



# Coversheet

## Ministry of Social Development IT Build (oral item)

Hon Carmel Sepuloni, Minister for Social Development

This document has been proactively released.

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The Minister for Social Development provided oral advice that the Ministry of Social Development (MSD) needed to commence an IT build which would enable it to:

- defer all Temporary Additional Support reapplications, which normally are required every 13 weeks
- extend out 52-week benefit reapplications to 104 weeks.

These measures were in response to the impact of COVID-19.

A number of documents associated with this minute were already made public as part of the COVID-19 proactive release, including:

- *Cabinet paper: Impact of COVID-19 on the Ministry of Social Development's operating model*, which sought Cabinet agreement to the policy and legislative changes associated with this IT build.  
<https://covid19.govt.nz/assets/resources/proactive-release/Impact-of-COVID-19-on-the-Ministry-of-Social-Developments-Operating-Model-Paper.pdf>
- *Report: Impact of COVID-19 on the Ministry of Social Development's operating model*, which provided advice to the Minister on changes to the operating model that could help MSD respond to COVID-19.  
<https://covid19.govt.nz/assets/resources/proactive-release/Impact-of-COVID-19-on-the-Ministry-of-Social-Developments-operating-model-Report.pdf>

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