

**From:** [Lars Ivarsson](#)  
**To:** [Patrick West-Oram](#); [Ben Reddiex](#); [Sam Thomas](#); [Nicola Molloy \(Policy Manager\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Tim Bamford](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Status update for MHF on Budget Night process [sensitive]  
**Date:** Tuesday, 10 December 2024 9:31:00 am  
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Kia ora koutou

My two cents:

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Ngā mihi,

Lars Ivarsson | Senior Policy Advisor | Department of Conservation

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**Cc:** Tim Bamford <tbamford@doc.govt.nz>  
**Subject:** RE: Status update for MHF on Budget Night process [sensitive]

Thanks Ben, read your comments all very clear thanks.

I take your point yes. I ran out of time to properly finesse what that para says (wanted to give you and Sam something to react to). Perhaps I could reframe to say something like 'DOC believes there is time to run a standard parliamentary process [briefing xxx refers] which would have fewer delivery risks than the Budget Night approach'.

Grateful for a steer on yours and Sam's preference is here

Thanks for the note on whether we are doing a status report! I will check.

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**Subject:** RE: Status update for MHF on Budget Night process [sensitive]

Thanks Patrick. Comments in the document now. I strongly disagree with the 'contrary recommendation' when the whole paper is around what the Minister has asked...see my comments within. I can talk later today if needed.

Cheers  
Ben

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**Subject:** Status update for MHF on Budget Night process [sensitive]

Hi all,

As discussed at the Director's catch up I have drafted a status update for MHF to confirm his steer on the HOSI leg change. [Weekly status report for the Minister format and guidance - DOC-2728361.docx](#)

We realised today that we have not given him sight of DOC's view on this approach so I have put in a couple of paragraphs to explain why, ideally, we wouldn't follow this process. Grateful for views on that.

Also grateful for views on whether Ruth and Steph need to be across this item or if you are both happy to clear.

Deadline is first thing Wednesday (8am) so please could you provide comments tomorrow, ideally before 2pm so I can action them before I log off (it's my short day). If not [@Lars Ivarsson](#) please could you action anything.

Thanks,  
Patrick

**Patrick West-Oram | Principal Policy Advisor**

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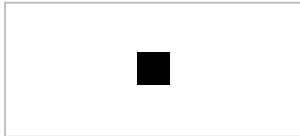
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**Cc:** [Nicola Molloy \(Policy Manager\)](#)  
**Subject:** RE: For your review: HOSI leg scope note to directors  
**Date:** Wednesday, 18 December 2024 3:56:00 pm

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That's a great formulation, thank you for that Sam!

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Kia ora Lars,

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Hi Lars,

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**Subject:** RE: For your review: HOSI leg scope note to directors

Yeah no comments from me Lars, very nice drafting

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**Subject:** RE: For your review: HOSI leg scope note to directors

That looks good to me and particularly like being able cut and paste into the Cabinet paper and RIS (anything that makes my life easier is welcome ... because it's all about me!).

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Kia ora Sam and co!

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**To:** [Tim Bamford](#)  
**Subject:** s9(2)(h)  
**Date:** Wednesday, 18 December 2024 12:04:08 pm  
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Hi Tim,

I think this is something the MOC needs to be across also, not just the MHF – not sure how this is being communicated.

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**Subject:** RE: s9(2)(h)

This is a very good summary, thanks Sam.



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Ta, Tim

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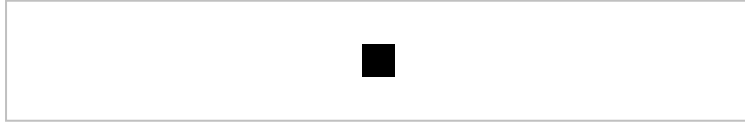
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**Cc:** [Patrick West-Oram](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Revised HOSI Leg bid  
**Date:** Tuesday, 28 January 2025 5:14:34 pm

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On priority ordering – discussed with Megan. Short answer is not sure if no longer on budget night - but on balance we felt retain GAC as 1 and F&G as 2. This would be for him to make a political judgement though...

