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Supporting carers' contributions: Carers' Strategy Action Plan

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These documents have been proactively released:

- 10 August 2026, Paper – Supporting Carers' Contributions: Carers' Strategy Action Plan
- 10 August 2026, Appendix 1: Mahi Aroha Carers' Strategy Action Plan
- 10 August 2026, Appendix 2: Governance
- 10 August 2026, Appendix 3: Consideration of key groups
- 5 August 2026, Cabinet Economic Policy Committee Minute ECO-26-MIN-0148.

These papers outline Cabinet agreement to the cross-government Mahi Aroha Carers' Strategy Action Plan (Action Plan) to support informal or unpaid carers (Appendix 1) and provide further detail on the Action Plan, development, consultation and governance.

The following documents that provide further explanation on the development of the Action Plan and public consultation are already public:

- Initial agreement to the draft Carer's Strategy Action Plan and progression to public consultation, which outline Cabinet agreement in principle to the government commitments in the draft Carers' Strategy Action Plan.
www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/publications-resources/information-releases/cabinet-papers/2025/initial-agreement-to-the-draft-carers-strategy-action-plan-and-progression-to-public-consultation.html
- *Draft Carers' Strategy Action Plan: Discussion document November 2025*, which outlines the draft Carers' Strategy Action Plan and development.
www.msd.govt.nz/documents/about-msd-and-our-work/publications-resources/consultations/carers-strategy-action-plan/discussion-document.pdf
- *Draft Carers' Strategy Action Plan: Summary document November 2025*, which provides a summary of the draft Carers' Strategy Action Plan and development.
www.msd.govt.nz/documents/about-msd-and-our-work/publications-resources/consultations/carers-strategy-action-plan/summary.pdf.

Minor typographical errors have been noted; these do not make any substantive changes to the policy decisions. These are:

- The Cabinet paper refers to the Social Outcomes Committee on page 1; this was later changed to the Cabinet Economic Policy Committee following submission of the paper.

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