

**Bryan Perry**

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**From:** Bryan Perry  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 7 September 2016 4:16 p.m.  
**To:** 'S 9(2)(a) S 9(2)(a)'  
**Cc:** Media (MSD); Simon MacPherson; S 9(2)(a) S 9(2)(a)  
**Subject:** I have spoken with / emailed all those who were pre-briefed to let them know of the new 10.30am release time for the HIR etc. EoM

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**Cc:** S 9(2)(g)(i) Free and frank expression; Simon MacPherson; Media (MSD); S 9(2)(g)(i) Free and frank expression  
**Subject:** UNICEF: Families now spend half their incomes on housing

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### Families now spend half their incomes on housing

Thursday, 8 September 2016 1:40 pm | UNICEF Press Release

Tags: Politics, Housing Issues, Welfare, Newsworthy.

September 8, 2016

Families now spend half their incomes on housing (no, this is true only for households in the bottom income quintile)

Fifty per cent of renters receiving the accommodation supplement are now spending more than half of their income on housing costs, according to Ministry of Social Development data released today. (correct)

The MSD's Household Incomes Report lifts the lid (Section 9(2)(g)(i) Free and frank expression) on poverty and hardship rates in New Zealand and says 85,000 children live in households with the greatest material hardship. (Section 9(2)(g)(i) Free and frank expression)

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"The overrepresentation of children continuing to live in real material hardship in our country is appalling and we see no real improvement since the 2014 report

(Section 9(2)(g)(i) Free and frank expression) Taking into account housing costs, the inequality in New Zealand household income is increasing (Section 9(2)(g)(i) Free and frank expression) " says UNICEF New Zealand Executive Director Vivien Maidaborn. (Section 9(2)(g)(i) Free and frank expression)

Ms Maidaborn acknowledged the real and immediate concern for the 85,000 children living in households where their families cannot afford even the basics of living, but stressed that the concern did not end there. (Section 9(2)(g)(i) Free and frank expression)

"We remain focussed on the larger group of families, including 295,000 children where low incomes and increasing housing costs place even more families under

real pressure.

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"Even more unacceptable is that half of these children experiencing hardship are Māori and Pasifika kids, even though Māori and Pasifika people make up only 30 per cent of the population.

"We are in danger of accepting a level of hardship as normal, with the associated poor housing, low incomes, and poor health."

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Ms Maidaborn went on to say there had been much confusion about the difference between low income and material hardship, with figures ranging between 85,000 and 295,000.

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"The 2015 Housing Income Survey (?) said there were 295,000 children living in households with income poverty, defined as households earning less than 60 per cent of the median income after housing costs.

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The group affected worst are the 85,000 children living with the greatest material hardship

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meaning their families can't afford fundamentals of living like important food groups

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MSDs figures show that there is no income growth among the lowest income groups compared to growth in the higher income groups (the report does not say this) — which is evidence of growing income inequality.

According to the Household Incomes Report, around 100,000 (10 per cent) of children live in households reporting a major problem with dampness and mould. Around 140,000 (13 per cent) live with a major problem heating their homes. Correct

Ms Maidaborn hopes all New Zealanders will be as alarmed as UNICEF New Zealand by the growing inequity laid bare in the MSD's report

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"These findings are very timely, especially as Social Development Minister Anne Tolley travels to Geneva next week to report to the United Nations on the state of New Zealand's children."

Ms Maidaborn will also be traveling to Geneva as part of the delegation to observe this process.

Ms Maidaborn went on to say that New Zealand is currently failing to meet its commitment to ending poverty as outlined in the UN Sustainable Development Goals. (The SDG on poverty that NZ committed to in Sep 2015 is to halve rates on national measures by 2030. It is not possible to be failing to meet a commitment made under 12 mnths ago when there are still 14 years to run and there were no milestones. It may well prove to be a goal that is very difficult to achieve, but that's a different matter)

New Zealand adopted the UN's Sustainable Development Goals in 2015, a commitment from government to achieving and sustaining income growth of the bottom 40 per cent at a rate higher than the national average. (This in fact is one of the goals on reducing inequality, not poverty. The reports note our trend to date which is flat.)

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**Subject:** RE: Can we please have comment on this, specifically the highlighted lines

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**To:** Bryan Perry  
**Subject:** FW: Can we please have comment on this, specifically the highlighted lines

Good morning Bryan, as per below S 9(2)(a) keen for some comment (and your wise words) on this:

(Apologies for forwarding the email, I'm in a meeting!)

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### When spin is not the right answer

The Dominion Post, Wellington by Tracy Watkins  
General News - page 2 - 384 words - ID 654171855 - Photo: No - Type: News Item - Size: 179.00cm<sup>2</sup>

09 Sep 2016

#### Analysis

There is some spin reading in the latest report on income inequality in New Zealand. But you wouldn't know that from the Government's spin. (Note the acknowledgement of child pov rates too high etc, in Minister Tolley's release).

The report sheets home the real costs of the housing crisis to the government, finding that the poorest households are now spending more than half their income on housing.

For those families, the share of housing costs compared to household income rose from 29 per cent in 2013, to 49 per cent.

So what was the Government's line? New Zealand is headed in "the right direction".

The figures are in the latest Household Incomes Report, which is prepared by the Ministry of Social Development.

Its other findings include that the number of children experiencing material hardship living in a cold, damp house, or owning only one pair of shoes rose from 145,000 to 155,000.

The Overview Report says that the material hardship trend for kids ... fell to 14% in 2014 and was much the same in 2015. The report warns against making anything of small year-on-year changes. DomPost says it rose. The report says "much the same".

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Table F.3 in the Green book (NIMs) reports that in LSS 2008 8% of all kids

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Around 85,000 children were in "severe" hardship, up 5000.

The numbers are correct. The message is misleading. Again the DomPost ignores the explicit guidance in the report about year-on-year changes. One cannot conclude that the numbers rose – margin of error again.

So why was the Government hailing it as a good news story? It's all about how you spin it of course - the numbers show that on a pure percentage basis, child poverty rates were down from 29 per cent in 2014 to 28 per cent last year.

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Social Development Minister Anne Tolley used the findings to declare "there is no rise in poverty and material hardship trends for children, which the report says are flat or falling".

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Over the last four years, the median household income rose, on average, by just under 3 per cent, well ahead of countries like Britain, France, Germany and the United States where incomes have either fallen or barely risen in the years since the global financial crisis.

But dig a little beneath the numbers and it's not nearly so rosy.

The stated rise in median household incomes among the poorest New Zealanders is skewed by pension payments, which have risen at a rate faster than inflation.

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And superannuitants of course, are among those least affected by runaway house prices, other than as beneficiaries of rampant capital gains.