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**Subject:** Revised HOSI Leg bid

Hi Manon, Nicola

I have updated this leg bid and changed the priority from 3 (priority to pass before end of 2025) to 4 (to pass before end of 2025 if possible) to reflect new non-Budget night timing – see attached.

I am unsure if that changes 19.2; viz “note that the Game Animal Council Act Amendment Bill ranks 1 within the bids from my Hunting and Fishing portfolio;” - @Manon, what is the priority of the Fish & Game one?

Cheers  
Lars

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**Cc:** Jonty Somers <[jsomers@doc.govt.nz](mailto:jsomers@doc.govt.nz)>  
**Subject:** Legal - GAC Act amendment - drafting instructions - DOC-7840551 (12)

Hi Tim

Here is where I've got to with the drafting instructions.

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Sam

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**To:** [Lars Ivarsson](#)  
**Cc:** [Nicola Molloy \(Policy Manager\)](#); [Patrick West-Oram](#); [Sam Thomas](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Updated draft Cabinet paper - HOSI  
**Date:** Tuesday, 4 February 2025 11:24:58 am

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Thank you, really appreciate the quick turnaround.

Thanks,  
Megan



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**Subject:** RE: Updated draft Cabinet paper - HOSI

Kia ora Megan

We have updated the draft Cabinet paper as requested. We have (at paragraph 29 and 30 in the attached) used the suggested wording in your email below to clarify that:

- The intention is to amend the Game Animal Council Act to make it clear that section 4(2)(b) of the National Parks Act (the requirement to 'exterminate introduced animals as far as possible') does not apply to animals covered by a HOSI.
- Paragraph 31 further clarifies that no change will be made to the National Parks Act itself, as this amendment Bill only relates to Herds of Special Interest – not wild animal management in national parks in general.

#### Clarification regarding decision recommendation

- We understand the Minister asked why the recommendation is to delegate authority to him determine the specific technical amendments rather than presenting the proposed amendments in more detail in the paper.
- This approach gives the Minister and DOC officials flexibility in developing detailed drafting instructions to Parliamentary Counsel Office (PCO). This means the Minister will not need to go back to Cabinet and seek approval if minor changes to the drafting instructions are required.
- This type of delegation to an individual Minister for the legislative drafting is fairly standard (following Cabinet agreement on the policy intent itself) and will save time if minor changes are needed.
- Major changes (i.e., to the agreed policy intent) would need to go back to Cabinet for approval, as is

also standard.

Let us know if further changes to the draft Cabinet paper are required and we'll get back to you asap!

Ngā mihi,

Lars Ivarsson | Senior Policy Advisor | Department of Conservation

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**Subject:** RE: Updated draft Cabinet paper - HOSI

Thanks Megan, we are on it. Will be with you ahead of your midday call with the Minister.

Patrick

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**Subject:** Updated draft Cabinet paper - HOSI

Mōrena Patrick,

I think [29] is still unclear about what is actually being sought. Are we seeking to amend 4(2)(b) so that there is no longer a requirement to exterminate introduced animals as far as possible, and management in line with conservation values is possible, as well as remove the NZCA determination power;

Or

Are we seeking to amend by removing the ability for NZCA to make a determination a replacing to be a decision of the Minister, and leaving 4(2)(b) itself alone?

It is unclear to me, and therefore it may be unclear to colleagues, and I won't have an answer.

Is this the intention:

[29] I am seeking Cabinet agreement to delegate decisions to me to determine the specific technical amendments that will be required to clarify the law and remove any legal ambiguity.

[30] The intention of the technical amendments would be that, by default, the National Parks Act requirement in section 4(2)(b) to exterminate introduced animals as far as possible does not apply to animals that are part of a herd designated as a Herd of Special Interest under section 16 of the Game Animal Council Act 2013. This would negate the requirement for the NZCA to make a determination that animals need not be exterminated "as far as possible".

