



Cabinet Legislation Committee

Minute of Decision

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Social Security (Childcare Assistance-Cohort Entry Policy) Amendment Regulations 2019

Portfolio Social Development

On 5 November 2019, the Cabinet Legislation Committee:

- 1 **noted** that in May 2018, the Cabinet Business Committee agreed that:
 - 1.1 schools can adopt a cohort entry policy so that children at those schools can start in cohorts once they have turned five;
 - 1.2 cohort entry settings will have two entry points per term, at the start and the mid-point;

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- 2 **noted** that, as a result of the decisions above, the Social Security Regulations 2018 require amendment;
- 3 **noted** that eligibility for Childcare Subsidy or Guaranteed Childcare Assistance Payment for children attending schools with a cohort entry policy will end on the first term or mid-term start date on or after their fifth birthday;
- 4 **noted** that the provision which currently allows for the Out of School Care and Recreation subsidy to be paid for a child under five will be repealed meaning no four year olds will be eligible for the Out of School Care and Recreation subsidy;
- 5 **noted** that the Minister for Social Development intends to amend the Guaranteed Childcare Assistance Programme Welfare Programme in line with these amendments;
- 6 **authorised** the submission to the Executive Council of the Social Security (Childcare Assistance – Cohort Entry Policy) Amendment Regulations 2019 [PCO 22343/9.0];

7 **noted** that the Amendment Regulations come into force on 1 January 2020.

Gerrard Carter
Committee Secretary

Present:

Hon Carmel Sepuloni
Hon Chris Hipkins (Chair)
Hon Stuart Nash
Hon Iain Lees-Galloway
Hon Tracey Martin
Hon Julie Anne Genter
Hon Eugenie Sage
Hon Michael Wood (Senior Government Whip)

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