Once they are excluded, those on the lowest incomes have probably even barely tread water.

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Minister for Social Development

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**Subject:** RE: URGENT Comment - Labour: Wealth inequality at record levels - extra info

The S10/S1 ratio that Labour talk about: NZ's avg of 8.5 in the last 7 years is close to Australia and Canada and lower than the UK.

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My comments in red

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**Subject:** URGENT Comment - Labour: Wealth inequality at record levels  
**Importance:** High

Bryan, I'll call your mobile - can you provide quick comment on this

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## **Wealth inequality at record levels**

Thursday, 8 September 2016 1:16 pm | New Zealand Labour Party Press Release

Tags: Parliament, Housing Issues, Economic Policy, Economy, Employment, Welfare, Statistics, General Politics.

**Grant Robertson**  
**MP for Wellington Central**  
**Finance Spokesperson**  
MEDIA STATEMENT

8 September 2016

## **Wealth inequality at record levels**

The housing crisis is making inequality worse, with housing costs in New Zealand now way out of proportion for those on the lowest incomes, according to the 2016 Household Incomes Report, says Labour's Finance spokesperson Grant Robertson.

"Most New Zealanders aren't getting their fair share – the benefits of growth are clearly going to the top. Section 9(2)(g)(i) Free and frank expression On a BHC basis this is incorrect. P11 graph, p13 top 1% graph in Overview. On an AHC basis it is still not correct. The gains for the lower income HHs are less (which is why AHC income inequality is a little higher in the last 4 years), but that is different than what is claimed. This report shows that the incomes of the top 10 per cent are now almost ten times the amount of the bottom 10 per cent. This is taken from Table D.9 in the Incomes Report and is a BHC measure. The average since 2008 is more like 8.5 and it shows the danger of taking one year alone, as the report warns against. NZ is not unusual in the OECD on this measure. This is a record and not one to be proud of.

"This report is clear evidence that the housing crisis is having a huge impact on the material wealth of the lowest paid New Zealanders. Section 9(2)(g)(i) Free and frank expression The report does not deal with wealth issues. That is shown only by wealth surveys, eg what StatsNZ released recently.

"Kiwis are spending far too much money on housing costs as a proportion of their income. Section 9(2)(g)(i) Free and frank expression

"For the bottom 10 percent (no, the bottom 20%) the share of housing costs to incomes has risen from 29 per cent to 54 per cent since the study began. A record 28 per cent of families are spending more than 30c of every dollar they earn on housing costs. Correct

"As the report says 'there is evidence of higher AHC (after housing cost) income inequality in the last few years as compared with the mid 2000s and earlier'. Correct

"National has to take the blame for this. The rise in wealth inequality is what happens when you run a low wage economy and let a housing crisis get out of control.

"The only way this damaging situation can be turned around is to establish a clear plan to increase wages and fix the housing crisis. The only way that will happen is by changing the government," says Grant Robertson. No comment

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**Cc:** Simon MacPherson; i\_request (MSD)  
**Subject:** RE: I-Request - 2016 Household Incomes Report additional supporting information

Hi S 9(2)(a)

Yes, will do. I'll send you a draft early next week to check we're on target, then finalise rapidly thereafter.

Regards,

Bryan

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**From:** S 9(2)(a) [mailto:S 9(2)(a)@parliament.govt.nz]  
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**To:** Bryan Perry; S 9(2)(a)  
**Cc:** Simon MacPherson; i\_request (MSD)  
**Subject:** I-Request - 2016 Household Incomes Report additional supporting information

Hello Bryan and S 9(2)(a) thank you for coming over and taking the time to brief the Minister and her Advisors.

I think both meetings were very helpful, and very valuable ahead of the release, and ahead of Geneva.

As discussed with the Minister, it would be really helpful if you could provide:

- the mentioned expanded list of statements (made) and our comment (including, if possible the fact check on the UNICEF info)
- information on what the different measures are that other people/groups use, and an explanation and where we are in relation to these

More than happy to discuss.

It would be great if this additional info could be provided for the Minister as soon as reasonably possible (or, if easier, please include them in your updated "final" pack of documents to come over next week).

Kind regards, S 9(2)(a)

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Will be back at 1pm

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**To:** Bryan Perry; S 9(2)(S 9(2)(a))  
**Subject:** For QA: Oral Question on Incomes Report  
**Importance:** High

Hello! Attached is what has been prepared for the House for tomorrow.

Are you able to do a quick QA.

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**Subject:** RE: CONFIRMED NEW TIME - Income Report to be released 10.30am

This is clear and understood ....

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**Subject:** CONFIRMED NEW TIME - Income Report to be released 10.30am  
**Importance:** High

Hi, please change the release time for the Incomes and Non-incomes report to 10.30am, tomorrow Thursday 8 September.

The release time is NOT 9am, it is now 10.30am.

Can you please confirm this is clear and understood?

Thanks!! (Section 9(2)(g)(i) Free and frank expression)

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**Subject:** RE: For QA: Oral Question on Incomes Report  
**Attachments:** Draft Oral Question - Incomes Report- bp comment.docx

Hi S 9(2)(a)

Comments and suggested edits attached.

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**PRIMARY: What recent announcements has the Minister made regarding the material wellbeing of New Zealand households? bp comment / edits**

This morning I welcomed the release of the Ministry of Social Development's 2016 Household Incomes Report and the companion report on material wellbeing using Non-Income Measures.

I applaud the Ministry's work in this area and their role as the social sector leader on the measurement and understanding of trends in income, inequality and material hardship.

Very few countries collect as much detailed and in depth information on this subject as New Zealand, which highlights the Government's commitment to understanding the drivers of poverty and hardship.

This is the tenth issue of an ongoing series of Incomes Reports and provides the Government with valuable long-term analysis that lets us gauge the effect of the work we do to support New Zealanders.

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**Cc:** Media (MSD); Simon MacPherson  
**Subject:** RE: Greens: Government report shows child poverty becoming the norm

See red comments below.

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**To:** Bryan Perry; S 9(2)S 9(2)(a)  
**Cc:** Media (MSD)  
**Subject:** Greens: Government report shows child poverty becoming the norm  
**Importance:** High

Hi Bryan, the Green's just released the below in response to your report.

Would you be able to send over a few lines for S 9(2)(a) re. your thoughts on how they address your report?

Call if easier, thanks S 9(2)(a)

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**From:** S 9(2)(a)  
**Sent:** Thursday, 8 September 2016 11:23 a.m.  
**To:** S 9(2)S 9(2)(a)  
**Subject:** Greens: Government report shows child poverty becoming the norm

You may want to show BP

### **Government report shows child poverty becoming the norm**

Thursday, 8 September 2016 11:03 am | Green Party Press Release  
Tags: Parliament, Child and Youth Issues, Economy, Newsworthy.

