



# Cabinet Legislation Committee

## Minute of Decision

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### **Social Security (Cash Assets and Income Exemptions—Kāinga Ora Energy Subsidy) Amendment Regulations 2023 and Student Allowances (Income Exemptions—Kāinga Ora Energy Subsidy) Amendment Regulations 2023**

**Portfolio**                      **Social Development and Employment**

On 4 May 2023, the Cabinet Legislation Committee:

- 1        **noted** that in March 2023, the Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee agreed to exclude the subsidies provided as part of Kāinga Ora’s Pilot Winter Energy Study from the definition of income in the Social Security Act 2018 and the Student Allowance Regulations 1998 [SWC-23-MIN-0014];
- 2        **noted** that the Social Security (Cash Assets and Income Exemptions— Kāinga Ora Energy Subsidy) Amendment Regulations 2023 and the Student Allowances (Income Exemptions— Kāinga Ora Energy Subsidy) Amendment Regulations 2023 give effect to the decision referred to in paragraph 1 above;
- 3        **noted** that a waiver of the 28-day rule is sought:
  - 3.1        so that the regulations can come into force prior to Kāinga Ora paying the first subsidy for any electricity consumption over each participant’s electricity cap to energy retailers in June 2023;
  - 3.2        on the grounds that the amendments to the regulations will only confer benefits for those affected by them;
- 4        **agreed** to waive the 28-day rule so that the regulations can come into force on 12 May 2023;
- 5        **authorised** the submission to the Executive Council of the:
  - 5.1        Social Security (Cash Assets and Income Exemptions-Kāinga Ora Energy Subsidy) Amendment Regulations 2023 [PCO 25389/6.0];
  - 5.2        Student Allowances (Income Exemptions-Kāinga Ora Energy Subsidy) Amendment Regulations 2023 [PCO 25390/5.0].

Rebecca Davies  
Committee Secretary

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**Attendance: see over**

**Present:**

Hon Grant Robertson (Chair)  
Hon Andrew Little  
Hon David Parker  
Hon Peeni Henare  
Hon Ginny Andersen  
Hon Dr Duncan Webb  
Hon Willow-Jean Prime  
Tangi Utikere, MP

**Officials present from:**

Office of the Prime Minister  
Officials Committee for LEG