
- 26 **noted** that any costs in the 2024/25 year outlined in paragraph 21 above will have an adverse impact on the 2024/25 operating balance.

Jenny Vickers  
Committee Secretary

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## Minute of Decision

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### Report of the Cabinet Social Outcomes Committee: Period Ended 18 October 2024

On 21 October 2024, Cabinet made the following decisions on the work of the Cabinet Social Outcomes Committee for the period ended 18 October 2024:

Withheld as not part of the Crown Response to the Royal Commission of Inquiry into Abuse in Care

SOU-24-MIN-0123	<b>Addressing Inequity in Some Previous Lake Alice Child and Adolescent Unit Settlements and Additional Funding for Historic Abuse Claims</b> Portfolio: Government's Response to the Royal Commission's Report into Historical Abuse in State Care and in the Care of Faith-based Institutions	CONFIRMED
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