



Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee

Minute of Decision

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Ministry of Social Development's Policy Advice Appropriation

Portfolio **Social Development and Employment**

On 9 November 2022, the Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee:

- 1 **noted** that the Ministry of Social Development Policy Advice appropriation has been under pressure for several years due to increased demands on its social policy work programme and ongoing underlying cost pressures;
- 2 **noted** that the Minister of Finance and Minister for Social Development and Employment have considered suitable options to address level of funding for the Ministry of Social Development Policy Advice appropriation;
- 3 **agreed** to increase the Ministry of Social Development's Policy Advice appropriation by \$5.635 million per annum from the 2023/24 financial year and outyears;
- 4 **noted** that there will continue to be an impact on the Ministry of Social Development's ability to take on any new work unless additional funding is provided, or trade-offs to the work programme are made;
- 5 **approved** the following fiscally neutral adjustments to give effect to the decision in paragraph 3 above, with no impact on the operating balance and/or net debt:

Vote Social Development Minister for Social Development and Employment	\$m – increase/(decrease)				
	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27 & Outyears
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Improved Employment and Social Outcomes Support MCA					
Departmental Output Expense: Administering Income Support (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(5.635)	(5.635)	(5.635)	(5.635)
Departmental Output Expense: Policy Advice (funded by revenue Crown)	-	5.635	5.635	5.635	5.635

- 6 **noted** that the Minister for Social Development and Employment will consult with Ministers, as required, when trade-offs to the Ministry of Social Development's social policy work programme are being considered and where these may impact the work programme and priorities of other Ministers and Portfolios.

Rachel Clarke
Committee Secretary

Present:

Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern
Hon Grant Robertson
Hon Dr Megan Woods
Hon Chris Hipkins
Hon Carmel Sepuloni (Chair)
Hon Andrew Little
Hon Damien O'Connor
Hon Peeni Henare
Hon Willie Jackson
Hon Jan Tinetti
Hon Michael Wood
Hon Kiri Allan
Hon Dr Ayesha Verrall
Hon Priyanca Radhakrishnan
Hon Aupito William Sio

Officials present from:

Office of the Prime Minister
Office of the Chair
Officials Committee for SWC