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## **Extension of the Increased Income Limits for Hardship Assistance**

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15 December 2021, Cabinet paper - Extension of Increased Income Limits for Hardship Assistance, including Appendix One - Income limits for hardship assistance since 1 November 2021

15 December 2021, Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee Minute SWC-21-MIN-0220, Cabinet Office

20 December 2021, Cabinet Minute CAB-21-MIN-0548, Cabinet Office.

An extension to the increased income limits for hardship assistance for a further four months through to 30 June 2022 will provide sustained support to help a wider cohort of low-income families meet their immediate and essential costs as they respond to and recover from the current COVID-19 resurgence.

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