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**Oral Item: Report of the Welfare Expert Advisory Group**

Hon Carmel Sepuloni, Minister for Social Development

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3 May 2019

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Cabinet minute confirmed on 11 March 2019.

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In May 2018 the Government established the Welfare Expert Advisory Group (WEAG), to provide independent advice to the Government on the overhaul of the welfare system. The WEAG delivered its final advice in February 2019.

On 6 March 2019, the Minister for Social Development invited the Chair of the WEAG to brief the Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee on the recommendations of the WEAG’s report. Committee members were provided with a copy of the WEAG’s final report.

Publication of this Minute has been deferred to align with publication of the WEAG’s report and the Cabinet paper *Welfare Overhaul – Advice from the Welfare Expert Advisory Group and Next Steps - Office of the Minister for Social Development*.

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