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## **Welfare assistance package to help low-income people meet the increasing cost of living**

**Hon Carmel Sepuloni, Minister of Social Development and Employment**

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*22 February 2023, Welfare assistance package to help low-income people meet the increasing cost of living*

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This Cabinet paper seeks approval for:

- a one-off increase to main benefit rates to align these rates to the increase in the Consumers Price Index 2023, and
- additional funding for Building Financial Capability services through a fiscally neutral transfer.

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