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## **COVID-19 Government's response to increased ongoing demand for food and other essential wellbeing items**

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*7 September 2021, Report REP/21/9/953: Draft paper - Government's response to increased ongoing demand for food and other essential wellbeing items*

*8 September 2021, Aide-memoire REP/21/9/961: Government's response to increased ongoing demand for food and other essential wellbeing items*

*9 September 2021, Cabinet paper: COVID-19: Government's response to increased ongoing demand for food and other essential wellbeing items, including Appendix One: Government agency funding allocated to support lockdown from 17<sup>th</sup> August 2021*

*9 September 2021, COVID-19 Ministerial Group Minute CMG-21-MIN-0024, Cabinet Office.*

This joint Cabinet paper seeks agreement to further reprioritise funds from Vote Education's Outcomes for Target Student Groups MCA and draw down funds from the COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund, to meet ongoing increased community need for food access and other essential wellbeing items in response to the emergence of the COVID-19 Delta variant – covering the two week period from 11 September 2021.

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Please note – The Cabinet paper had a typographical error in paragraph 2 and 51: it should say 'Community Capability and Resilience Fund' rather than 'Community Resilience and Recovery Fund'. There is also a typographical error in paragraph 53: it references the COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund (CRRF), when it should reference the Community Capability and Resilience Fund (CCRF). This does not have a substantive change on the assessed impact and cost of the policy.

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