

Legislative implications

18 **noted** that the NIWE TAA will be established by a Welfare Programme approved by the Minister for Social Development and Employment under section 101 of the Social Security Act 2018, from 4 September 2023, with a provision for MSD to pay a lump sum to a household who meets the eligibility criteria and whose insurance cover ended prior to the implementation date (4 September 2023);

19 s 9(2)(f)(iv) [Redacted]

20 **agreed** to amend the Social Security Regulations 2018 to provide that:

20.1 the NIWE TAA is not chargeable income for Temporary Additional Support;

20.2 people who receive the NIWE TAA cannot also claim their temporary accommodation costs as an allowable cost for Temporary Additional Support;

21 **agreed** to waive the 28-day rule for the commencement of the Welfare Programmes and amendments to the Regulations outlined in paragraphs 18, 19 and 20 above, as these regulatory changes confer only benefits on individuals;

22 **invited** the Minister for Social Development to issue drafting instructions to the Parliamentary Counsel Office to give effect to the above paragraphs;

Next steps

23 s 9(2)(f)(iv) [Redacted]

23.1 s 9(2)(f)(iv) [Redacted]

23.2 [Redacted]

24 s 9(2)(f)(iv) [Redacted]

24.1 s 9(2)(f)(iv) [Redacted]

24.2 [Redacted]

25 **authorised** the Minister for Social Development and Employment, in consultation with other Ministers as appropriate, to make refinements to the NIWE TAA as required, including decisions on the eligibility criteria, delivery of the payment, the effective date of payment, and the amount of support paid;

26 s 9(2)(f)(iv) [Redacted]

Financial implications

27 **approved** the following fiscally neutral adjustment(s) to provide for the above NIWE TAA and MSD establishment costs, with no impact on the operating balance and/or net debt:

	\$m – increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Vote Building and Construction Minister of Housing Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure Temporary Accommodation Services Non-Departmental Output Expenses: Temporary Accommodation Housing Initiatives - Operations	(10.000)	-	-	-	-
Vote Social Development Minister for Social Development and Employment Benefits or Related Expenses Hardship Assistance Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure Improved Employment and Social Outcomes Support Departmental Output Expenses: Administering Income Support (funded by revenue Crown)	8.887 1.113	-	-	-	-
Total Operating	-	-	-	-	-

28 **agreed** that the changes to appropriations for 2023/24 above be included in the 2023/24 Supplementary Estimates and that, in the interim, the increases be met from Imprest Supply;

Enhanced Taskforce Green (ETFG) – further funding

29 **noted** that \$2.5 million of spend from MSD’s baseline has been approved for ETFG clean-up this year so far;

30 **noted** that there is further clean-up work to be done to support ETFG recovery, that needs are still emerging, and that the approved spend of \$2.5 million will run out at the end of July 2023;

- 31 **authorised** the continued use of ETFG up to a cost of \$3 million (excluding GST), in 2023/24, in addition to the \$2.5 million (excluding GST) already authorised, to assist with the clean-up of damage caused by Cyclone Gabrielle;
- 32 **noted** that this spend will come from Vote: Social Development Multi-Category Appropriation - Improving Employment and Social Outcomes Support baselines.

Rachel Hayward
Secretary of the Cabinet

Secretary's Note: the decisions taken by Cabinet in paragraph 8.2 were subsequently updated at a meeting of the Cabinet Extreme Weather Recovery committee, exercising its power to act, on 19 July 2023.