Ngā mihi,  
Megan





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**Cc:** [Manon Roehrig](#)  
**Subject:** Follow questions on Leg Bids [sensitive]  
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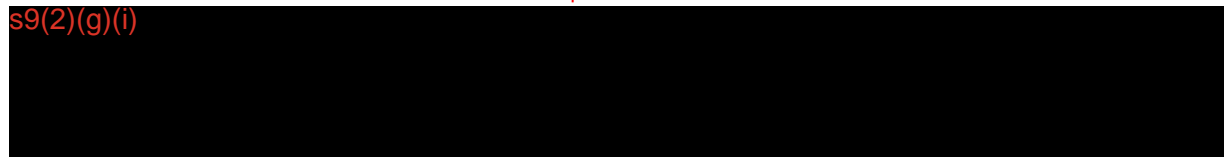
Amy Orr from PCO just rang me and asked some follow up questions on the GAC Act amendment with respect to Budget Night.

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Sam/Ben – given very tight timelines please could you confirm ASAP if you wish to sign out a response.

Manon – fyi as you did the leg bids.

Thanks,  
Patrick

**Patrick West-Oram | Principal Policy Advisor** ([he/him](#))

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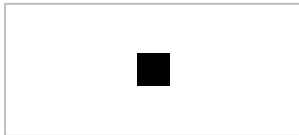
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**Subject:** FW: PCO-26269 FW: Drafting instructions - amendment to the Game Animal Council Act 2013  
**Date:** Friday, 21 March 2025 9:51:00 am  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
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[Game Animal Council Herds of Special Interest Am-v3.0.pdf](#)  
**Importance:** High

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Kia ora Sam and Ben

We've now received the first draft of the GAC Act Amendment Bill (attached) and it appears to be spot on what we needed.

- Jonty and Sam E are happy with the draft (I agree as well); it is straightforward and does what we have asked in the instructions.

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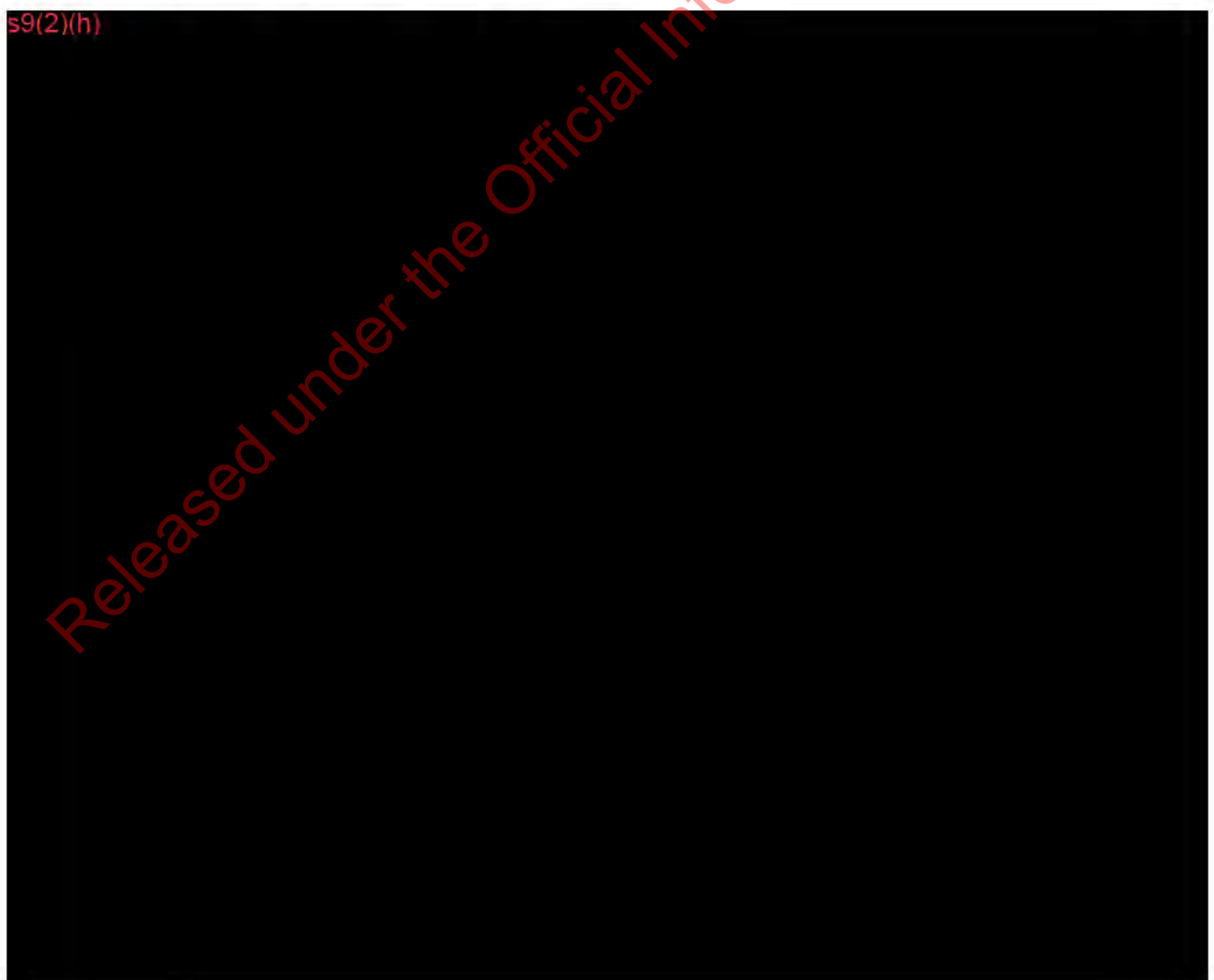
**Next steps**

