



# Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee

## Minute of Decision

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### Extension to the Christchurch Mosques Attack Welfare Programme

**Portfolio** Social Development and Employment

On 10 March 2021, the Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee:

- 1 **noted** that in May 2019, the Cabinet Business Committee agreed that the Minister for Social Development establish a Ministerial Welfare Programme (the Christchurch Mosques Attack Welfare Programme) under section 101 of the Social Security Act 2018, to provide income support to those affected by the Christchurch mosques attacks, where their residency status may otherwise have made them ineligible for standard assistance from the income support system [CBC-19-MIN-0021];
- 2 **noted** that the Christchurch Mosques Attack Welfare Programme is currently set to expire on 4 June 2021;
- 3 **noted** that a small number of people affected by the mosques attack may continue to require financial support from the Christchurch Mosques Attack Welfare Programme after 4 June 2021;
- 4 **agreed** to extend the Christchurch Mosques Attack Welfare Programme for 12 months from 5 June 2021 to 4 June 2022;
- 5 **noted** that a 12-month extension to the Christchurch Mosques Attack Welfare Programme is estimated to cost \$57,000 in payments to recipients;
- 6 **approved** the following fiscally neutral adjustment to appropriations to give effect to the decision in paragraph 4 above, with no impact on the operating balance and /or net core Crown debt:

Vote Social Development Minister for Social Development and Employment	\$m – increase/(decrease)				
	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25 & Outyears
<b>Multi-category Expenses and Capital Expenditure</b>					
Improved Employment and Social Outcomes Support					
<b>Departmental Output Expense:</b> Administering Income Support (funded by revenue Crown)	(0.007)	(0.050)	-	-	-
<b>Benefits or Related Expenses:</b> Hardship Assistance	0.007	0.050	-	-	-
<b>Total Operating</b>	-	-	-	-	

- 7 **agreed** that the changes to appropriations in paragraph 6 above be included in the 2020/21 Supplementary Estimates and that, in the interim, the increases be met from Imprest Supply;
- 8 **noted** that to give effect to paragraph 4 above, the Minister for Social Development and Employment will amend the Christchurch Mosques Attack Programme under section 101 of the Social Security Act 2018 to extend its expiry date to 4 June 2022.

Rachel Clarke  
Committee Secretary

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**Present:**

Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern  
Hon Grant Robertson  
Hon Kelvin Davis  
Hon Dr Megan Woods  
Hon Chris Hipkins  
Hon Carmel Sepuloni (Chair)  
Hon Poto Williams  
Hon Damien O'Connor  
Hon Kris Faafoi  
Hon Peeni Henare  
Hon Willie Jackson  
Hon Dr Ayesha Verrall  
Hon Aupito William Sio  
Hon Meka Whaitiri  
Hon Priyanca Radhakrishnan

**Officials present from:**

Office of the Prime Minister  
Officials Committee for SWC