



# Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee

## Minute of Decision

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### Extension to the Christchurch Mosques Attack Welfare Programme

Portfolio                      Social Development and Employment

On 30 March 2022, the Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee:

- 1        **noted** that in May 2019, the Cabinet Business Committee agreed to the establishment of the Christchurch Mosques Attack Welfare Programme, under section 101 of the Social Security Act 2018, to ensure that those affected by the Christchurch mosques attacks were able to access financial support, even where their residency status may otherwise have made them ineligible for other assistance from the income support system [CBC-19-MIN-0021];
- 2        **noted** that the Christchurch Mosques Attack Welfare Programme is currently set to expire on 4 June 2022;
- 3        **noted** that there are currently nine recipients receiving support through the Christchurch Mosques Attack Welfare Programme who will continue to require support after this date, all of whom are immediate family members of people who were present at the attack;
- 4        **s 9(2)(f)(iv)** [REDACTED]
- 5        **s 9(2)(f)(iv)** [REDACTED]
- 6        **agreed** to the extension of the Christchurch Mosques Attack Welfare Programme from 5 June 2022 to 30 June 2023;
- 7        **noted** that an extension of the Christchurch Mosques Attack Welfare Programme to 30 June 2023 is estimated to cost \$315,000 in payments to recipients;

8 **approved** the following fiscally neutral transfer to appropriations to give effect to the decision in paragraph 6 above, with no impact on the operating balance and /or net core Crown debt:

Vote Social Development Minister for Social Development and Employment	\$m – increase/(decrease)				
	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26 & Outyears
Multi-category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:					
Improved Employment and Social Outcomes Support Departmental Output Expense:					
Administering Income Support (funded by revenue Crown)	(0.012)	(0.303)	-	-	-
Benefits or Related Expenses: Hardship Assistance	0.012	0.303	-	-	-
Total Operating	-	-	-	-	-

9 **agreed** that the changes to appropriations for 2021/22 above be included in the 2021/22 Supplementary Estimates and that, in the interim, the increases be met from Imprest Supply;

10 **noted** that to give effect to paragraph 6 above, the Minister for Social Development and Employment will amend the Christchurch Mosques Attack Programme under section 101 of the Social Security Act 2018 to extend its expiry date to 30 June 2023.

Rachel Clarke  
Committee Secretary

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**Present:**

Hon Kelvin Davis  
Hon Dr Megan Woods  
Hon Chris Hipkins  
Hon Carmel Sepuloni (Chair)  
Hon Andrew Little  
Hon Poto Williams  
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