- Now that we have a first draft in hand we will proceed with getting it to MoI for a BORA vet, writing up disclosure statements etc, so everything is lined up to **lodge the draft Bill on 1 May** for LEG consideration on 8 May. I understand this timing has been confirmed with the Minister's advisor.

Ngā mihi,

Lars Ivarsson | Senior Policy Advisor | Department of Conservation

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So our original timeline stays – so we need draft Bill next week to be able to keep this 😊

Ngā mihi,

Lars Ivarsson | Senior Policy Advisor | Department of Conservation

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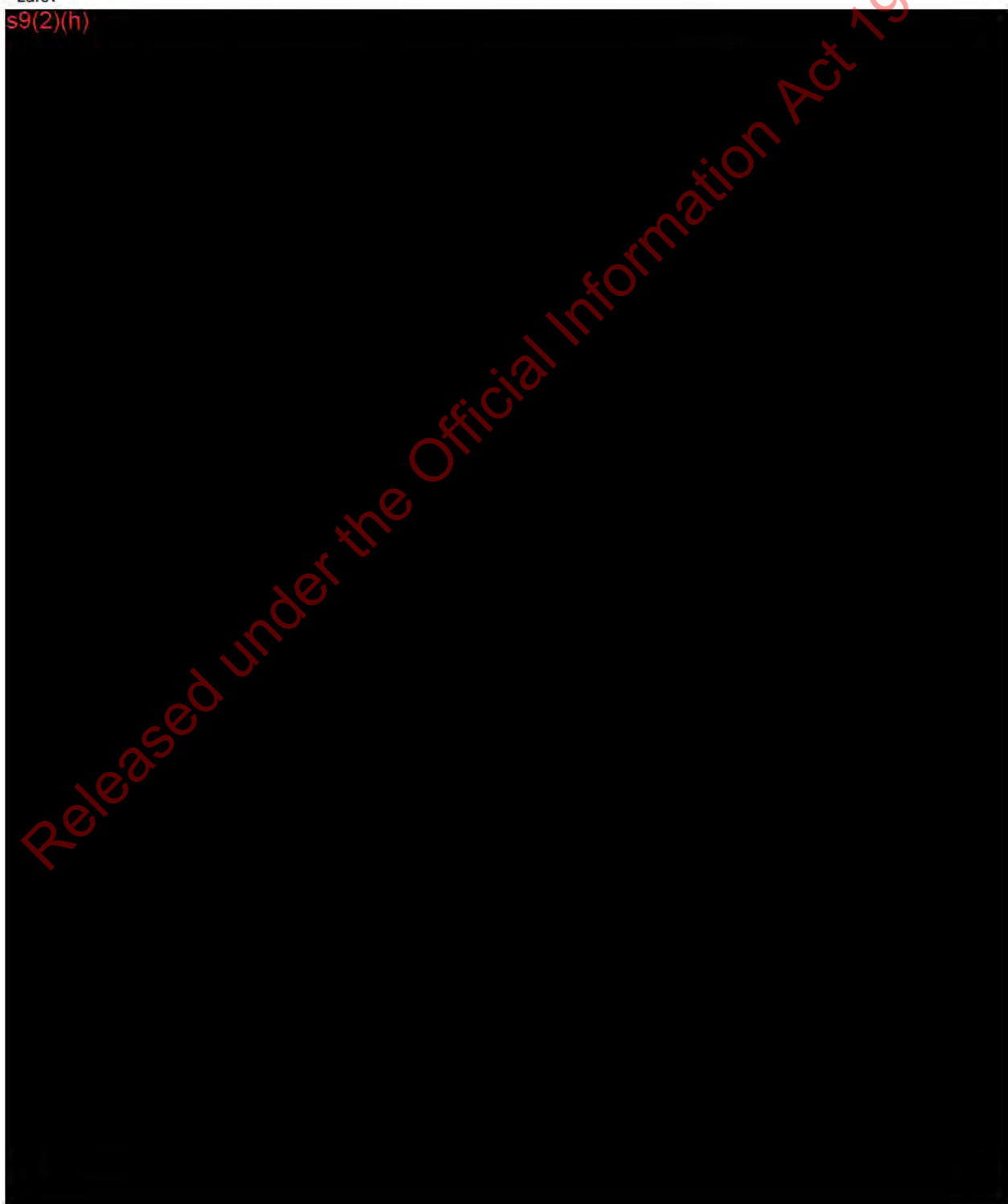
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Lars?

