



# Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee

## Minute of Decision

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

**Portfolio**                      **Social Development**

On 6 March 2019, the Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee:

- 1        **noted** the briefing from the Chair of the Welfare Expert Advisory Group, outlining the recommendations of *Whakamana Tāngata – Restoring Dignity to Social Security in New Zealand* (the report), including the proposed investment package and areas to prioritise;
- 2        **noted** that the report's recommendations focus on enhancing people's dignity, addressing the underlying issues that stop some from being able to move out of the welfare system, and increasing opportunities to engage with the workforce;
- 3        **noted** that the report will be released by early April 2019;
- 4        **noted** that there are challenges to the successful delivery of welfare reform beyond the cost, including operational capability and capacity, which mean that the response will likely need to be phased.

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Committee Secretary

#### **Present:**

Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern  
 Rt Hon Winston Peters  
 Hon Kelvin Davis  
 Hon Grant Robertson  
 Hon Phil Twyford  
 Hon Chris Hipkins  
 Hon Andrew Little  
 Hon Carmel Sepuloni (Chair)  
 Hon Dr David Clark  
 Hon Nanaia Mahuta  
 Hon Stuart Nash  
 Hon Jenny Salesa  
 Hon Damien O'Connor  
 Hon Ron Mark  
 Hon Tracey Martin  
 Hon Willie Jackson  
 Hon Aupito William Sio  
 Hon Julie Anne Genter  
 Jan Logie, MP

#### **Officials present from:**

Office of the Prime Minister  
 Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet  
 Office of the Chair of SWC  
 Welfare Expert Advisory Group  
 Ministry of Social Development  
 Officials Committee for SWC

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