

Cabinet Legislation Committee

Minute of Decision

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Social Security (Youth Money Management) Amendment Regulations 2025

Portfolio Social Development and Employment

On 9 October 2025, the Cabinet Legislation Committee:

- noted that recipients of the Young Parent Payment, and partners (aged 16 to 19) of recipients of Jobseeker Support, Supported Living Payment, and Emergency Benefit who also receive Flexible Childcare Assistance (FCA) payments may not be able to use them as intended if they are paid using Youth Money Management, administered by the Ministry of Social Development's Youth Service;
- 2 **noted** that regulation 195(1)(c) of the Social Security Regulations 2018 refers to the Training Incentive Allowance (TIA) as being administered under the Employment and Work Readiness Assistance Programme instead of the Training Incentive Allowance Programme;
- noted that in May 2025, the Cabinet Social Outcomes Committee agreed that:
 - 3.1 FCA payments be excluded from being paid in the Youth Money Management manner, so that they can be used to pay for costs of informal childcare, as per the policy intent; and
 - 3.2 TIA payments made under the Training Incentive Allowance Programme be excluded from being paid in the Youth Money Management manner, as administered by the Youth Service, as per the policy intent;

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- 4 **noted** that the Social Security (Youth Money Management) Amendment Regulations 2025 will give effect to the decisions in paragraph 3 above;
- **authorised** the submission to the Executive Council of the Social Security (Youth Money Management) Amendment Regulations 2025 [PCO 28232/7.0];
- 6 **noted** that the Social Security (Youth Money Management) Amendment Regulations 2025 will come into force on 17 November 2025.

Tom Kelly

Committee Secretary

Attendance: (See over)

IN CONFIDENCE

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Present:

Hon David Seymour Rt Hon Winston Peters Hon Judith Collins KC (Chair) Hon Dr Shane Reti Hon Todd McClay Hon Simon Watts Hon Nicole McKee Hon Penny Simmonds Hon James Meager Stuart Smith, MP Todd Stephenson, MP

Jamie Arbuckle, MP

Officials present from:

Officials Committee for LEG Office of the Leader of the House Office of the Attorney-General