



# Cabinet Legislation Committee

## Minute of Decision

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### Approved Information Sharing Agreement between the Ministry of Social Development and the New Zealand Customs Service

**Portfolio**                      **Social Development**

On 9 April 2019, the Cabinet Legislation Committee:

- 1        **noted** that on 28 November 2018, the Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee (SWC):
  - 1.1        agreed to convert the existing Information Matching Agreement between the Ministry of Social Development and the New Zealand Customs Service to an Approved Information Sharing Agreement, to remove the need to give notice to clients who receive supplementary assistance;
  - 1.2        authorised the Minister for Social Development and the Minister of Customs to make minor and technical changes to the Approved Information Sharing Agreement following public consultation;
  - 1.3        agreed that provided the changes from the analysis of public consultation feedback are only minor and/or technical, the final Approved Information Sharing Agreement and Order in Council will be submitted to Cabinet for approval in March 2019.  
  
            [SWC-18-MIN-0173]
- 2        **noted** that:
  - 2.1        the Minister of Customs and the Minister for Social Development agreed to several minor and technical changes to the Approved Information Sharing Agreement due to further feedback from agencies;
  - 2.2        the changes remove unnecessary content and help to clarify the purpose of the Approved Information Sharing Agreement;
- 3        **noted** that an Order in Council is required under section 96J of the Privacy Act 1993 to give effect to the Approved Information Sharing Agreement;
- 4        **authorised** the submission to the Executive Council of the Privacy (Information Sharing Agreement between Ministry of Social Development and New Zealand Customs Service) Order 2019 [PCO 21957/11.0];

5 **noted** that the Order in Council will come into force 28 days after its notification in the Gazette.

Vivien Meek  
Committee Secretary

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**Present:**

Rt Hon Winston Peters  
Hon Chris Hipkins (Chair)  
Hon Andrew Little  
Hon Carmel Sepuloni  
Hon David Parker  
Hon Stuart Nash  
Hon Iain Lees-Galloway  
Hon Tracey Martin  
Hon James Shaw  
Hon Julie Ann Genter  
Hon Eugenie Sage  
Hon Ruth Dyson (Senior Government Whip)

**Officials present from:**

Officials Committee for LEG

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Minister for Social Development