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Charging backdated ACC payments against welfare assistance

Social Security (Accident Compensation and Calculation of Weekly Income) Amendment Bill: Approval for Introduction

Hon Louise Upston, Minister for Social Development and Employment

These documents have been proactively released.

14 November 2025, REP/25/11/904 Report - Responding to the High Court decision regarding backdated ACC payments

15 December 2025, Cabinet paper - Charging backdated ACC payments against welfare assistance

15 December 2025, Cabinet Minute CAB-25-MIN-0465, Cabinet Office

9 February 2026, Cabinet paper - Social Security (Accident Compensation and Calculation of Weekly Income) Amendment Bill: Approval for Introduction

9 February 2026, Cabinet Minute CAB-26-MIN-0028, Cabinet Office.

These papers proposed an approach following decisions made by the Social Security Appeal Authority (Appeal Authority) on 5 September 2024 and the High Court on 14 October 2025 and sought approval for the introduction of the Social Security (Accident Compensation and Calculation of Weekly Income) Amendment Bill (the Bill). The Bill amends the Social Security Act 2018 (the Act).

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