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## Social Assistance Legislation (Budget 2019 Welfare Package) Amendment Bill

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#### Approach to release

As part of the proactive release of the Cabinet paper – Social Assistance Legislation (Budget 2019 Welfare Package) Amendment Bill: Approval for Introduction – the advice that informed the decisions in the Cabinet paper are being released as well. A Regulatory Impact Analysis exemption was obtained for the Cabinet paper because the completion of one would substantively duplicate other reporting, but that this exemption only applies if the previous analysis of the proposed policy is released publicly.

It is important to note that this release is a series of advice to Ministers on possible options for inclusion in Budget 2019. Earlier advice may have been superseded by other reports contained in this proactive release so care should be taken when using these reports.

Some parts of this information release would not be appropriate to release and, if requested, would be withheld under the Official Information Act 1982. Where this is the case, the relevant sections of the Act that would apply have been identified. Where information has been withheld, no public interest has been identified that would outweigh the reasons for withholding it. This is the key to the redaction codes used for this release:

- Section 9(2)(f)(iv): This information is withheld as it related to advice under active consideration. The release of this information is likely to prejudice the ability of government to consider advice and the wider interest of effective government would not be served.
- Section 9(2)(g)(i): This information is withheld to protect the effective conduct of public affairs through free and frank expression of opinions. This is where the greater public interest is in the ability of individuals to express to opinions in the course of their duty.
- Section 9(2)(a): This information is withheld to protect the privacy of natural persons. The need to protect the privacy of these individuals outweighs any public interest in this information.
- Out of scope.

Note: The Legislation that the Cabinet paper seeks approval has been released publicly on the New Zealand legislation website –

[www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/2019/0023/latest/LMS206281.html?search=ad\\_act\\_social+assistance+legislation\\_2019\\_25\\_ac%40bn%40rn%40dn%40apub%40aloc%40apri%40apro%40aimp%40bgov%40bloc%40bpri%40bmem%40rpub%40rimp\\_ac%40ainf%40anif%40aaif%40bcur%40rinf%40rnif\\_a\\_aw\\_se&p=1](http://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/2019/0023/latest/LMS206281.html?search=ad_act_social+assistance+legislation_2019_25_ac%40bn%40rn%40dn%40apub%40aloc%40apri%40apro%40aimp%40bgov%40bloc%40bpri%40bmem%40rpub%40rimp_ac%40ainf%40anif%40aaif%40bcur%40rinf%40rnif_a_aw_se&p=1)

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