8 September 2016

Government's own report shows child poverty becoming the 'new normal'. This is the line taken by the recent Guardian articles, using quotes they claim came from UNICEF(NZ). The notion behind it is that the public now in general just accepts the current levels as "it is what it is", and there's not much passion for change. The report does not discuss this issue at all. That requires a public opinion poll to address the question.

Poverty is stagnating in New Zealand – this is the line from UNICEF (NZ) summarising a UNICEF (Research HQ in Florence) report from earlier in the year which showed that on a fixed line BHC measure NZ low income rates had not changed as a result of the GFC (this was a GOOD THING in that report), compared with some others for whom it had got worse., and the National Government has no plan to help the kids from low income families who are falling further behind

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'The material wellbeing of NZ households report' by Bryan Perry, the most comprehensive look at poverty in this country, was released today and shows that child poverty is becoming normal in this country, and on some measures is back to levels not seen since the GFC. (This likely refers to the AHC and BHC REL measures ... for which the claim is technically correct ... the reports note that the relative measures are heavily impacted by the rising median and do not tell us in the short run how the low income families are faring in real terms ... which is partly why the reports use the anchored line measures as the primary ones for income).

"The lot of New Zealand children has not been improving under the National Government (this statement refers to all NZ children, so is clearly false), and instead poverty is becoming entrenched for far too many kids (Minister Tolley's PR acknowledges that rates are too high and the Govt is doing something about it)," Green Party Co-leader Metiria Turei said today.

"Staggering numbers of families are struggling with housing issues such as dampness or mould, heating and keeping a house warm in winter, and putting up with feeling cold. This should be a call to action for the Government that child poverty needs to be addressed.

"National has turned our country into one where wages are too low to pay for decent housing, and there aren't enough houses for families to live in.

"We are in the middle of a homelessness crisis with families and newborns living in cars.

"There has not been movement or improvement for children who are living in poverty. This Government has its blinkers on. It ignores child poverty and targets so tightly that most children are left out of focus.

"40 per cent of poor children come from families where at least one adult is in full-time work or self-employed (correct), but this is not enough to help deal with poor quality or crowded housing.

"The human tragedies that are included in these figures are what Opposition parties have been hearing at the Homelessness Inquiry recently.

"When in Government the Green Party will implement real measures to address child poverty," Mrs Turei said.

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To discuss

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**From:** [S 9(2)(a)]  
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Bryan FYI Minister Goodhew's statement, if you haven't already seen this.

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Hi Nick

Here is the statement.

Regards

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Acting Executive Manager to Brendan Boyle, Chief Executive  
**Ministry of Social Development**, PO Box 1556, Wellington 6140

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**Subject:** Copy of final statement from hon Goodhew as requested

Hi [S 9(2)(a)]

Copy of the final statement below:

Response to [S 9(2)(a)] (TVNZ) re: Salvation Army and Auckland Uni reports on material hardship – 18 July 2016

Final response:

I acknowledge that the Salvation Army is expecting increased demand through winter, and I appreciate the work that they do in our communities. The report aligns with the findings of the Household Incomes Report which MSD releases yearly.

We do accept there is an issue with children in hardship, and we've delivered on a promise to do something about it. The Child Hardship Package in Budget 2015 increased benefit rates for the first time in 43 years, and increased Working for Families payments to low-income working families. Those changes came into effect on 1 April, and around half a million children will benefit from them.

Our Kickstart Breakfast programme means that every week more than 27,000 school-age children sit down to a bowl of breakfast at more than 800 schools across the country. So far, more than 7 million breakfasts have been served in total.

We continue to encourage families experiencing hardship to contact Work and Income to ensure that they are receiving the support that is available to them.

Kind Regards

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**Subject:** Ambulance at the bottom of the cliff is full

<http://www.salvationarmy.org.nz/research-media/media-centre/local-news/ambulance-cliff-full>

Is this the Salvation Army Report to which Minister refers in her statement?

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**Sent:** Tuesday, 19 July 2016 1:45 p.m.  
**To:** S 9(2)(a)@parliament.govt.nz  
**Subject:** New push to cope with winter need | The Salvation Army

<http://www.salvationarmy.org.nz/research-media/media-centre/local-news/new-push-winter-need>

perhaps this is it

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**Bryan Perry**

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**From:** Bryan Perry  
**Sent:** Monday, 25 July 2016 8:27 a.m.  
**To:** S 9(2)(a) @parliament.govt.nz  
**Cc:** S 9(2)(a)  
**Subject:** briefing Minister Tolley's letter writers, and others?

Hi S 9(2)(a)

I have just received a request to fact check a letter replying to S 9(2)(a)

In it, the draft letter says the following:

"Poverty is complex and multi-dimensional, and trends cannot be captured in a single measure. The Ministry of Social Development regularly releases the Household Incomes Report that looks at a range of measures around hardship and poverty in New Zealand. Section 9(2)(g)(i) Free and frank expression

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Regards,

Bryan

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## Bryan Perry

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**From:** Bryan Perry  
**Sent:** Thursday, 4 August 2016 11:37 a.m.  
**To:** S 9(2)(a) S 9(2)(a) @parliament.govt.nz  
**Cc:** S 9(2)(a)  
**Subject:** meet and greet and process for release of Incomes report etc

Hi S 9(2)(a)

Just following up on the idea we discussed about S 9(2)(a) and me coming over for a meet and greet with the Office and advisors ... to walk through the process for the upcoming release of the 2016 Incomes Report etc. We plan on the process being the same as usual, but with S 9(2)(a) being new here and new staff in the office, I thought this could be useful in preparing the way. Wondering if there's a slot in the next few days?

We're looking at very early September for the release (6-7 Sep at the latest), with briefings on the key findings in late August for the office and the Minister. This would be a second visit if you/they wanted face-to-face, or just a paper briefing. The Minister wanted face-to-face last time, and perhaps with her Geneva trip to UNCROC examination in mid-Sep she may want that again this time? .

We have discussed all this with PMO, DPMC and MoF's offices over the last couple of weeks.

Regards,

Bryan

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## Bryan Perry

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**From:** Bryan Perry  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 16 August 2016 10:13 a.m.  
**To:** S 9(2)(a) @parliament.govt.nz  
**Cc:** S 9(2)(a) Simon  
**Subject:** MacPherson, Nic Blakeley  
Seeking briefing meetings re the release of 2016 Incomes Report etc

Hi S 9(2)(a)

We are planning on publishing the next Incomes Report on Tue 6 September (10 am preferably). The House starts its 3-week September sitting on Tue 6.

