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By email

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Dear Chair,

Cost of Living Ministerial Group

Thank you for your letter of 22nd April, in which you ask for the minutes and actions of the Cost of Living Ministerial Group.

The Group's terms of reference can be found <u>here</u> and I have asked that the agendas, papers and actions points for each meeting be provided to the Panel in confidence alongside this letter.

Minutes of the group are not published in order to maintain a confidential safe space that provides for frank, candid and open discussions between Ministers, including considering sensitive matters around economic policy and the development of fiscal policy. This allows Ministers and officers to express their views, without being unduly influenced by the publication of minutes, or by introducing an observed element to the decision-making process which could have an impact on the content and nature of discussions. This is the same treatment applied to Part B Council of Minister's Minutes.

I would of course be pleased to extend an invitation to the Panel to meet with the Group to discuss its work and areas of focus.

Yours sincerely,

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Deputy Kirsten Morel Minister for Sustainable Economic Development