



Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee

Minute of Decision

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Increasing Supply in the Short Term to Reduce Reliance on Motels

Portfolio Associate Housing (Public Housing)

On 13 November 2019, the Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee:

- 1 **noted** that the work to reduce reliance on motels and prevent homelessness is a multi-year programme that is made up of four key components:
 - 1.1 additional supply;
 - 1.2 reducing/ managing demand through prevention and support;
 - 1.3 allocation of and matching to supply;
 - 1.4 New Zealand Homelessness action plan and related work including development of a Kaupapa Māori approach to addressing homelessness;
- 2 **agreed** that the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) (through housing providers) and Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities (Kāinga Ora) deliver between s 9(2)(j) additional transitional housing places by the s 9(2)(j) to reduce reliance on motels through:
 - 2.1 Kāinga Ora purchase of s 9(2)(j) from the market;
 - 2.2 Kāinga Ora building temporary housing villages to create s 9(2)(j)
 - 2.3 HUD securing s 9(2)(j) through transitional housing providers;
 - 2.4 Kāinga Ora providing an estimated s 9(2)(j) through converted facilities;
- 3 **noted** that this supply will be delivered in addition to the s 9(2)(j) public housing places to be delivered in the 2019/20 year;
- 4 **noted** the additional housing outlined above will be delivered as transitional housing (with support services) as this will have the most direct impact on the use of motels in the short term;
- 5 **agreed** that families with children in emergency motel accommodation will be a priority cohort for new transitional housing places where supply matches demand;

6 s 9(2)(f)(iv)

- 7 **noted** that the short-term response will need to be supported by preparation to increase long-term supply beyond 2020 to make a significant impact in reducing reliance on motels
- 8 **noted** that the Minister of Finance and Minister responsible for Kāinga Ora have agreed to increase the Kāinga Ora debt protocol s 9(2)(j)
- 9 **noted** that responsible Ministers will receive advice in November 2019 on potential further increases to the debt protocol in order to maintain short-term momentum on existing commitments (including public housing and large-scale projects);
- 10 **noted** that the additional HUD operating costs to maintain the existing 3,000 transitional housing places and deliver the additional places outlined in the paper under SWC-19-MIN-0181 is \$175 million over four years to 2022/23;
- 11 **noted** that the funding in the first instance for operating costs outlined in paragraph 10 will be sought via the homelessness contingency;
- 12 s 9(2)(f)(iv)
- 13 **noted** that the delivery of new housing supply will need to be complemented by changes to manage the demand for emergency housing through support and prevention initiatives;
- 14 **agreed** to the new sequencing of report backs set out in the paper under SWC-19-SUB-0181.

Vivien Meek
Committee Secretary

Present:

Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern
Rt Hon Winston Peters (part item)
Hon Kelvin Davis
Hon Grant Robertson
Hon Dr Megan Woods
Hon Chris Hipkins
Hon Andrew Little
Hon Carmel Sepuloni (Chair)
Hon Dr David Clark
Hon Nanaia Mahuta
Hon Stuart Nash
Hon Jenny Salesa
Hon Kris Faafoi
Hon Tracey Martin
Hon Peeni Henare (part item)
Hon Willie Jackson
Hon Aupito William Sio
Jan Logie, MP

Officials present from:

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