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# Welfare Overhaul work programme update: key priorities and next steps

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*7 December 2022, Cabinet paper – Welfare Overhaul work programme update: key priorities and next steps (including four appendices)*

*7 December 2022, Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee Minute SWC-22-MIN-0241, Cabinet Office*

*12 December 2022, Cabinet Minute CAB-22-MIN-0581.02, Cabinet Office*

*January 2023, He tūtohu nā Ngā Mātanga Māori – Advice from the Māori Advisory Group*

*January 2023, The foundation for change – Engagement findings report 2022*

*4 March 2022, REP/22/3/146, Report – Resetting the foundations of the welfare system: Updated timeframe and scope*

*23 September 2022, REP/22/6/605, Report – Update and next steps on the foundational settings of the welfare system workstream.*

This Cabinet paper provides an update on the progress of the welfare overhaul work programme, including the impact of the programme since 2017 and achievements of the work. It also outlines key priorities for the next phase of the work.

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