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# Confirming the role and direction for the Ministry of Social Development’s employment services

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*18 May 2022, Cabinet paper – Confirming the role and direction for the Ministry of Social Development’s employment services*

*18 May 2022, Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee Minute SWC-22-MIN-0091, Cabinet Office.*

The Ministry of Social Development (MSD) plays a key role in providing public employment services that, alongside financial assistance, help people move into and stay in work.

These papers focus on the agreement on the role and future direction of the Ministry of Social Development’s employment services, that will:

* Focus primarily on people at risk of long-term benefit receipt and other key priority cohorts.
* Enable government, through MSD, to continue to help a broader group of people into suitable employment, where resources allow.

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