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Seasonal Work Assistance

Hon Carmel Sepuloni, Minister for Social Development and Employment

These documents have been proactively released.

13 November 2020, Report – Enhancing the New Zealand Seasonal Work Scheme and Seasonal Work Assistance Programme

23 November 2020, Cabinet Minute CAB-20-MIN-0485, Cabinet Office

24 November 2020, Cabinet paper – Seasonal Work Assistance

25 November 2020, Cabinet Business Committee Minute CBC-20-MIN-0079, Cabinet Office

30 November 2020, Cabinet Minute CAB-20-MIN-0489, Cabinet Office

These documents seek Ministerial and Cabinet agreement to increase the weekly and maximum rates of the Seasonal Work Assistance payment.

Cabinet Minute confirmed on 30 November 2020.

Some parts of this information release would not be appropriate to release and, if requested, would be withheld under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). Where this is the case, the relevant sections of the Act that would apply have been identified. Where information has been withheld, no public interest has been identified that would outweigh the reasons for withholding it. This is the key to the redaction codes used for this release:

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- Section 9(2)(f)(iv) - the confidentiality of advice under active consideration
- Section 9(2)(h) - to maintain legal professional privilege
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Please note - the dollar figures in recommendations six and 19, and paragraphs 57 and 73 of the report have slightly changed since the writing of the report:

- Recommendation six and paragraph 57 are related to the New Zealand Seasonal Work Scheme changes. These changes were originally costed between \$3.2 million to \$4.8 million. However, further refinements to these costings have resulted in final costings being between \$3.28 million to \$4.54 million.
- Recommendation 19 and paragraph 73 are related to the Seasonal Work Assistance payment changes. The figures in the report are for a five-year period. However, funding had shifted from five years, down to two years – in recognition that changes to the product are of a temporary nature and will be reviewed at a later date.

These adjustments do not have a substantive impact on the assessed impact and cost of the policy.

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