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## Temporary Accommodation Assistance (Canterbury Earthquake) and Transitional Assistance Payment for Budget 2019 Income Support Package

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### Approach to release

As part of the proactive release of the Cabinet paper Temporary Accommodation Assistance (Canterbury Earthquake) and Transitional Assistance Payment for Budget 2019 Income Support Package, the advice that informed the decisions in the Cabinet paper are being released as well.

The Cabinet paper sought decisions on two unrelated issues: the grand-parenting of entitlement to the Temporary Accommodation Assistance (Canterbury Earthquake) programme (TAA), and the establishment of a Transitional Assistance Payment (TAP) from 1 April 2020 to address unintended disadvantage caused by the Budget 2019 Income Support Package.

The instrument amending the TAA is publicly available on MSD's website here: [www.msd.govt.nz/documents/about-msd-and-our-work/about-msd/legislation/temporary-accommodation-assistance-amendment.pdf](http://www.msd.govt.nz/documents/about-msd-and-our-work/about-msd/legislation/temporary-accommodation-assistance-amendment.pdf).

Some information related to the establishment of a TAP has previously been proactively released as part of the publication of information regarding the Government's Budget 2019 Welfare Package. This information is available here: [www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/publications-resources/information-releases/social-assistance-legislation-budget-2019-welfare-package.html](http://www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/publications-resources/information-releases/social-assistance-legislation-budget-2019-welfare-package.html)

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