



Cabinet Social Outcomes Committee

Minute of Decision

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Action to Improve the Sustainability of Disability Support Services

Portfolio Disability Issues

On 4 December 2024, the Cabinet Social Outcomes Committee (SOU):

Rapid review of pricing for residential care

- 1 **noted** that a freeze, at current levels, is currently in place on funding for residential facility-based care for 2024/25, pending a detailed and urgent review of contract and pricing models;
- 2 **directed** the Ministry of Social Development to progress a pricing model for funding Disability Support Services (DSS)-funded residential care services, including testing with providers and sector groups of banded rates;

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Consultation on the implementation of the Independent Review's recommendations, and the scope of longer-term policy work on sustainability

- 5 **approved** the public release of the following discussion documents (the discussion documents), attached to the submission under SOU-24-SUB-0157, in late-February 2025, allowing time for translation into accessible formats:
 - 5.1 *Consultation: Targeted Changes to Stabilise Disability Support Services;*
 - 5.2 *Consultation: Strengthening the System – Establishing the scope of work and legislation for a future DSS system;*
- 6 **authorised** the Minister for Disability Issues to make amendments to the discussion documents;
- 7 **invited** the Minister for Disability Issues to report back SOU in May 2025, seeking final decisions for responding to the recommendations 5 and 6 from the Independent Review of DSS, and the scope of longer-term policy work on the future sustainability of DSS;

8 **agreed** that the Minister for Disability Issues may publicly communicate the next steps of this work programme, including the expected timeframes.

Jenny Vickers
Committee Secretary

Present:

Hon David Seymour
Hon Chris Bishop (Chair)
Hon Dr Shane Reti
Hon Erica Stanford
Hon Paul Goldsmith
Hon Louise Upston
Hon Mark Mitchell
Hon Tama Potaka
Hon Melissa Lee
Hon Nicole McKee
Hon Casey Costello
Hon Nicola Grigg
Hon Karen Chhour

Officials present from:

Office of the Prime Minister
Officials Committee for SOU
Office of the Minister of Education
Office of the Minister for Disability Issues