



Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee

Minute of Decision

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Oral Item: Mahi Aroha: Carers' Strategy Action Plan 2019-2023 - First Year Progress Report

Portfolio **Social Development and Employment**

On 17 February 2021, the Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee:

- 1 **noted** that Mahi Aroha is a five-year carer strategy action plan being progressed in partnership with ten government agencies and the New Zealand Carers Alliance;
- 2 **noted** that Mahi Aroha contains 17 actions across four key focus areas, as set out in the submission under SWC-21-SUB-0001, aimed at improving support to and wellbeing of carers;
- 3 **noted** that Carers NZ has launched the CareWise initiative, a workplace programme acknowledging the challenges of caring and supporting employers to introduce carer-friendly policies;
- 4 **noted** that the Ministry of Social Development is the only Public Service agency so far to sign up to the CareWise initiative;
- 5 **invited** Ministers to consider opportunities within their portfolios and responsible agencies to support carers, Mahi Aroha and the CareWise initiative.

Rachel Clarke
Committee Secretary

Present:

Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern
Hon Grant Robertson
Hon Kelvin Davis
Hon Dr Megan Woods
Hon Carmel Sepuloni
Hon Andrew Little
Hon Nanaia Mahuta
Hon Poto Williams
Hon Kris Faafoi
Hon Peeni Henare
Hon Willie Jackson
Hon Jan Tinetti
Hon Dr Ayesha Verrall
Hon Aupito William Sio
Hon Meka Whaitiri
Hon Priyanca Radhakrishnan

Officials present from:

Office of the Prime Minister
Office of the Chair
Officials Committee for SWC

