



Cabinet Legislation Committee

Minute of Decision

This document contains information for the New Zealand Cabinet. It must be treated in confidence and handled in accordance with any security classification, or other endorsement. The information can only be released, including under the Official Information Act 1982, by persons with the appropriate authority.

Social Security (COVID-19 Increase to Rates of Orphan's Beneficiary and Unsupported Child's Benefit) Order 2020

Portfolio Children

On 16 June 2020, the Cabinet Legislation Committee:

- 1 **noted** that on 11 May 2020 Cabinet, agreed to increase the base rates of the Orphan's Benefit and Unsupported Child's Benefit by \$25 per week per child [CAB-20-MIN-0219.20];
- 2 **noted** that the Social Security (COVID-19 Increase to Rates of Orphan's Benefit and Unsupported Child's Benefit) Order 2020 gives effect to the decision above;
- 3 **authorised** the submission to the Executive Council of the Social Security (COVID-19 Increase to Rates of Orphan's Benefit and Unsupported Child's Benefit) Order 2020 [PCO 22972/5.0];
- 4 **noted** that a waiver of the 28 day rule is sought:
 - 4.1 so that the Order can come into force on 6 July 2020;
 - 4.2 to ensure that caregivers and children can benefit from increased financial support to help mitigate the impacts of COVID-19 as soon as possible;
 - 4.3 on the grounds that the Order only confers benefits to the public;
- 5 **agreed** to waive the 28-day rule so that the Order can come into force on 6 July 2020;
- 6 **noted** that the Order is a confirmable instrument, and will be included in the Subordinate Legislation Confirmation Bill (No 5).

Gerrard Carter
Committee Secretary

Present:

Rt Hon Winston Peters
Hon Chris Hipkins (Chair)
Hon Andrew Little
Hon Nanaia Mahuta
Hon Stuart Nash
Hon Damien O'Connor
Hon Iain Lees-Galloway
Hon Tracey Martin
Hon Aupito William Sio
Hon Eugenie Sage

Officials present from:

Office of the Prime Minister
Officials Committee for LEG

Proactively Released