I spoke with Hon Tolley at MCoP last week and she:

- (a) wants it out before she heads to Geneva for UNCROc in mid-September
- (b) wants to front PQs and media herself before she goes.

Tue 6 is the earliest we can be ready.

We'll have briefing material to the Office on Mon 22 Aug. I suggest a one hour meeting with Office staff to discuss process and content – Tue 23, Wed 24 or Thu 25 would be good. I think it is important to have S 9(2)(a) at this meeting too.

I will be ready to brief the Minister face-to-face any time from Thur 18 on (if she wants that). The Monday 29 Aug option we discussed sounds good but I can do it earlier as required. I imagine that it may be useful as preparation for aspects of the UNCROc review in Geneva as well as for the release itself. I think that she found last year's face-to-face valuable – able to ask questions and have an interaction that a paper briefing alone can't fully capture.

Regards,

Bryan.

## Bryan Perry

**From:** Bryan Perry  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 16 August 2016 11:44 a.m.  
**To:** S 9(2)(a) S 9(2)(a) @parliament.govt.nz  
**Subject:** Re: Yes! Meeting - Seeking briefing meetings re the release of 2016 Incomes Report etc

Yay! Thanks S 9(2)(a)

Sent from my iPhone

On 16/08/2016, at 11:42 AM, S 9(2) S 9(2)(a) <S 9(2) S 9(2)(a) @parliament.govt.nz> wrote:

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Section 9(2)(a) Privacy of natural persons  
It would be great if you S 9(2)(a) can please come over to brief the Minister's advisors on Wednesday 24 August, 12-1pm. (This gives them a day or so to go over the material).

I'll let you know as soon as I hear anything on the proposed meeting time with the Minister. (FYI - this meeting will happen too ☺)

Thanks for your patience ☺ S 9(2)(a)

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**From:** Bryan Perry [mailto:bryan.perry001@msd.govt.nz]

**Sent:** Tuesday, 16 August 2016 10:13 a.m.

**To:** S 9(2) S 9(2)(a)

**Cc:** S 9(2)(a); S 9(2) S 9(2)(a); Simon MacPherson; Nic Blakeley

**Subject:** Seeking briefing meetings re the release of 2016 Incomes Report etc

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Regards,

Bryan.

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## Bryan Perry

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**From:** Bryan Perry  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 23 August 2016 9:19 a.m.  
**To:** S 9(2)(a)@parliament.govt.nz  
**Subject:** FW: HIR and NIMs reading  
**Attachments:** c2\_Headline v2 Mon 22 Aug.doc; b3\_likely media interest v3 Mon 22 Aug.doc; a3\_draft Comms Plan v3 Thu 18 Aug.doc

Hi S 9(2)(a)

Attached for tomorrow are the draft Comms Plan, a Headline summary and the Likely Media Interest docs.

S 9(2)(a) is bringing over paper versions of the 40 page Overview.

I'll walk people through it all tomorrow.

Regards,

Bryan

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**From:** Bryan Perry  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 23 August 2016 8:22 a.m.  
**To:** Simon MacPherson  
**Subject:** HIR and NIMs reading

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## Bryan Perry

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**From:** Bryan Perry  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 23 August 2016 9:58 a.m.  
**To:** S 9(2)S 9(2)(a) @parliament.govt.nz  
**Cc:** S 9(2)S 9(2)(a)

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Regards, Bryan

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**Bryan Perry**

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**From:** Bryan Perry  
**Sent:** Friday, 26 August 2016 2:56 p.m.  
**To:** S 9(2)(a) @parliament.govt.nz  
**Subject:** briefing Hon Goodhew? Wagner?

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Hi S 9(2)(a)

Would like a brief chat about the above.

My suggestion is that we send Hon Goodhew's Office a package next week, on Wednesday (Headline Findings, 10 page Summary, Overview (final), and the Commis Plan perhaps) – or perhaps better from you ... or even S 9(2)(a) in CE's Office?

Does Hon Wagner need anything? Section 9(2)(g)(i) Free and frank expression

Regards,

Bryan

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**Bryan Perry**

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**From:** Bryan Perry  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 31 August 2016 1:28 p.m.  
**To:** S 9(2)(a) @parliament.govt.nz  
**Subject:** material abt to be sent

Hi S 9(2)(a)

I'm about to send the briefing material etc by email, and will hand deliver the final printed copies of the Overview when I'm over mid afternoon for briefing Hon Bennett's people.

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Regards, Bryan

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**Bryan Perry**

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**From:** Bryan Perry  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 31 August 2016 1:40 p.m.  
**To:** [REDACTED]@parliament.govt.nz  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] S 9(2)(a) [REDACTED] S 9(2)(a) Simon MacPherson; Nic Blakeley; Media (MSD); Sacha O'Dea; Maree Roberts; [REDACTED] S 9(2)(a)  
**Subject:** Briefing and Summary material for the Incomes Report release on Thu 8 Sep  
**Attachments:** a5\_FINAL Comms Plan Tue 30 Aug.doc; c5\_Headline FINAL Tue 30 Aug.doc; b4 \_likely media interest FINAL30 Aug.doc; i\_2016 Summary FINAL Wed 31 Aug.doc

Hi [REDACTED] S 9(2)(a)

Please find attached:

- The Comms Plan (internal use only)
- Headline Findings (internal use only)
- Likely media focus and questions from elsewhere (internal use only)
- Summary (goes on website on 8 Sep)

I'm over your way shortly for briefing Hon Bennett's people so I'll drop off the printed finals of the Overview (40-pager as well).

Regards,

Bryan

ps to all on the cc list, I'll have an Overview to all of you around 4pm this afternoon.

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**Bryan Perry**

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**From:**

Bryan Perry

**Sent:**

Wednesday, 31 August 2016 1:42 p.m.

**To:**

**S 9(2) S 9(2)(a)** @parliament.govt.nz

**Subject:**

I'll send to DPMC, Tsy and other offices shortly, and cc you in ... but the attachments are the same EoM

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**Bryan Perry**

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**From:** Bryan Perry  
**Sent:** Thursday, 1 September 2016 10:53 a.m.  
**To:** S.9(2)(a) @parliament.govt.nz  
**Cc:** S.9(5)(S.9(2)(a))  
**Subject:** draft points  
**Attachments:** L\_fact check Guardian v3.doc

Hi S.9(2)(a)

The two sections on "What the reports don't say" and "International Methods" are in the reports.

Let's know what you / others think. Happy to discuss. Will finalise after hearing from you.