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Ngā mihi  
Sam

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**Subject:** RE: Draft - Quarterly plan - Q2 2025  
**Date:** Monday, 24 March 2025 3:45:55 pm  
**Attachments:** [image001.jpg](#)

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Hi Megan

Thanks. No comments on the text below.

I'm sure your discussing with Louis, but flagging that – while Cabinet has provided policy approvals – an announcement in early April would come before a Cabinet decision to introduce the legislation (paper due to LEG on 8 May).

If we are tracking for early April, it would be helpful to turn quickly to how the Minister wishes to communicate an announcement with the public and key stakeholders involved.

Nicola

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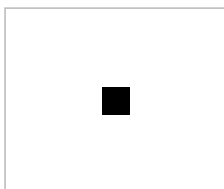
As part of the Q2 announcement from the Prime Minister in early April, the Prime Minister's Office would like to put in the following line on HOSI:

**Introduce legislation to enable the designation of herds of special interest to raise our international profile as a hunting destination and help support an increase in hunting tourism.**

If you could please confirm there are no factual issues with the statement proposed – if so, please indicate as soon as possible and **no later than Tuesday 25 March**.

You may wish to raise this at the Officials meeting on Monday in respect of comms announcements for HOSI when talking to the Sika HOSI proposal agenda item.

Nga mihi,  
Megan



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**Subject:** RE: Info for HOSI Leg Cab paper  
**Date:** Wednesday, 2 April 2025 10:40:52 am  
**Attachments:** [image003.png](#)

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Hi Lars,

Responses in red below.

Thanks,  
Megan



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**Subject:** Info for HOSI Leg Cab paper

Kia ora Megan

We need some info from the office on a couple of points to write up the HOSI Leg cabinet paper. I think this would mostly be questions for Louis, viz:

- Which select committee the Bill is proposed to be referred to.
  - We believe Environment Select Committee would be appropriate – do you agree? **Yes, Environment**
- What priority the Bill holds on the 2025 Legislation Programme.
  - We understand the Bill received priority category 4 – is that correct? **Correct**
- What day the Bill is intended to be introduced to the House for First Reading
  - We understand the intention is to introduce on the 15<sup>th</sup> of May – is this correct? **Best to say 'Week of 12 May'**

Not super urgent, but if we can have this information by next week, we'll make sure it is included in the draft Cab paper!

Ngā mihi,

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**Date:** Sunday, 13 April 2025 7:18:17 pm  
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Hi Sam, Nicola, Lars & Patrick

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What do you think? Would be good to get final confirmation of the announcement as well (date).

