



Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee

Minute of Decision

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Debt to Government: Report Back and Next Steps

Portfolio **Child Poverty Reduction / Social Development and Employment / Revenue, Justice**

On 28 September 2022, the Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee (SWC):

- 1 **noted** that in November 2021, SWC endorsed the debt to government work programme and invited the Minister for Child Poverty Reduction, Minister for Social Development and Employment, Minister of Revenue, and Minister of Justice (joint Ministers) to report back on the work programme by July 2022, including details of progress to date and the work plan going forward [SWC-21-MIN-0171];

- 2 **noted** that the following work has been completed:
 - 2.1 s 9(2)(f)(iv) [REDACTED]
 - 2.2 Budget 2022 changes to legal aid;
 - 2.3 Social Wellbeing Agency analysis of persistent debt;
 - 2.4 changes to Child Support via the Child Support Amendment Act 2021;
 - 2.5 an evaluation of the Inland Revenue (IR) /Ministry of Social Development (MSD) common debtors pilot;
 - 2.6 improvements in the information sharing process between MSD and IR to reduce overpaid benefit debt;

- 3 **noted** that the following work continues to be progressed:
 - 3.1 s 9(2)(f)(iv) [REDACTED]
 - 3.2 [REDACTED]
 - 3.3 [REDACTED]
 - 3.4 [REDACTED]
 - 3.5 [REDACTED]
 - 3.6 [REDACTED]

3.7 s 9(2)(f)(iv) [Redacted]

4 **noted** s 9(2)(f)(iv) [Redacted]

5 **noted** s 9(2)(f)(iv) [Redacted]

6 **directed** s 9(2)(f)(iv) [Redacted]

7 **endorsed** the debt to government framework outline attached under SWC-22-SUB-0170. s 9(2)(f)(iv) [Redacted]

8 **agreed** s 9(2)(f)(iv) [Redacted]

9 **noted** s 9(2)(f)(iv) [Redacted]

10 **directed** s 9(2)(f)(iv) [Redacted]

10.1 s 9(2)(f)(iv) [Redacted]
10.2 [Redacted]
10.3 [Redacted]
10.4 [Redacted]

11 **invited** s 9(2)(f)(iv) [Redacted]

Rachel Clarke
Committee Secretary

Present:
Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern
Hon Grant Robertson
Hon Chris Hipkins
Hon Carmel Sepuloni
Hon Andrew Little
Hon Peeni Henare
Hon Kiri Allan
Hon Priyanca Radhakrishnan
Dr Deborah Russell MP

Officials present from:
Office of the Prime Minister
Office of the SWC Chair
Officials Committee for SWC