Regards,

Bryan

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**Bryan Perry**

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**From:** Bryan Perry  
**Sent:** Thursday, 1 September 2016 11:11 a.m.  
**To:** S 9(2)(S 9(2)(a))@parliament.govt.nz  
**Cc:** S 9(2)(S 9(2)(a))  
**Subject:** Re: draft points

Yes

Sent from my iPhone

On 1/09/2016, at 11:06 AM, S 9(2)(S 9(2)(a)) <S 9(2)(S 9(2)(a))@parliament.govt.nz> wrote:

Looks good - you okay if I pass this onto the middle office now?

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**From:** Bryan Perry  
**Sent:** Thursday, 1 September 2016 10:53:20 a.m.  
**To:** S 9(2)(S 9(2)(a))  
**Cc:** S 9(2)(S 9(2)(a))  
**Subject:** draft points

Hi S 9(2)(a)

The two sections on "What the reports don't say" and "International Methods" are in the reports.

Let's know what you / others think. Happy to discuss. Will finalise after hearing from you.

Regards,

Bryan

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## Bryan Perry

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**From:** Bryan Perry  
**Sent:** Thursday, 1 September 2016 2:24 p.m.  
**To:** S 9(2)(a) S 9(2)(a) @parliament.govt.nz  
**Cc:** S 9(2)(a) S 9(2) S 9(2)(a)  
**Subject:** briefing Hon Smith's people

Hi S 9(2)(a)

I think it would be worth (S 9(2)(a)) me briefing Hon Smith's people esp as the 'quality of housing' info falls more within his portfolio. This came up in discussions with Hon Bennett's people yesterday, including with S 9(2)(a)

Could you see if you could get us entrée there, perhaps via S 9(2)(a) ? ... for say Monday for 15 mins max.

Regards, Bryan

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## Bryan Perry

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**From:** Bryan Perry  
**Sent:** Friday, 2 September 2016 10:14 a.m.  
**To:** S 9(2) S 9(2)(a) @parliament.govt.nz  
**Cc:** S 9(2) S 9(2)(a)  
**Subject:** Annex Final  
**Attachments:** Annex Final.doc

Hi S 9(2)(a) here's the final text for Annex H. I have strengthened it from last year. The middle office may be interested. Bryan

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**Bryan Perry**

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**From:** Bryan Perry  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 6 September 2016 7:23 a.m.  
**To:** S 9(2)(a)@parliament.govt.nz  
**Subject:** Hard copies of reports for Thursday

Hi S 9(2)(a)

If I delivered paper copies to you this morning, would you be able / willing to deliver them to DPMC (for them and PMO), and to MoF's Office? I'll have copies for you guys too.

That would help heaps if you could.

Regards, Bryan

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**Bryan Perry**

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**From:** Bryan Perry  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 6 September 2016 8:45 a.m.  
**To:** Section 9(2)(a) Privacy of natural persons @parliament.govt.nz  
**Subject:** Re: Hard copies of reports for Thursday

Hi [S 9(2)(a)] that's great thanks - will call you around 10 . no

Sent from my iPhone

On 6/09/2016, at 8:02 AM, [S 9(2)(a)] <[S 9(2)(a)]@parliament.govt.nz> wrote.

Absolutely :) I'm running a pinch late, will be in just on 9am but feel free to leave them on my desk if you arrive earlier. Or yell out if you need help bringing them across from MSD :)

Sent with Good (<http://www.good.com>)

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**From:** Bryan Perry  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 6 September 2016 7:23:26 a.m.  
**To:** [S 9(2)(a)]  
**Subject:** Hard copies of reports for Thursday

Hi [S 9(2)(a)]

If I delivered paper copies to you this morning, would you be able / willing to deliver them to DPMC (for them and PMO), and to MoF's Office? I'll have copies for you guys too.

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Regards, Bryan

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**Bryan Perry**

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**From:** Bryan Perry  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 6 September 2016 3:51 p.m.  
**To:** S 9(2)(a)@parliament.govt.nz  
**Cc:** S 9(2)(a)  
**Subject:** iMSD numbers

OK, so their numbers are near enough to mine (which I got from them!) ... but they only give the number of clients, not all those covered by the benefit .... that's OK but you/S 9(2)(a) will need to finesse the sentence. Bryan

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**From:** S 9(2)(a)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 6 September 2016 2:54 p.m.  
**To:** S 9(2)(a)@parliament.govt.nz; S 9(2)(a); MSD\_Data\_Requests (MSD)  
**Cc:** Bryan Perry; S 9(2)(a)@parliament.govt.nz; i\_request (MSD); S 9(2)(a)@parliament.govt.nz  
**Subject:** RE: URGENT - Benefit figure to support PR - ASAP please today

Hi S 9(2)(a)

Attached is the data showing the number of children included in working-age main benefits and the number of working age clients receiving a main benefit.  
As at the end of June 2012, June 2013 and June 2016.

Thanks,

S 9(2)(a)

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**From:** S 9(2)(a) [mailto:S 9(2)(a)@parliament.govt.nz]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 6 September 2016 1:55 p.m.  
**To:** S 9(2)(a); MSD\_Data\_Requests (MSD)  
**Cc:** Bryan Perry; S 9(2)(a)@parliament.govt.nz; i\_request (MSD); S 9(2)(a)@parliament.govt.nz  
**Subject:** RE: URGENT - Benefit figure to support PR - ASAP please today  
**Importance:** Low

FYI – this is from a 2015 PR: <https://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/report-shows-reforms-are-working>

"There are over 38,000 fewer people on benefits compared to three years ago, and the number of children in benefit dependent households has fallen by almost 42,000 over the same period.

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**From:** S 9(2)(a)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 6 September 2016 1:38 p.m.  
**To:** S 9(2)(a); MSD\_Data\_Requests (MSD)  
**Cc:** 'Bryan Perry'; S 9(2)(a); i\_request (MSD); S 9(2)(a)  
**Subject:** URGENT - Benefit figure to support PR - ASAP please today  
**Importance:** High

Hi S 9(2)(a) Is your team able to please provide the following information ASAP – sorry for the late and urgent request this is to support a PR for the upcoming release of the Incomes Report.

- WR second phase = July 2013

There are around XXXX fewer children in benefit dependent households since welfare reforms (July 2013) were introduced, and XXXXX fewer people on a benefit.

Can I please have the response no later than 3pm?

Can we also have the figures for July 2012? When the first phase of the WR was introduced?? **Only if doable**

There are around XXXX fewer children in benefit dependent households since welfare reforms (July 2012) were introduced, and XXXXX fewer people on a benefit.

