



Cabinet Business Committee

Minute of Decision

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Proposed Amendment to the Social Workers Registration Legislation Amendment Bill

Portfolio **Social Development and Employment**

On 25 January 2024, the Cabinet Business Committee:

- 1 **noted** that the Social Workers Registration Legislation Act 2019 is due to repeal the experience pathway on 28 February 2024;
- 2 **noted** that the Social Workers Registration Legislation Amendment Bill proposes to delay the repeal of the experience pathway by four years (to 28 February 2028);
- 3 **agreed** to amend the Social Workers Registration Legislation Amendment Bill via an Amendment Paper to delay the repeal of the experience pathway by two years (to 28 February 2026), as opposed to four years as currently drafted;
- 4 **invited** the Minister for Social Development and Employment to issue drafting instructions to the Parliamentary Counsel Office to amend the Social Workers Registration Legislation Amendment Bill to include the above decision;
- 5 **authorised** the Minister for Social Development and Employment to approve and release the Amendment Paper;
- 6 **noted** that further work will continue to be undertaken to consider broadening entry pathways to social work, including within existing legislative parameters and as part of the 2025 statutory review of the Social Workers Registration Act by the Social Worker Registration Board.

Rachel Clarke
Committee Secretary

Attendance (see over)

Present:

Rt Hon Christopher Luxon (Chair)
Rt Hon Winston Peters
Hon David Seymour
Hon Nicola Willis
Hon Chris Bishop
Hon Brooke van Velden
Hon Simeon Brown
Hon Paul Goldsmith
Hon Dr Shane Reti
Hon Shane Jones
Hon Erica Stanford
Hon Louise Upston
Hon Judith Collins
Hon Simon Watts
Hon Andrew Bayly
Hon Andrew Hoggard

Officials present from:

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Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet