



# Cabinet Legislation Committee

## Minute of Decision

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### Social Security (Emergency Housing and Transitional Housing) Amendment Regulations 2020

Portfolio                      Social Development

On 18 February 2020, the Cabinet Legislation Committee:

- 1        **noted** that on 11 December 2019, the Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee (SWC) agreed to the introduction of a 25 per cent of income emergency housing contribution for people receiving an Emergency Housing Special Needs Grant (EH SNG), after the first seven days in emergency housing, and that emergency housing contributions are to be added as an essential cost for Temporary Additional Support [SWC-19-MIN-0205];
- 2        **noted** that while the SWC paper from 11 December 2019 provided the policy rationale for adding the emergency housing contribution as an essential cost for Temporary Additional Support, the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development (MHUD) funded transitional housing contribution was unintentionally omitted from the recommendation for the policy decision [SWC-19-MIN-0205];
- 3        **noted** that the EH SNG will be operationalised as a debt in the Ministry of Social Development (MSD) system, however it will not be treated as a debt and will not be able to be deferred or suspended like MSD debts;
- 4        **agreed** that the MHUD funded transitional housing contribution is added, as originally intended, as an essential cost for Temporary Additional Support where a client has a deficiency in their income to meet their essential living costs;
- 5        **noted** that the Social Security (Emergency Housing and Transitional Housing) Amendment Regulations 2020 will give effect to the decisions referred to in the above paragraphs;
- 6        **noted** that MSD intends to meet the conditions for the Regulatory Impact Assessment required by the Treasury, which are to publish the 'Emergency Housing Special Needs Grant Policy Settings' contingency bid and develop a monitoring and evaluation plan for the changes to the EH SNG settings;
- 7        **authorised** the submission to the Executive Council of the Social Security (Emergency Housing and Transitional Housing) Amendment Regulations 2020 [PCO 22639/2.0];

8 **noted** that the Social Security (Emergency Housing and Transitional Housing) Amendment Regulations 2020 will come into force on 30 March 2020.

Gerrard Carter  
Committee Secretary

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**Present:**

Rt Hon Winston Peters  
Hon Chris Hipkins (Chair)  
Hon Andrew Little  
Hon Carmel Sepuloni  
Hon Iain Lees-Galloway  
Hon Jenny Salesa  
Hon Damien O'Connor  
Hon Tracey Martin  
Hon Ron Mark  
Hon Eugenie Sage  
Michael Wood MP (Senior Government Whip)

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Officials Committee for LEG

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