Please call as needed, Cheers S 9(2)(a)


S 9(2) S 9(2)(a) | Private Secretary | Office of the Hon Anne Tolley  
Minister for Social Development  
Parliament Buildings | Wellington | Phone: S 9(2)(a)

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**Bryan Perry**

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**From:** Bryan Perry  
**Sent:** Thursday, 8 September 2016 12:39 p.m.  
**To:** @parliament.govt.nz

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## Bryan Perry

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**From:** Bryan Perry  
**Sent:** Friday, 9 September 2016 5:48 p.m.  
**To:** S 9(2)(a) @parliament.govt.nz  
**Subject:** FW: Official response or advice to Minister on a thesis

**Importance:** High

S 9(2)(a)

Here's one from left field.

I think someone sent advice to you (?) on this thesis and now people are asking me if I know anything about that advice (see below).

Let's discuss Monday.

Regards, Bryan

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Have any of you come across this thesis? Was there like an official response or advice given to the Minister on it?

*Sudden A (2016) Exploring Social Development in Aotearoa New Zealand from a Beneficiary's Perspective: A Masters Thesis*

<http://media.nzherald.co.nz/webcontent/document/pdf/201633/Sudden%20Development%20Studies%20Thesis%20March%202016.pdf>

I ask because the NZCTU has brought this up in a comment to the ILO in regards to Convention 111 (Discrimination)

S 9(2)(a)

Policy Analyst

Working Age Policy

Ministry of Social Development - Te Manatū Whakahiato Ora

## Bryan Perry

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**From:** Bryan Perry  
**Sent:** Monday, 12 September 2016 5:04 p.m.  
**To:** S 9(2)(a) @parliament.govt.nz  
**Cc:** S 9(2)(a)  
**Subject:** FW: Jonathan Boston: It is hardly surprising that many families are really struggling

<http://www.stuff.co.nz/national/politics/opinion/84053835/jonathan-boston-it-is-hardly-surprising-that-many-families-are-really-struggling>

The Prof leverages off the commitment by the NZ govt (and the rest of the world) at the UN in Sep 2015 to eliminate poverty everywhere, and this included halving poverty using national measures by 2030 in the developed world.

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## Bryan Perry

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**From:** Bryan Perry  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 6 September 2016 11:47 a.m.  
**To:** S 9(2)(a) @parliament.govt.nz S 9(2)(a)  
S 9(2)(a) @parliament.govt.nz  
**Subject:** FW: Daily Report to 8:00AM | - Poverty / Inequality (new) (27)

The Financial Times' eminent Martin Wolf, once a cheerleader for the financial practices that gave us the Global Financial Crisis, last week asked: "Is the marriage between liberal democracy and global capitalism an enduring one?"

He went on: "Democracy is egalitarian. Capitalism is inegalitarian, at least in terms of outcomes.

"Widely shared increases in real incomes played a vital part in legitimising capitalism and stabilising democracy." But now there is a "poisonous brew" of "growing inequality and slowing productivity growth".

Mr Key and Bill English insist inequality has not been growing here since the big rise from the mid-1980s to the mid-1990s. Inequality went down a bit during Labour's nine years (Working for Families) and is back up a bit during National's eight but not dramatically so.

**From:** S 9(2)(a) Media [mailto:S 9(2)(a) .co.nz]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 6 September 2016 8:05 a.m.  
**To:** @TSY Media Poverty Inequality <MediaPovertyInequality@treasury.govt.nz>  
**Subject:** Daily Report to 8:00AM | - Poverty / Inequality (new) (27)

- Poverty / Inequality (new) Daily Report

- **Poverty / Inequality (new)**

### Disgruntled voters electoral poser

**From** Otago Daily Times  
**Published** 06:12 06/09/2016  
**Also from** Colin James

But now there is a "poisonous brew" of "growing *inequality* and slowing productivity growth". ... Mr Key and Bill English insist *inequality* has not been growing here since the big rise from the mid-1980s to the mid-1990s. ... *Inequality* went down a bit during Labour's nine years (*Working for Families*) and is back up a bit during National's eight but not dramatically so.



## Bryan Perry

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**From:** Bryan Perry  
**Sent:** Monday, 5 September 2016 9:02 a.m.  
**To:** S 9(2)(a) S 9(2)(a) @parliament.govt.nz; S 9(2)(a) [DPMC]  
S 9(2)(a) @dpmc.govt.nz > S 9(2)(a) @dpmc.govt.nz)  
**Cc:** S 9(2)(a) S 9(2)(a)  
**Subject:** Two minor corrections to Orange document.

Hi Section 9(2)(a) Privacy of natural persons

We've spotted two small errors in the Orange Overview. Would you be so kind as to correct your copies by hand?

At the bottom of p19, the graph is correct, the text should read "54%" not "49%". .... and in the Glossary on p2, the Q1 line should read "quintile" not "decile".

The website versions and the hard copies of the main reports have the correct text.

Many thanks, Bryan

ps S 9(2)(a) has the corrections already, and I'll cover off Tsy and MoF's Office myself.

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## Bryan Perry

**From:** Bryan Perry  
**Sent:** Friday, 9 September 2016 2:48 p.m.  
**To:** S 9(2)(a) @parliament.govt.nz S 9(2)(a) [DPMC]  
S 9(2)(a) @dpmc.govt.nz S 9(2)(a) @dpmc.govt.nz;  
S 9(2)(a) @parliament.govt.nz  
**Cc:** S 9(2)(a) S 9(2)(a) S 9(2)(a) Simon MacPherson; Nic Blakeley; Maree Roberts; Sacha O'Dea; S 9(2)(a) @treasury.govt.nz  
**Subject:** FW: Some comments for S 9(2)(a) perhaps?  
**Attachments:** 2016 Incomes Annex to Section H.doc

Hi all

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Regards, Bryan

**From:** Bryan Perry  
**Sent:** Friday, 9 September 2016 2:10 p.m.  
**To:** S 9(2)(a)  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Some comments for S 9(2)(a) perhaps?

Hi S 9(2)(a)

I've read the pieces by S 9(2)(a) on the Incomes Report release. Great to see the findings being picked up and the discussion it all generates... and S 9(2)(a) inclusion of the Where do you fit? Tables has probably generated a lot of interest.

There are a few things in the pieces that I have some comment on, and wonder if you think they might be worthwhile passing on... in the interests of clarity and accuracy. It's a difficult area and one that's going to be with us for many years no doubt. I'm very happy to discuss any of this with them any time.

Regards,

Bryan

### Year-on-year changes

- The report notes that small year-on-year changes should not be taken to indicate a real world change – the usual margin of error issues in a sample survey. This means, for example that the “increase” in hardship numbers for children (145,000 to 155,000) should not be reported as an increase in hardship, but simply as “about the same” as the reports do.

