



Cabinet Social Outcomes Committee

Minute of Decision

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Supporting Older People to Live Well Longer

Portfolios **Seniors / Associate Health (Hon Casey Costello)**

On 8 October 2025, the Cabinet Social Outcomes Committee (SOU):

- 1 **noted** that the proposals in the paper under SOU-25-SUB-0132 complement those in the paper *Improving Health Outcomes for Older People: Establishing a Work Programme* [SOU-25-SUB-0124], submitted jointly by the Minister of Health and Minister for Seniors and Associate Minister of Health (Hon Casey Costello), which was considered by SOU on 17 September 2025;
- 2 **noted** that the Government has a Better Later Life Strategy, focused on meeting the needs of an ageing population;
- 3 **noted** that the Government is already delivering for older people as part of Coalition Agreement Commitments;
- 4 **noted** that, to date, Better Later Life has had positive outcomes for older people, but there is room for improvement;
- 5 **noted** that the next Better Later Life Action Plan will deliver ten objectives under three priority areas: health and care services, cost-of-living, and housing;
- 6 **agreed** to the release of the Better Later Life Action Plan 2025-2028 (the Action Plan), attached to the submission under SOU-25-SUB-0132, in late November or early December 2025;
- 7 **authorised** the Minister for Seniors to make minor editorial, design, and formatting changes to the Action Plan as required prior to its public release.

Jenny Vickers
Committee Secretary

Attendance: (see over)

Present:

Hon David Seymour
Rt Hon Winston Peters
Hon Nicola Willis
Hon Simeon Brown
Hon Erica Stanford
Hon Paul Goldsmith
Hon Louise Upston (Chair)
Hon Dr Shane Reti
Hon Tama Potaka
Hon Nicole McKee
Hon Casey Costello
Hon Nicola Grigg
Hon Penny Simmonds
Hon Scott Simpson
Hon Karen Chhour

Officials present from:

Office of the Prime Minister
Officials Committee for SOU