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Social Security (Subsequent Child Policy Removal) Amendment Bill: Approval for Introduction

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The following documents have been proactively released:

- 18 March 2021 Cabinet paper, *Social Security (Subsequent Child Policy Removal) Amendment Bill: Approval for Introduction*
- 18 March 2021, *LEG-21-MIN-0025 Social Security (Subsequent Child Policy Removal) Amendment Bill: Approval for Introduction*
- 22 March 2021, *CAB-21-MIN-0077 Report of the Cabinet Legislation Committee: Period Ended 19 March 2021.*

The following documents are already publicly available:

- 18 March 2021, *Departmental Disclosure Statement – Social Security (Subsequent Child Policy Removal) Amendment Bill*, available here <http://disclosure.legislation.govt.nz/bill/government/2021/18/>
- 18 March 2021, *Social Security (Subsequent Child Policy Removal) Amendment Bill*, available here https://www.parliament.nz/en/pb/bills-and-laws/bills-proposed-laws/document/BILL_109567/social-security-subsequent-child-policy-removal-amendment.

On 22 March 2021, Cabinet:

- approved for introduction the Social Security (Subsequent Child Policy Removal) Amendment Bill (the Bill), subject to the final approval of the government caucus and sufficient support in the House of Representatives
- agreed that the Government propose that the Bill be referred to the Social Services and Community Committee for consideration
- agreed that the Government propose that the Bill be enacted by 11 October 2021 (to allow for a 28-day transition period prior to the subsequent child policy's removal on 8 November 2021).

Since Cabinet's decisions, the Bill was introduced on 24 March 2021, passed its first reading on 6 April 2021, and has now been referred to the Social Services and Community Select Committee. The Bill's progress will be updated at the link for the Bill provided above.

Cabinet previously agreed to the removal of the subsequent child policy from the Social Security Act 2018 and regulations, and the proactively released documents relating to this decision can be accessed here <https://www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/publications-resources/information-releases/cabinet-papers/2020/welfare-overhaul-removing-the-subsequent-child-policy.html>.

Some parts of this information are not appropriate to release, as they relate to matters outside the scope of this proactive release. Where this is the case, the relevant material has been identified as out of scope. Where information is not released, no public interest has been identified that would outweigh the reasons for withholding it.

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