

Timeline: Sky City Convention Centre

Date	Event	Sources
July 2001	<p>Judith Collins, in July 2001, as chairwoman of the Casino Control Authority ruled on SkyCity's application for an earlier \$37 million expansion project. As now, it wanted permission for new gaming tables and gaming machines to help fund the building of new convention facilities.</p> <p>Collins permitted 12 new gambling tables and 230 gaming machines, agreeing with the applicant that the new facility "would be likely to have a substantial positive impact on tourism, employment and economic development" in Auckland.</p> <p>But she admitted that "negative social impacts ... could well result ... in the absence of an appropriately designed and properly implemented responsible gambling programme at the casino".</p>	Source: NZ Herald, 15 Jun 2011
Aug 2009	Feasibility study as to whether a new International Convention and exhibition Centre (ICEC) would be of value is completed.	Source: MED Report to Minister for Economic Development <i>'Background information for upcoming meeting with Sky City'</i> , 12 Feb 2010 (Point 2)
Aug 2009	Minister of Tourism John Key is briefed on the study's findings and officials recommended developing a business case for an ICEC.	Source: MED Report to Minister for Economic Development <i>'Background information for upcoming meeting with Sky City'</i> , 12 Feb 2010 (Point 3)
Aug 2009	Officials are made aware of a proposal being developed by Sky City to expand their convention facilities. The Minister of Tourism directs officials to stop work on the business case and to wait for the proposal from Sky City.	Source: MED Report to Minister for Economic Development <i>'Background information for upcoming meeting with Sky City'</i> , 12 Feb 2010 (Point 4)
4 Nov 2009	Key has dinner with Sky City board - he says "we discussed a possible National Convention Centre and they raised issues relating to the Gambling Act 2003"	Source: WPQ 5514 (2011)
24 March 2010	Cabinet resolves to call for expressions of interest	Source: Cabinet Minute of Decision [CAB (10) 11/7] (p. 1 Point 6)
March 2010	Government suggests that the current arrangement with Auckland City Council to follow-up the jointly funded feasibility study for an international-standard convention centre in central Auckland by developing a business and establishment plan must end. \$250,000 had already been set aside for the	Source: Cabinet Minute of Decision [CAB (10) 11/7] (p. 7 of paper, para 33)

	feasibility study and the business and establishment plan.	
Jan 2011 - Feb 2011	MED spends \$3,300 on a contract for a 'Project Valuation for National Convention Centre'.	<i>Source: 2010/11 Financial Review questions – Ministry of Economic Development (Question 18)</i>
Jan 2011- 3 Feb 2011	MED spends \$9,800 on a contract to conduct a 'Quality survey for National Convention Centre'.	<i>Source: 2010/11 Financial Review questions – Ministry of Economic Development (Question 18)</i>
Feb 2011 – Apr 2011	MED spends \$11,585 on a contract for 'Scoping Legal Services for National Convention Centre'	<i>Source: 2010/11 Financial Review questions – Ministry of Economic Development (Question 18)</i>
30 Jun 2011 - 17 Jan 2011 <i>[date as noted in Financial Review response - correction needed]</i>	MED spends \$253,003 on a contract for 'Legal Services for National Convention Centre'.	<i>Source: 2010/11 Financial Review questions – Ministry of Economic Development (Question 18)</i> There is a mistake with the date recorded in the Financial Reviews – the contract ends on a date before it started. As the scoping for legal services took place Feb – Apr 2011 it seems most likely the correct end date would be 17 Jan 2012.
17 Jan 2011 – 31 Aug 2011	MED contracts Tim Robertson Ltd to provide 'Financial analysis for National Convention Centre negotiations' <i>(preferred supplier, cost excl gst: \$28,143)</i>	<i>Source: 2010/11 Financial Review questions – Ministry of Economic Development (Question 18)</i>
12 Jun 2011	Announced that Sky City chosen to build the Convention Centre, beating 4 competing bids. Sky City to entirely fund the \$350 million centre, with seating for up to 3500. The deal depends on the Government changing legislation to allow Sky City to have more gambling tables and machines. Key says another condition set by the firm is the extension of its casino licence which runs for another ten years.	Radio NZ, 12 Jun 2011