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Welfare Overhaul Work Programme Update

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These documents have been proactively released:

22 September 2021, Cabinet paper – Welfare Overhaul Work Programme Update

Appendix One – Work Programme Overview

Appendix Two – Work Programme Milestones

Appendix Three – WEAG Recommendations and progress to date

22 September 2021, Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee Minute SWC-21-MIN-0128, Cabinet Office.

27 September 2021, Cabinet Minute CAB-21-MIN-0384, Cabinet Office.

This paper provides an update on progress made through the welfare overhaul work programme agreed by Cabinet in November 2019 and signals the Minister's priorities for progressing key initiatives through a renewed work programme to continue overhauling the welfare system.

Some parts of this information release would not be appropriate to release and, if requested, would be withheld under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). Where this is the case, the relevant sections of the Act that would apply have been identified. Where information has been withheld, no public interest has been identified that would outweigh the reasons for withholding it. This is the key to the redaction codes used for this release:

- Section 9(2)(f)(iv) - the confidentiality of advice under active consideration. The release of this information at this time would be likely to prejudice the ability of government to consider advice and the wider public interest of effective government would not be served.
- Out of scope – material unrelated to the information released.

The following documents related to the Cabinet paper are already public:

- *Welfare Overhaul: Update on Progress and Long-Term Plan*, which outlines the Government's plan to overhaul the welfare system and is the preceding reference point for this paper.
<https://www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/publications-resources/information-releases/welfare-overhaul-update-on-progress-and-long-term-plan.html>.

Please note – The Cabinet paper had a content error in paragraph 54: paragraph 54 (in full) is incorrectly placed between paragraph 53 and subheading 'Review of obligations and sanctions', and was intended to be placed between paragraph 56 and heading 'Some initiatives may not be fully implemented over the next two to three years'. This does not have a material impact on the decisions in this paper.

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