

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Child Poverty Reduction Proactive Release March 2018

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Date: 25 January 2018

Title: LEG Minute for Child Poverty Reduction Bill: Approval for Introduction.

No information has been withheld in this document.



Cabinet Legislation Committee

Minute of Decision

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Child Poverty Reduction Bill: Approval for Introduction

Portfolio **Child Poverty Reduction**

On 25 January 2018, the Cabinet Legislation Committee:

- 1 **noted** that the Child Poverty Reduction Bill seeks to achieve a significant and sustained reduction in child poverty and to enhance the overall well-being of children;
- 2 **noted** that on 6 December 2017, the Cabinet Business Committee authorised the Minister for Child Poverty Reduction to make technical and administrative changes required to finalise legislation to drive action to reduce child poverty, in keeping with the overall policy aims of the decision, and in consultation with other Ministers as appropriate [CBC-17-MIN-0048];
- 3 **noted** that the Minister for Child Poverty Reduction has approved the following technical and administrative amendments, consistent with overall policy intent:
 - 3.1 confirmation that the Government Statistician is to be responsible for the production and publication of annual statistical reports on child poverty using the measures set out in the Act in consultation with the chief executive of the Ministry of Social Development;
 - 3.2 that while the Government Strategy will take a holistic and comprehensive approach to child well-being, the existing minimum criteria as set out in the current Vulnerable Children Act 2014 be retained for the Oranga Tamariki Action Plan to encourage inter-agency co-operation;
 - 3.3 that the Bill include a requirement for the responsible Minister to consult with Children's Ministers on the Government Strategy;
 - 3.4 removing a reference to the State Sector Act 1988 that is no longer relevant;
- 4 **approved** the Child Poverty Reduction Bill [PCO 20782/1.28] for introduction; as amended in light of the discussion at the meeting;
- 5 **agreed** that the Bill be introduced on 31 January 2018;

6 **agreed** that the government propose that the Bill be:

6.1 referred to the Social Services and Community Committee for consideration;

6.2 enacted by the end of 2018.

Vivien Meek
Committee Secretary

Present:

Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern
Rt Hon Winston Peters
Hon Chris Hipkins (Chair)
Hon Andrew Little
Hon Stuart Nash
Hon Iain Lees-Galloway
Hon Tracey Martin
Hon Julie Ann Genter
Hon Eugenie Sage

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