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## **Welfare Overhaul: Update on Progress and Long-Term Plan**

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These documents have been proactively released.

Cabinet minute confirmed on 11 November 2019

#### **11 November 2019 - Welfare Overhaul: Update on Progress and Long-Term Plan - Office of the Minister for Social Development**

In April 2019, Cabinet agreed to a phased approach for the welfare overhaul work programme, and three priority areas for immediate work to address the recommendations of the Welfare Expert Advisory Group:

- addressing financial support with a focus on child wellbeing
- supporting people who are able to be earning, learning, caring and volunteering
- improving access to affordable housing.

Cabinet invited the Minister for Social Development to report back later in 2019 with an update on priority areas for action and policy development, and a long-term comprehensive work programme [CAB-19-Min-0170 refers]. This Cabinet paper responds to this request.

The paper outlines the proposed key features of the future state of the welfare system, based on the Government's vision. It also sets out the proposed plan for overhauling the welfare system, including key areas of work over the medium to long-term.

Cabinet has invited the Minister for Social Development to report-back in early 2020 with a plan for stakeholder engagement.

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