### Do all children in low-income households suffer all or most of the deprivations discussed in the reports?

- No. See example below.

### Do all children in hardship suffer all or most of the deprivations discussed in the reports?

- No. See example below

“Its other findings include that the number of children experiencing material hardship living in a cold, damp house, or owning only one pair of shoes rose from 145,000 to 155,000.”

- The Overview Report says that the material hardship trend for kids ... fell to 14% in 2014 and was much the same in 2015. The report warns against making anything of small year-on-year changes. There is no rise to report.

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the article makes it look as if all or most kids in hardship experience these deprivations. They don't. Take the shoes for example. Table F.3 in the Green book (Non-Income Measures) reports that in LSS 2008 8% of all kids had the shoe deprivation, and while the bulk of these kids are in hardship, "only" around one in three of those in hardship lack the 2 pr of good shoes. The damp/cold homes issue is covered elsewhere, but the story is the same: the bulk of those experiencing this are in hardship, but of those in hardship the majority do NOT experience this.

### Around 85,000 children were in "severe" hardship, up 5000.

- The numbers are correct. The message is misleading. Same margin of error issue, which is why the reports say "much the same as last year".

### Definitive claims about "XXX,000 children in poverty"

- Both pieces at some point leave the reader with the impression that there is an uncontested black and white in or out poverty measure for New Zealand – using the 28-29% figure (~300,000) produced by the AHC fully relative 60% of median measure.
- First, there is no single headline consensus or official measure in New Zealand.
- Second, the reports are very clear that as their primary measures they use the material hardship measures (less and more severe), and two anchored line AHC income measures. The articles do not mention the anchored line measures.
- Third, the use of the 60% AHC REL line does not allow any international comparisons, as the UK is one of very few who collect housing costs with their income data in the same survey – no league tables possible.

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It's an apples with peanuts problem. That was one of the issues in the recent Guardian hype about NZ child poverty rates. On an apples with apples basis NZ child poverty and hardship rates are about average for the OECD and EU countries. This doesn't mean "NZ is OK", but it does give a more reasonable perspective than the apples with peanuts approach.

- (As an aside, S 9(2)(a) notes that rates were down from 29 to 28% – same issue as above – this is not evidence of a fall, a year-on-year change of this size means "about the same".)

### Definitive numbers for Maori etc

- S 9(2)(a) piece has an Appendix giving definitive numbers for Maori etc.
- Same problem as above – who said that the measure she selected is the real thing?
- A way through on that is to include the full poverty rate in the list. This then allows the reader to get a sense of relativities across groups. This has real validity, and delivers a strong message, but robustly.

**"The stated rise in median household incomes among the poorest New Zealanders is skewed by pension payments, which have risen at a rate faster than inflation."**

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**The Annex to Section H (attached)**

- The Annex may be useful for S 9(2)(a) and I've attached it.

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## Bryan Perry

**From:** Bryan Perry  
**Sent:** Thursday, 25 August 2016 1:16 p.m.  
**To:** S 9(2)(a)  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** RE: Median household incomes question

Hi all

Still puzzled sorry.

What we can say is:

- Median household incomes (disposable, after taxes and transfers) rose by 13% in real terms from 2007 to 2014 (Incomes Report, Table D.1, using the HES).
- Median household incomes (gross) rose by 9% in real terms from 2010 to 2015 (Income Survey, all household included (special run for MSD from Stats NZ)

Hope this helps

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**To:** Bryan Perry  
**Cc:** S 9(2)(a)  
**Subject:** Median household incomes question

Hi Bryan, I have a question on household incomes for you on household median incomes. I suspect composition effects are in play but a bit confused by the sign of some changes:

Number of households increased 6% (source: table below)

Number of persons employed in the workforce increased 13% (source: HLF5 seasonally adjusted Labour force status by sex)

(so average persons employed per household must have increased by 7%)

Average weekly earnings per FTE increased 26% (source: QES Average Weekly Earnings (FTEs) Total All Ind. & Both Sexes - Seasonally Adj)

But average weekly household income has increased only 18% (source: table below)

If earnings per FTE increased, and employees per household increased, how can average household incomes in % terms increase by less than average worker incomes in % terms?

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### Dataset: Household income by region

Measure	Region	Total Regions		
		Average Weekly Income	Median Weekly Income	Number of Households (000)
<b>Year</b>				
1998		913	760	1227.2
1999		947	791	1240.1
2000		954	796	1251.1

2001		1016	851	1260.7
2002		1108	918	1276.9
2003		1166	944	1312.5
2004		1198	979	1341
2005		1246	1031	1357.9
2006		1310	1118	1381.3
2007		1432	1191	1392.9
2008		1481	1256	1400.6
2009		1460	1235	1419.8
2010		1485	1235	1432.3
2011		1526	1289	1427.5
2012		1555	1304	1439
2013		1602	1356	1440.6
2014		1705	1417	1449.1
2015		1749	1460	1482.7

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**Subject:** RE: Median household incomes question

Yes, it does. Thanks.

Note that in my email I gave the full NZIS data covering all households (2010-15), not just the more limited publicly available ones excluding 18-64.

I'll include something on all of this in the upcoming Incomes report so that it is all on hand.

Bryan

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**Subject:** FW: Median household incomes question

Does this help Bryan?

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**Subject:** RE: Median household incomes question

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It looks to be partly a composition of household income story – see table below. Wage and salary income has increased by 28% (broadly similar to the QES figure quoted below) but self-employment and investment income have both fallen, which is why total household income has not increased as much as QES wages.

It also looks like the average number of employed 15-64 year olds per household has fallen slightly over the time period (-0.6%). Note that the household data below only measures those households where at least one member is within the age range 18-64. Participation rates have been increasing for older people so some of the increased number of persons employed may be outside of the household data captured below. About 37% of the increase in employed persons was those over 65.

Also, we make the real income gain slightly higher. From 2008 to 2015 change in median household income is 16.2% and change in CPI was 13.1% which would make the real gain about 3.1%.

Finally, worth noting that the GFC occurred in the middle of all of this and that household incomes fell in 2009. If you use 2009 as the starting point the real gains are a little stronger.

