



Meeting of the COVID-19 Ministerial Group

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Ministry of Social Development IT Build

The group of Ministers with Power to Act on COVID-19 matters [CAB-20-MIN-0130] convened on 25 March 2020 at 10.30am and, in accordance with their Power to Act:

- 1 **noted** the oral advice of the Minister for Social Development that in order to respond to COVID-19, the Ministry of Social Development (MSD) needs to commence an IT build on the:
 - 1.1 extension of Temporary Additional Support applications (shifting the 13-week reapplication timeframe for all existing clients to six months);
 - 1.2 extension of the 52 week reapplication (extending individual reapplication dates for all clients with a 52 week reapplication requirement out by a further 12 months);
- 2 **agreed** that MSD start the IT build for the two items referred to in paragraph 1;
- 3 **noted** that the Minister for Social Development will seek agreement to policy changes to MSD's operating model from the group of Ministers with Power to Act on COVID-19 matters on 26 March 2020.

Michael Webster
Secretary of the Cabinet

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