



Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee

Minute of Decision

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Disability Employment Action Plan: Working Matters

Portfolio Social Development

On 23 October 2019, the Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee (SWC):

1 **noted** that in August 2019, Cabinet:

1.1 noted that an all-of-Government Employment Strategy (the Strategy) has been prepared to present the government's overall vision for a more productive and inclusive labour market;

1.2 invited the Minister for Social Development to report to SWC in October 2019 with a draft Action Plan for unlocking the employment potential of people with poor health and disabilities for consultation later in the year;

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2 **noted** the draft Disability Employment Action Plan, attached as Appendix 1 to the submission under SWC-19-SUB-0158, which:

2.1 sets out a framework for exploring and prioritising cross-government action, and for implementing and monitoring success over a 3-5-year timeframe;

2.2 builds on evidence and previous consultation and is aligned with and complements policy reform underway in areas of health, education, welfare and employment;

3 **approved** the release the draft Disability Employment Action Plan to allow targeted consultation on its content with the disability community and other key stakeholders;

4 **authorised** the Minister for Social Development (the Minister) to make minor changes to the Action Plan documents in line with the decisions under SWC-19-SUB-0158 before their release;

5 **noted** that the Minister intends to report back to SWC in April 2020 with the results of the consultation, a final Action Plan and the associated cross-agency work programme which will include actions to be implemented in the first year;

6 **noted** that the Minister intends that the work programme in subsequent years will evolve under the guidance of the Labour Market Ministers Group, and in response to progress monitoring of the data indicators;

- 7 **noted** that the Minister proposes that progress on the plan will also inform reports to the Disability Ministers Group and Independent Monitoring Mechanism as this plan is an action under the Disability Strategy Action Plan 2019-2023;
- 8 **noted** that Ministers will be responsible for specific action areas identified in the Action Plan, that fall within their portfolio responsibilities, as per the normal Cabinet conventions.

Vivien Meek
Committee Secretary

Present:

Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern
Hon Grant Robertson
Hon Andrew Little
Hon Carmel Sepuloni (Chair)
Hon Dr David Clark
Hon Nanaia Mahuta
Hon Stuart Nash
Hon Jenny Salesa
Hon Kris Faafoi
Hon Tracey Martin
Hon Poto Williams
Hon Julie Anne Genter

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