**Dataset: Household income by source of household income, and household type**

Household Type		Total Household Type							
Measure		Average Wage and Salary Income	Average Self-employment Income	Average Government Transfer Income	Average Investment Income	Average Other Transfer Income	Average Income from All Sources	Median Income from All Sources	Median Wage and Salary Income
Year									
1998		618	180	111	0	5	913	760	51
1999		633	204	107	0	6	947	791	5
2000		652	195	103	0	6	954	796	5
2001		708	207	98	0	5	1016	851	5
2002		738	230	99	42	6	1108	918	6
2003		776	242	96	52	6	1166	944	6
2004		808	252	99	38	5	1198	979	6
2005		882	234	92	52	4	1246	1031	7
2006		937	213	99	57	5	1310	1118	8
2007		1018	222	109	89	6	1432	1191	8
2008		1049	228	111	94	4	1481	1256	9
2009		1062	218	120	59	5	1460	1235	9
2010		1096	204	127	57	5	1485	1235	9
2011		1126	201	132	64	6	1526	1289	9
2012		1146	211	137	62	5	1555	1304	9
2013		1218	189	133	59	5	1602	1356	10
2014		1304	211	123	66	5	1705	1417	10
2015		1345	205	129	66	4	1749	1460	11

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% change 2008 to 2015      28.2%      -10.1%      16.2%      -29.8%      0.0%      18.1%      16.2%      26.5%

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Can you help with this?



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Hi S 9(2)(a) would we ask Treary to look at the following question. This is for the House today in response to a question by Mr Robertson. I suspect composition effects are in play but a bit confused by the sign of changes. Timeframe for comparison is June 2008 qtr vs June 2015 quarter:

Number of households increased 6% (source: table below)

Number of persons employed in the workforce increased 8% (source: HLFS seasonally adjusted labour force status by sex)

(so average persons employed per household must have increased by around 2%)

Average weekly earnings per FTE increased 24% (source: QES Average Weekly Earnings (FTEs) Total All Ind. & Both Sexes - Seasonally Adj)

But average weekly household income has increased only 18% (source: table below)

If earnings per FTE increased, and employees per household increased, how can average household incomes in % terms increase by less than average worker incomes in % terms?

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Regards,

Bryan

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**Sent:** Thursday, 8 September 2016 8:32 a.m.

**To:** Bryan Perry

**Cc:** S 9(2)(a)

**Subject:** Draft question check for the House today

Hi Bryan

Could I ask you to have a look at this draft question to the Minister of Finance today in the House, as a check on what we're saying? Thanks very much, S 9(2)(a)

### QUESTION FOR ORAL ANSWER

Number on xx Month 2016

Xxx Xxxxxx to the Minister of Finance: What reports has he received showing increasing incomes, particularly for low income households, and no evidence of rising inequality, hardship or child poverty in New Zealand?

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**Subject:** FW: Oral Opposition Question - on Poverty - BP comments

fyi

(btw – any news on the paper going up on the website?)

**From:** Bryan Perry  
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**Cc:** S 9(2)(a); Simon MacPherson; Nic Blakeley; S 9(2)(a); Justine Cornwall; Media (MSD)  
**Subject:** RE: Oral Opposition Question - on Poverty - BP comments

Hi S 9(2)(a)

A few thoughts.

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Still, to the content itself:

**The article uses the 60% AHC moving line measure and calls it “the poverty line”.**

- MSD’s position (and the government has endorsed this) is that a range of measures are needed to properly understand what is happening for the more materially disadvantaged.
- The one the author selected is strongly impacted by what happens to the median. From 2013 to 2014 the median rose strongly, and the numbers below 60% of the median also rose. However, the evidence is clear that there was little or no change in the real (CPI adjusted) incomes of low income families from 2013 to 2014. This weakness in the relative approach is exactly why MSD recommends the use of anchored line income measures for its primary low income (poverty) measures.
- Looking at trends in material hardship rates for children, they have fallen in the recovery after the GFC, and there is no sign of any rises (21% at the peak, down to 14% in 2014 using the EU’s standard measure).

**The article then moves on to assert that all the 300,000 have all the ills and disadvantages that only some of the poor have.**

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The alleged claim from the new NZ UNICEF head that as a society we have “normalised poverty”

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AHC incomes are under pressure, this is clear

- The MSD reports note that on an AHC basis relative child poverty rates in 2014 are roughly double that in the 1980s. This is because housing costs (rent etc) have risen faster than incomes.

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NZ child hardship rates are above those of the richer western European nations with whom we have traditionally compared ourselves

- The MSD NIMs reports have reported this for some time
- We do have an issue. The government has a plan and action to address this ..... see standard messages.

Maori and Pacific poverty and hardship rates

- Maori and Pacific low-income (poverty) rates are roughly double Euro/Pakeha rates (Incomes Report, p112) – both overall and for kids
- Household crowding rates for Maori and Pacific have fallen in the last decade, but are still high (40% Pacific and 20% Maori) compared with the overall rate of 10% (Euro = 4%)

Trust this is of use

Regards,

Bryan

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**Sent:** Wednesday, 17 August 2016 10:48 a.m.

**To:** Bryan Perry: S 9(2) S 9(2)(a)

**Subject:** Oral Opposition Question - on Poverty

**Importance:** High

**Hi – op oral question on poverty – Checking in with the middle office to see what they need. But feel free to provide your thoughts! S 9(2)(a)**

Jacinda Ardern – Question 6

What recent publicity does she think led The Guardian writing an article titled “New Zealand’s most shameful secret: we have normalised child poverty?”

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2016/aug/16/new-zealands-most-shameful-secret-we-have-normalised-child-poverty>

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**From:** Bryan Perry  
**Sent:** Friday, 19 August 2016 10:54 a.m.  
**To:** S 9(2)(a)  
**Cc:** S 9(2)(a)  
**Subject:** Incomes Report release date

Hi S 9(2)(a)

As per earlier discussions, we're seeking to lock down Tue 6 Sep (10am) as the release time for the Incomes and NIMs reports.

We are meeting next week with Hon Tolley's office (Wed), then with Hon Tolley - actually just before we meet with you on Thursday. That is when we'll finally lock it down.

Hon Tolley is heading to Geneva probably on the evening of Mon 12 (final time tbc) and wishes to front question time and media herself following the release ... and wants the latest info for the incursion à Genève. As Mon 5 is the earliest we can be ready, Tue 6 is looking like it.

If there are any developments, I'll let you know.

Regards, Bryan

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**Subject:** Annex to Section H  
**Attachments:** Annex Final.doc

Hi S 9(2)(a)

Attached is the final of the revised "Annex to Section H" from the Incomes Report. It has been mentioned in the House by Minister Tolley more than once in engagements on child poverty, the 300,000 number, the Guardian "shame", etc.. It's a useful few pages to have on hand as it not only has all the child poverty and hardship numbers and key graphs, it also has a front-foot section on what not to do with the findings. It was in last year's as a first, and it went well. I've beefed it up this year.

It's something that you and PMO may find useful, and also the DPM's Office and maybe even Hon English himself.

Could you please pass it on to S 9(2)(a) and someone in DPM's place - I've copied S 9(2)(a) in so Treasury are in the loop too.

Regards,

Bryan

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