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Action required by: 10.00am 16 September

Date sent to Minister: 15 September 2010

Minister's reference: not applicable

File number: HC18-02-9-2

**To: Hon Tony Ryall**

**Title: Approval to implement changes to medicines regulations**

**Advice**

1. In February 2010, the Ministry released a discussion document proposing a number of changes to regulations under the Medicines Act 1981. These changes were designed to: update technical matters; reduce barriers to innovation in the health sector; reduce unnecessary costs for the Crown, industry, health service providers and consumers; and address some health and safety risks.
2. You have now agreed to proceed with these changes, and some additional proposals suggested during the consultation. The Ministry has drafted the attached Cabinet Paper, Submission Summary and Regulatory Impact Statement, for consideration by the Cabinet Social Policy Committee (SOC). Once decisions are taken on these proposals, the Ministry will issue drafting instructions to the Parliamentary Counsel Office.
3. If these papers are submitted to the Cabinet Office by 10.00am on Thursday 16 September, they could be considered by SOC on 22 September and Cabinet on 4 October.

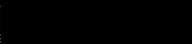
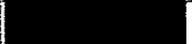
**The Ministry recommends that you:**

- a) Sign the attached Cabinet Paper and CAB 100 Yes / No
- b) Forward the Cabinet Paper, Submission Summary and Regulatory Impact Statement to the Cabinet Office by 10.00am on Thursday 16 September. Yes / No

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### Minister's feedback

	Very poor	Poor	Neutral	Good	Very Good
Quality of advice	1	2	3	4	5
Writing style	1	2	3	4	5
Quality of analysis	1	2	3	4	5
Completeness of information	1	2	3	4	5

Comments:

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