

Coversheet

Social Security (Emergency Housing) Amendment Regulations 2024

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These documents have been proactively released.

8 July 2024, Cabinet paper - Social Security (Emergency Housing) Amendment Regulations 2024

8 July 2024, Cabinet Business Committee Minute CBC-24-MIN-0074, Cabinet Office.

The Cabinet paper sought approval for consequential amendments to the Social Security Regulations 2018 as a result of establishing the new Emergency Housing Grants Programme. These amendments were minor and technical, updating provisions to reference the Emergency Housing Grants Programme instead of the Special Needs Grants Programme, and add a new clause to ensure existing regulations will continue to apply to people who are paying EH contribution under current settings.

The following document that accompanied the Cabinet paper is already public:

Notice Under the Legislation Act 2019 <u>Notice Under the Legislation Act 2019</u> - 2024-sl3362- New Zealand Gazette

Please note – The following paragraph (7) has a technical error:

7. The agreed changes will support a decrease in EH SNG use by an estimated 50 per cent by the end of the 2027/28 financial year. Budget 2024 included savings from changes to EH settings and continued investment in housing support services of \$350.545 million over the forecast period.

The 50 percent reduction is a typo and is supposed to be a 36 percent reduction in EH SNG use. The savings of \$350.545 million over the forecasted period is still correct. This paragraph was used to explain background context on previously agreed upon decisions in the paper, and not to justify the actions the paper sought.

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