



Cabinet Legislation Committee

Minute of Decision

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Social Workers Registration Legislation Amendment Bill: Approval for Introduction

Portfolio **Social Development and Employment**

On 6 April 2023, the Cabinet Legislation Committee:

- 1 **noted** that the Social Workers Registration Legislation Amendment Bill (the Bill) holds a category three priority on the 2023 Legislation Programme (to be passed if possible before the 2023 general election);
- 2 **noted** that the Bill will amend section 2(2) of the Social Workers Registration Legislation Act 2019 delaying the repeal of section 13 of the Social Workers Registration Act 2003 to 28 February 2028;
- 3 **noted** that the amendment will allow people without a prescribed qualification to continue to apply to register as a social worker based on their practical experience;
- 4 **approved** the Social Workers Legislation Amendment Bill [PCO 25365/4.0] for introduction, subject to the final approval of the government caucus and sufficient support in the House of Representatives;
- 5 **agreed** that the Bill be introduced on 13 April 2023;
- 6 **agreed** that the Government propose that the Bill be;
 - 6.1 referred to the Social Services and Community Committee for consideration, for report back by 4 September 2023;
 - 6.2 enacted by 21 December 2023.

Vivien Meek
Committee Secretary

Present:

Hon Grant Robertson (Chair)
Hon Megan Woods
Hon Andrew Little
Hon David Parker
Hon Kieran McAnulty
Hon Ginny Andersen
Hon Barbara Edmonds
Hon Willow-Jean Prime
Tangi Utikere, MP

Officials present from:

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Officials Committee for LEG

