



Cabinet Legislation Committee

Minute of Decision

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Government Response to the Report of the Petitions Committee on the Petition of Andrew Wilson: Rezone Accommodation Supplement Eligibility for Queenstown Residents

Portfolio **Social Development and Employment**

On 21 March 2024, the Cabinet Legislation Committee:

- 1 **noted** that on 7 September 2023, the Petitions Committee presented its report to the House entitled “Petition of Andrew Wilson: Rezone Accommodation Supplement eligibility for Queenstown residents” (the report);
- 2 **noted** that the Petitions Committee recommended that the Government update the Accommodation Supplement Areas every time Statistics New Zealand updates its geographic boundaries;
- 3 **agreed** to not progress the recommendation of the Petitions Committee referred to in paragraph 2;
- 4 **noted** that the proposed Government Response recognises that the recommendation of the Committee merits further consideration and states that the Minister for Social Development and Employment has commissioned further advice from officials on changes to the Accommodation Supplement, including on updating the Accommodation Supplement Area boundaries;
- 5 **approved** the Government response, attached to the submission under LEG-24-SUB-0034, to the report;
- 6 **noted** that the Government response must be presented to the House by 25 March 2024;
- 7 **invited** the Minister for Social Development and Employment to present the Government Response to the report to the House in accordance with Standing Order 252;
- 8 **invited** the Minister for Social Development and Employment to write to the petitioner enclosing a copy of the Government Response to the report, after the response has been presented to the House.

Rebecca Davies
Committee Secretary

Present:

Rt Hon Winston Peters (Chair)
Hon Brooke van Velden
Hon Dr Shane Reti
Hon Erica Stanford
Hon Paul Goldsmith
Hon Louise Upston
Hon Mark Mitchell
Hon Todd McClay
Hon Tama Potaka
Hon Melissa Lee
Hon Nicole Mckee
Hon Simon Watts
Hon Penny Simmonds
Hon Chris Penk
Hon Scott Simpson
Todd Stevenson, MP
Jamie Arbuckle, MP

Officials present from:

Officials Committee for LEG
Office of the Leader of the House