



Cabinet Social Outcomes Committee

Minute of Decision

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Youth Money Management: Excluding Flexible Childcare Assistance and the Training Incentive Allowance

Portfolio **Social Development and Employment**

On 21 May 2025, the Cabinet Social Outcomes Committee:

- 1 **noted** that Flexible Childcare Assistance (FCA) was expanded on 1 April 2024;
- 2 **noted** that recipients of the Young Parent Payment, Youth Payment, and partners aged 16-19 of recipients of Jobseeker Support, Supported Living Payment, and Emergency Benefit who also receive FCA payments may not be able to use them as intended if they are paid using the Money Management manner as administered by the Ministry of Social Development's Youth Service (the Youth Service);
- 3 **agreed** that FCA payments be excluded from being paid in a Money Management manner as administered by the Youth Service, so that the payments can be used to pay for costs of informal childcare, as per the policy intent;
- 4 **noted** that regulation 195(1)(c) of the Social Security Regulations 2018 refers to the Training Incentive Allowance (TIA) as being administered under the Employment and Work Readiness Assistance Programme instead of the Training Incentive Allowance Programme;
- 5 **agreed** that TIA payments made under the Training Incentive Allowance Programme be excluded from being paid in a Money Management manner, as administered by the Youth Service;
- 6 **invited** the Minister for Social Development and Employment to instruct the Parliamentary Counsel Office to draft the necessary changes to the Social Security Regulations 2018 to give effect to the decisions in paragraphs 3 and 5 above.

Jenny Vickers
Committee Secretary

Attendance: (see over)

Present:

Rt Hon Winston Peters
Hon David Seymour
Hon Nicola Willis
Hon Chris Bishop
Hon Simeon Brown
Hon Erica Stanford
Hon Paul Goldsmith
Hon Louise Upston (Chair)
Hon Judith Collins
Hon Dr Shane Reti
Hon Tama Potaka
Hon Nicole McKee
Hon Casey Costello
Hon Penny Simmonds
Hon Karen Chhour
Hon Nicola Grigg
Hon Scott Simpson

Officials present from:

Officials Committee for SOU