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Strengthening Disability Support Services: Policy decisions to establish a legislative framework

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This paper seeks agreement to accelerate action to further stabilise and strengthen the Ministry of Social Development's (MSD) Disability Support Services (DSS) by establishing a foundational legislative framework that clarifies its role and purpose. This Bill will also mitigate risks arising from a Supreme Court judgment regarding paid family care.

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