



# Coversheet

## Including Boarders' Contributions in the Calculation of Housing Subsidies

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These documents have been proactively released.

*22 May 2025, Cabinet Minute: Housing Supports – Including Boarders' Contributions in the Calculation of Subsidies for Private and Social Housing*

*22 May 2025, Supplementary Analysis Report: Including Boarders' Contributions in the Calculation of Housing Subsidies*

*22 May 2025, Report REP/24/9/865: Budget 2024 Cost-Savings Initiative: Treatment of Housing Contributions from Boarders*

*22 May 2025, Report REP/24/10/995: Further decisions on Budget initiative: Treatment of Housing Contributions from Boarders*

These papers relate to the Social Assistance (Housing) Legislation Amendment Bill, which amends the Public and Community Housing Management Act 1992, the Social Security Act 2018, the Social Security Regulations 2018 and the Public and Community Housing Management (Prescribed Elements of Calculation Mechanism) Regulations 2018.

Consequential amendments will also be made to the Residential Care and Disability Support Services Act 2018. The amendments are to ensure board payments received from all boarders are included in the calculation of housing subsidies administered by MSD.

Some parts of this information release would not be appropriate to release and, if requested, would be withheld under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). Where this is the case, the relevant sections of the Act that would apply have been identified. Where information has been withheld, no public interest has been identified that would outweigh the reasons for withholding it. This is the key to the redaction codes used for this release:

- Section 9(2)(g)(i) - to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinion
- Section 9(2)(h) - this information is legally privileged.

Please note: the two reports and the Supplementary Analysis Report note changes to Accommodation Supplement to allow the use of Automated Decision-Making (ADM) if required. ADM will not be used for any parts of the Boarders Contributions Initiative when it is first implemented.

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