



4 May 2026

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Chief Executive
McGuinness Institute Te Hononga Waka
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Ref: 009-2026EGOIA

Dear Wendy

I am responding to your request for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Ministerial Economic Security and Supply Chains Group

- 1. Who are the members of the Ministerial Economic Security and Supply Chains Group (as identified in this 12 March 2026 Beehive Press Release?)*
- 2. What are the terms of reference of the Ministerial Economic Security and Supply Chains Group (as identified in this 12 March 2026 Beehive Press Release?)*
- 3. When and how will the Group report to the public? What is the process? This may be in the terms of reference (above).*

This was a part of a larger request you made to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE). On 1 April 2026, MBIE advised you that the above part of your request had been transferred to me in my capacity as the Minister of Finance.

I can advise that the Ministerial Economic Security and Supply Chains Group initially consisted of¹:

- the Minister of Finance (chairperson);
- the Minister of Agriculture;
- the Minister of Commerce and Consumer Affairs;
- the Minister for Energy;
- the Associate Minister for Energy;
- the Minister for Trade and Investment;
- the Minister of Transport; and
- Minister Brooke van Velden.

For your awareness, the membership has now been reconfigured and consists of the Minister of Finance (Chairperson), the Minister for Energy, and the three Associate Ministers of Finance.

¹ CAB-26-MIN-0071.

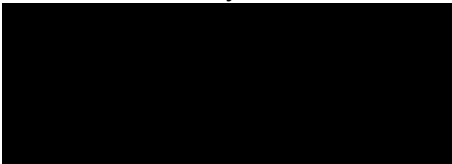
On 9 March 2026, Cabinet agreed to establish a ministerial group to ‘monitor the impact of the conflict in the Middle East, with a focus on economic security including on fuel stocks and price, supply chain impacts and resilience, and impact on New Zealand’s exporters.’²

The Government is acutely aware of the high level of public interest in matters flowing on from events in the Middle East. All necessary announcements will be communicated through the usual channels used by Ministers to share information. This includes, but is not limited to:

- answers to written parliamentary questions;
- information and updates on MBIE’s website;
- press releases on the Beehive website; and
- televised press conferences, streamed on multiple news channel websites.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



Hon Nicola Willis
Minister of Finance

² Op cit.