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Additional support for low-income households following COVID-19 Alert Level restrictions

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These documents have been proactively released.

4 October 2021, Cabinet paper - Additional support for low-income households following COVID-19 Alert Level restrictions

4 October 2021, Appendix One – Income cut out points for additional income support

4 October 2021, Appendix Two – Communications Campaign

4 October 2021, Cabinet Minute CAB-21-MIN-0405, Cabinet Office

6 October 2021, Cabinet Business Committee Minute CBC-21-MIN-0118, Cabinet Office

18 October 2021, Report of the Cabinet Business Community Minute CAB-21-MIN-0416, Cabinet Office.

These papers outline how Hardship Assistance income limits have been temporarily increased between 1 November 2021 and 1 March 2022, to help support low-income households in the context of the current resurgence of COVID-19.

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- Section 9(2)(f)(iv) - the confidentiality of advice under active consideration
- Out of scope.

Please note – the Cabinet paper had a typographical error in footnote five on page five – the second sentence should read “This is to ensure that the third tier of the welfare system is tightly targeted to people with little to no resources available to them”. This does not change the substantive meaning of the sentence.

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