Cheers  
Ben

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Kia ora koutou,

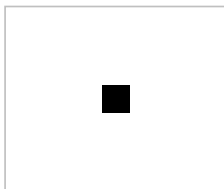
As part of the Q2 announcement from the Prime Minister in early April, the Prime Minister's Office would like to put in the following line on HOSI:

**Introduce legislation to enable the designation of herds of special interest to raise our international profile as a hunting destination and help support an increase in hunting tourism.**

If you could please confirm there are no factual issues with the statement proposed – if so, please indicate as soon as possible and **no later than Tuesday 25 March**.

You may wish to raise this at the Officials meeting on Monday in respect of comms announcements for HOSI when talking to the Sika HOSI proposal agenda item.

Ngā mihi,  
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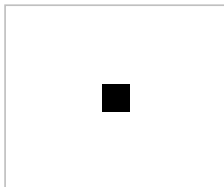
Further to my email below. Louis is sending out the attached documents for Ministerial consultation today – you will note I have amended the dates to say week of 12 May for introduction as per my email below, if you can please make sure to update this on your end ahead of lodging the paper into CabNet.

The Minister was happy for the Cabinet paper and draft bill to go out for consultation; however, he raised a few questions around the Bill as below –

*Can we change the title to just Game Animal Council Amendment Bill? That will widen the scope and leave room for further amends to valued introduced species at select committee (subject to what process needs to be followed for amends to legislation post-Cabinet). It may need a clause which clarifies this applies to any HOSI designated after the commencement of the bill, regardless of when the process for designation started (want to prevent legal challenges to sika and Wapiti which will start the statutory process before the bill is passed, and if there are claims of it needing to apply retrospectively I want it to be clear to the courts it applies to any HOSI designated after commencement).*

Any advice re the above, can be worked through over this consultation period.

Thanks,  
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**Subject:** RE: 25-B-0156 - Briefing - HOSI amendment bill Cabinet paper

Kia ora Lars,

Thank you for sharing – I have amended the briefing and cabinet paper to say intend to introduce the bill **week of 12 May** and noted in the briefing that the first reading may be 20 May. I understand from Louis we need to introduce the bill in the house and give 3 days' notice before the first reading.

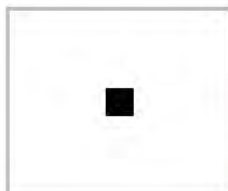
We have been asked if we can add to the bill something to mention **valued introduced species** it was suggested perhaps in the second para of the General policy statement we could add “exterminate



game animals of special interest to hunters or valued introduced species” – noting this might be something we work on during the consultation phase. I’ll defer to you on how this might be done, noting it would need to go through PCO.

I’ll be in touch further with any additional comments from the Minister ahead of this going out for Ministerial consultation.

Thanks,  
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**Subject:** 25-B-0156 - Briefing - HOSI amendment bill Cabinet paper

Kia ora Megan

Please find attached the draft Cabinet paper and cover briefing for the upcoming HOSI amendment bill. The draft Bill is attached as well (note that it is subject to final PCO quality checks).

Let me know any questions and I’ll get back to you asap!

Ngā mihi,

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Kia ora Lars,

Great – thank you.

I have printed out the updated versions and highlighted the amendments in the papers and will put these to the Minister today to confirm. Noting he may wish to discuss matters, such as the Bill title at Officials today.

I will come back to you as soon as I can today.

Ngā mihi,  
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Kia ora Megan

- Attached is the updated version of the Cabinet paper and draft Bill following agency and Ministerial consultation.
- Once it's confirmed the Minister is happy with the paper and bill, we will tell PCO to please finalise the Bill for lodgement tomorrow morning (the earlier we can get confirmation today so we can get back to PCO, the better)
  - The only substantial change to the Cabinet paper (aside from the introduction date being week of the 12<sup>th</sup>) is an addition of a sentence in paragraph 10 saying "Herd management plans also need be consistent with relevant plans and strategies made under the Biosecurity Act 1993."
  - This was added following feedback from MPI that requested clarity on interaction with the Biosecurity Act. We considered this a reasonable technical clarification to make.

Ngā mihi,

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