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Briefing DPMC-2022/23-1638: Finalising the Child Poverty Related Indicators Report

The following document has been included in this release:

- **Title of paper:** Briefing: Finalising the Child Poverty Related Indicators Report (DPMC-2022/23-1638)

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Coversheet

Briefing: Finalising the Child Poverty Related Indicators report

Date:	7/06/2023	Report No:	DPMC-2022/23-1638
		Security Level:	IN CONFIDENCE
		Priority level:	Routine

	Action sought	Deadline
Hon Jan Tinetti Minister for Child Poverty Reduction	agree to recs	14/06/2023

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Departments/agencies consulted on Briefing
Ministry of Health, Ministry for Social Development, Te Puni Kōkiri, Ministry of Housing and Urban Development, Ministry for Women, the Treasury, Stats NZ, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Justice, New Zealand Police, Te Puna Aonui, Social Wellbeing Agency, Whaikaha, Oranga Tamariki, Ministry of Youth Development, Department of Corrections, Ministry for Pacific Peoples

Minister's Office

Status:

Signed

Withdrawn

Comment for agency

Attachments: Yes

Briefing

Finalising the Child Poverty Related Indicators report

To: Hon Jan Tinetti
Minister for Child Poverty Reduction

Date	7/06/2023	Security Level	IN CONFIDENCE
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Executive Summary

1. We've prepared the final draft Child Poverty Related Indicators (CPRI) report for your approval (at Attachment A).
2. The report reflects feedback received through agency consultation, Ministerial consultation and consultation with selected external stakeholders (the Salvation Army, the Office of the Children's Commissioner, Christians Against Poverty, and Pou Tangata). The Child Poverty Action Group declined the offer to provide feedback on a draft version of the report.
3. The feedback was largely positive and there were no significant concerns with the substantive interpretations of the evidence outlined in the report. Stakeholders especially liked the inclusion of quotes from children at the start of each chapter to better reflect the lived experience of poverty.
4. A key theme of the feedback was that it is encouraging to see that some of the indicators are showing a longer-term improving trend (including in some instances for priority populations) while noting that marked disparities continue for priority groups on most of the indicators.
5. There was widespread support for the proposed change to the Housing Affordability indicator so that it is more focussed on low-income households.
6. Some stakeholders, notably the Children's Commissioner and Pou Tangata, encouraged the Government to continue, as part of the response to the wider Review of the Child and Youth Wellbeing Strategy, to develop and embed te ao Māori concepts of wellbeing, underpinned by a sound Te Tiriti analysis. We are committed to working with stakeholders to evolve our approach to CPRI reporting in line with this recommendation from the Strategy review.
7. In our most recent advice to you about the CPRI report [DPMC-2022/23-1464 refers] you agreed to the Gazette notice seeking to change the Housing Affordability indicator, noting that this change would come in to effect for the CPRI report for the 2022/23 financial year to be published in 2024.
8. We note that in our earlier incoming Minister's briefing to you, and in advice to the previous Minister for Child Poverty Reduction, we incorrectly stated that this change would not come into effect until the 2023/24 financial year, published in 2025.
9. This year's CPRI report must be published, and you are required to present the report to Parliament, before the end of June. We intend to publish the report in the week beginning 12 June, with the exact date to be confirmed in discussion with your office and depending on any final feedback you may wish to provide.


- 10. Before publication, a publication-ready version of the report, incorporating any changes you have requested (and any minor editing and formatting changes by the Child Wellbeing and Poverty Reduction Group) will be provided to your office for forwarding to Child and Youth Wellbeing Strategy Ministers and the Minister of Housing.
- 11. We have provided talking points and questions and answers to support the public release of the CPRI report at **Attachment B**.

Recommendations

We recommend you:

- 1. **agree** to publish the attached CPRI report, subject to the Child Wellbeing and Poverty Reduction Group making any final minor editing and formatting changes as required YES / NO
- 2. **forward** the final, publication-ready, CPRI report to Child and Youth Wellbeing Strategy Ministers and the Minister of Housing for their information YES / NO
- 3. **agree** to proactively release this briefing, subject to any appropriate withholding of information that would be justified under the Official Information Act 1982. YES / NO

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07/06/23



Hon Jan Tinetti
 Minister for Child Poverty Reduction

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Attachments:	Title	Security classification
Attachment A:	Final Draft Child Poverty Related Indicators Report 2023	IN CONFIDENCE
Attachment B:	Questions and answers and talking points to support the release of the CPRI report	IN CONFIDENCE

Attachment A: Child Poverty Related Indicators Report 2023

The CPRI Report for 2023 has already been published and can be accessed here:

<https://www.chilyouthwellbeing.govt.nz/sites/default/files/2023-06/Child%20Poverty%20Related%20Indicators%20Report%202023.pdf>

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