



Cabinet Social Outcomes Committee

Minute of Decision

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Progressing the Government's Response to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child Concluding Observations

Portfolio **Social Development and Employment**

On 19 August 2026, the Cabinet Social Outcomes Committee:

- 1 **noted** that New Zealand participates in regular reviews of its implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC), to which it has been a party to since 1993, with the next formal review scheduled for 2031:
- 2 **agreed** to publish the UNCRC Concluding Observations or recommendations and associated government actions provided in the attached appendices to the paper under SOU-26-SUB-0066;
- 3 **noted** that actions will be updated regularly with additional actions and process steps to be added during the reporting period as work programmes are developed and agreed, consistent with the other Human Rights mechanisms on the Human Rights Monitor;
- 4 **noted** that the Ministry of Social Development, as the lead agency responsible for administering the UNCRC, will work with other agencies to regularly update the actions on the Human Rights Monitor;
- 5 **noted** that the Minister for Social Development and Employment intends to come back to Cabinet at the end of 2027 with a progress update, following one year of the actions being on the Human Rights Monitor.

Sam Moffett
Committee Secretary

Present:

Hon David Seymour
Rt Hon Winston Peters
Hon Louise Upston (Chair)
Hon Nicola Willis
Hon Erica Stanford
Hon Matt Doocey
Hon Nicole McKee
Hon Casey Costello
Hon Karen Chhour
Hon Nicola Grigg
Hon Scott Simpson

Officials present from:

Officials Committee for SOU